

Application to Conduct a Free Sport Fishing Clinic for Veterans or Active-Duty Members of the Armed Forces

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This application is for groups or organizations interested in hosting a learn to fish clinic event that is free to veterans or active-duty military members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Approved free sport fishing clinics waive the requirement of participants to possess a fishing license or enroll in the recreational marine fishing registry (during program hours only). For a complete list of rules on hosting a clinic, see below.

Please note: there is a separate application for sportfishing events held for the public or for a specific age or special needs group (e.g. part of a K-12 school program, youth camp, or a youth organization such as the Girl or Boy Scouts) available at the webpage link above.

RULES FOR DEC PERMITTED FREE SPORT FISHING CLINICS

1. Event coordinators must complete an [application form](#) (page 2) and **submit to the DEC Bureau of Fisheries at a minimum of 1 month prior to the event.**
2. Event must be conducted by a formal group or organization, not an individual.
3. Events shall have an educational focus, including instruction in recreational angling and its benefits. Events may also include instruction and other information pertaining to fish identification, ethics and aquatic ecology and habitat. DEC educational materials should be utilized whenever possible. Curricula will be sent to approved groups.
4. Events shall be publicized via flyers, newspaper articles, local access TV, etc. to maximize public participation.
5. No admission may be charged for free fishing events. Parking fees associated with events held at public parks are acceptable.
6. The event location should be large enough to handle the attendance anticipated and should have bathroom facilities.
7. Derbies or other competitive fishing events will not be considered for free fishing status.
8. Freshwater fishing regulations remain in effect.
9. **A report indicating the number and approximate ages of event participants must be provided to the Bureau of Fisheries within 30 days of the completion of the event.** Failure to do may result in denial of future applications. A report form will be provided with the letter of approval for the clinic.



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Name of Event Event Date Alternate (Rain) Date

Start Time End Time Waterbody

Event Location (ie. Lunkerville State Park)

Address City State Zip County

Organization Name/Group Anticipated Number of Attendees

Primary Contact Primary Contact Phone Number Primary Contact Email Address Driver License Number/Non-Driver ID

Address City State Zip County

Brief Description of Event
(include details such as pre-registration requirements, parking fees, loaner rods vs. bring your own, etc.)

I have read the rules for conduct of free sport fishing clinics on page 1 of this application and certify that this event will be conducted in a manner consistent with these rules. I also certify that this event will be conducted in a manner that provides physical or emotional rehabilitation for veterans or active-duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Pursuant to ECL Section 3-0301(2)(Q), false statements made on this application are punishable pursuant to Section 210.45 of the New York State Penal Law.

Print Name Applicant's Signature Date

Mail or email your completed application to:

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