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Dear Parent of a Youth Bass Angler,

First, I want to thank you for taking the time to support the youth bass fishing club at your student's school and for your interest in attending the 2019 SCDNR Youth Bass Fishing Championship. The tournament begins on March 23rd at Dreher Island State Park on Lake Murray utilizing 3 flights at 20 minute intervals beginning at 7am or safe light. Because we have a record year of participants, if parents and coaches would like to be present during the launch and are not driving trailored boats, they are asked to park their vehicles at the tackle shop parking area or the parking lots just past the tackle shop to help us expedite the launch procedures.

We have asked that all boats check back in at 2:00pm, 2:20pm, and 2:40pm. The weigh-in is held at the Palmetto Sportsman's Classic which is at the State Fairgrounds in Columbia. We encourage you to watch your angler weigh in, beginning at 4:00pm. There are plenty of interesting exhibitors to keep you entertained until the weigh-in. The students have been provided with two complimentary tickets to the Classic. As spectators you will need to enter through the main gate (with the provided comp ticket or to purchase additional). You can park in the main lot accessed from 1200 Rosewood Dr. Columbia, SC 29201. The fairgrounds are charging \$5/car to park, carpooling is encouraged.

We look forward to the event and can't wait for an opportunity to see student's proud to represent their school, enjoying the sport of fishing. For more information, please feel free to call me at (803) 360-9846 or write at ChabaaneS@dnr.sc.gov.

Thanks & Happy Fishing,
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