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Popular Rainbow Trout Roundup returns to City pond *Kid anglers up to 17 years of age eligible for tourney*

MURPHY (January 21, 2022) After a brief one-year absence, the Rainbow Trout Roundup, one of Murphy's most popular kid events, is set to return on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the municipal pond, 206 North Murphy Road.

"This fun event usually brings together several generations within families, spending a fun and entertaining time together," says Kayla McFarland, Special Events Coordinator. "We see moms, dads, and grandparents helping the youngsters perfect their fishing skills. As always, everyone has a great time."

The Roundup starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. And, while there will be some on-site registration starting at 8:30 a.m., officials strongly encourage participants to register online before the event. Registration can be completed at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/murphy-tx/catalog> by clicking on the yellow (Special Events) tab. The Roundup is free of charge.

Participants up to 6 years of age may cast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with winners in this age group announced at 10:15 a.m. Then, participants from 7 years of age to 17 years of age may cast their lines starting at 10 a.m. until the end of the tournament at 11:30 a.m. Winners in the 7 to 11 years of age group as well as those winners between 12 and 17 years of age will be announced at 11:35 a.m.

Prizes and trophies will be handed out in each age category for the shortest, longest, and heaviest stringer of five Rainbow trout only. In addition to the first-place trophy, a second-place medal in each category will be awarded. The catch-and-keep limit is five per person. Bait will be provided free of charge, and families may use available fishing poles at no cost while supply lasts and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Adult family members can help the little ones with baiting the hooks, tending the line and pulling in their catches," added McFarland. "Since many of the younger kids will be fishing for the first time, the excitement on their faces will make great photos."

Anglers 18 years and older may not fish during the Roundup but can cast their lines after the close of the tournament. An exemption to the licensing requirement will be in place until 4 p.m. Then, the Texas Parks and Wildlife monitors will begin checking for licenses after 4 p.m. This exemption only applies to the Murphy pond on Feb. 26. Licenses can be obtained at most retailers with an outdoors or hunting department.

Foul weather gear is encouraged, as temperatures may be rather chilly, and there will be no lunch offered to participants.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.