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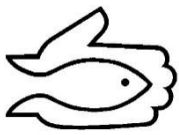


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HELPING HAND"**





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Camp Summary:

Due to high demand, SVSFE decided to offer two sport fishing camps in 2017 at the Wellman Lake United Church Camp. From August 14th to 17th and August 17th to 20th, groups of 24 and 25 campers ages 9-14 attended the youth outdoor highlight event of the summer.

Camp activities are designed to incorporate values of outdoor survival and all things fishing... 2017 was definitely the year of lots of straight-up angling! Beautiful weather for seven days ensured most time was spent on the water. Other activities included fish species ID and behavior, fishing basics, boat safety, casting contest, fire building, canoe tipping, geocaching, plant ID and wilderness exploring.



Special guest and pro angler Don Lamont attended both camps with expert angling tips and advice. Topics included sustainable angling, catch and release tips, how-to's on tying knots and lure presentation for targeting species at different times of the year.

Park Patrol also presented at camp with vital information on angler responsibility and Manitoba Angler Guide regulations. Park Patrol has attended every camp since 2011 and their presence helps open up dialogue and understanding proper angling practices.

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Group's mission is to catch them when they're young

Kids get hooked at Swan Valley Sport Fish Camp

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Talk about great weather and great company! What could be better than spending three days with two different groups of young anglers in the Duck Mountains? It was part of the seventh annual Swan Valley Sport Fish Camp held at Wellman Lake.

A responsible and successful... The camp is designed to in- form and motivate campers to pursue the duties of utilizing, maintaining and respecting fisheries and water, putting this with a whole lot of fun and fishing. The camp has become so popular that this year they had to split it into two groups to accommodate all of the inter- ested young anglers. "We had 40 total campers this year with 24 in Camp No. 1 and 17 in Camp No. 2," said SVSFE Fisheries Technician Brock Koutsky. "We can only officially accommodate approximately 20 campers at a time, so we were able to do out both camps." As a former pro angler, your's camp, expert Mar- tina Koutsky and Don Lamont attend the team of volunteers to help build the camp's skills. "We had 40 total campers this year with 24 in Camp No. 1 and 17 in Camp No. 2," said SVSFE Fisheries Technician Brock Koutsky. "We can only officially accommodate approximately 20 campers at a time, so we were able to do out both camps." As a former pro angler, your's camp, expert Mar- tina Koutsky and Don Lamont attend the team of volunteers to help build the camp's skills. "We had 40 total campers this year with 24 in Camp No. 1 and 17 in Camp No. 2," said SVSFE Fisheries Technician Brock Koutsky. "We can only officially accommodate approximately 20 campers at a time, so we were able to do out both camps." As a former pro angler, your's camp, expert Mar- tina Koutsky and Don Lamont attend the team of volunteers to help build the camp's skills.

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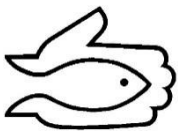
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DANIELLE GORDON-BIDOME
2017 SVSFE Fisheries Technician

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Camp Support:

Camp would not be possible without the continued community support. The Fisheries & Wildlife Enhancement Fund has partially funded the camp to various degrees, fully funded during the first few years of Fish Camp to funding camp educators (SVSFE technicians) in most recent years. Fisheries education, outreach and stewardship are project categories funded under the FWEF mandate.



Today the camp is primarily operated on locally raised funding. Every year SVSFE hosts an annual banquet and raffles off a Lund boat, motor and trailer. Funds raised through this raffle and event fund the main expenses for camp. Developing a strong base of camp sponsors and volunteers is key to the continued success and ability for SVSFE to offer the camp every year. This not only helps reduce camp expenses but also is what makes camp what it is today. Campers have the opportunity to explore nature right here in our "backyard" learn from some of the best, and take home some souvenirs to inspire them on their journey of recreational fishing. SVSFE is thankful to all are current/past sponsors and volunteers.

2017 Fish Camp Sponsors

2017 Fish Camp Volunteers and Staff

Camp Staff: Breanna Howe, Tyler Sherrer, Matt Voth, Tracy & Mark Kerr

Camp Organizers:

SVSFE Technicians - Brock Koutecky, Megan Paterson, Holly Urban & Janna Werbicki, ISFE Technician - Haley Stokotelny

Volunteers: SVSFE directors & volunteers - Jeff Connolly, Nick Connolly, Elgin Barnett, Darby Blazenko, Matt Harris, Doug Marzolf, Julius Bacolot, Trevor Urban, Don Lamont, Park Patrol- Ben & Sonya