

SVSFE's 2019 Fish Camp

Inspiring anglers of the future



Camp Summary:

Between August 17th and 23rd, SVSFE hosted their 9th Annual Fish Camp at the Wellman Lake United Church Camp. To many youth, this is the highlight event of the summer as many memories are made. Two back-to-back camps facilitate 25 campers each who enjoy a three night-four day camp filled with many outdoor activities.

Camp activities are designed to incorporate values of outdoor survival and all things fishing. 2019 was another year of memorable catches! Some windy weather limited angling opportunities on the main lake for a few days, but never stopped the campers from spending time on the water. Days like those, just allowed youth to try new techniques and challenge their knowledge. Camp One campers caught 37 northern pike, 32 walleye, 2 smallmouth bass and 1 yellow perch. At Camp Two - 54 northern pike, 33 walleye, 5 smallmouth bass and 1 white sucker were angled. Other activities included learning more on angling basics, boat safety, trip planning, casting contest, fire building, shelter building, geocaching and a chance to make paracord survival bracelets.

Guest speakers included Swan Lake Watershed Conservation District technicians presenting on watershed stewardship/plant ID and Park Patrol sharing vital information on the Manitoba Angler Guide, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and bear safety. Their presence helps open up dialogue and understanding on angler responsibilities for now and the future.



Camp Support:

SVSFE can not thank camp supporters enough. Each year, the community looks forward to this event. In order to facilitate camp activities, SVSFE raises funds through an annual boat raffle each spring. Additional support is granted through the Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Fund, neighbouring sport fish organizations and local/corporate businesses.

A strong partnership with the Wellman Lake United Church Camp (WLUCC) and support through the Community Foundation of Swan Valley also helps SVSFE provide this opportunity to youth. Individuals such as Norm & Gail Bruce and Henry Rasmussen see the importance in youth education and have designated funds within the foundation for camp. The WLUCC continues to work hard in providing trained staff and the ideal facility to host the camp.

Developing a strong base of camp supporters and volunteers is key and makes camp what it is today. Campers have the opportunity to explore nature right here in their "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 our current/past sponsors and volunteers.

2019 Fish Camp Sponsors



2019 Fish Camp Volunteers and Staff

Camp Staff: Camp Cook - Jennifer Courtney & Camp Counsellors - Brenna & Lauren Klatt and Jesse Woodson

Camp Organizers: SVSFE Technicians - Holly Urban, Brock Koutecky, Megan Paterson & Kane McCullough

Volunteers & Presenters: Elgin Barnett, Park Patrol- Ian & Dustin, SLWCD - Eddie, Sam & Brenden. Fisheries Branch - Devin & Desirae

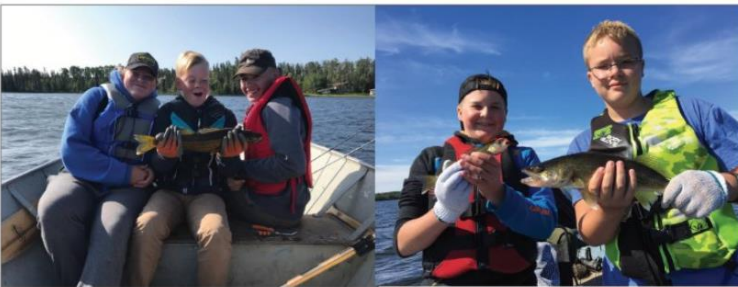
Camp One



Camp Two




Under SVSFE's mandate, education is vital to ongoing activities. The group thanks everyone who participated in 2019 and look forward to the years to come.




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