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Volunteers sought for Feb. 21 Rainbow Trout Roundup *Easy and fun way to accumulate service hours*

MURPHY (February 5, 2015) Murphy's second annual Rainbow Trout Roundup is seeking volunteers to assist with various aspects of the tournament, says Kayla McFarland, Special Events Coordinator.

"As with most of our community events, volunteers serve a critical role in the success of the program," she said. "Murphy has such a wonderful spirit of volunteerism, and that makes all of our events more meaningful."

The Roundup is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21 at the pond on the west side of the City Hall complex, 206 North Murphy Road. The official start time is 9 a.m. and it ends precisely at 11:30 a.m. A very limited supply of fishing equipment will be available for that morning's use, but officials are encouraging participants to bring their own gear. Live bait or lures are acceptable, but none will be provided.

Volunteers, who will check-in onsite, are needed to assist with equipment check out, onsite registrations, minor set up and after-event clean up. "Onsite registration for tournament participants begins at 8:30 a.m., and volunteers would be extremely helpful by arriving before then to assist," she said.

Volunteers may obtain more information by sending an e-mail message to kmcfarland@murphytx.org. Signing up to volunteer can be accomplished online at <http://www.murphytx.org/484/>. Refreshments will be provided to all volunteers.

"It's a fun and enjoyable way to fulfill community service exchange hours, school-related volunteer hours, community service requirements for National Honor Society or requirements for a scout badge," said McFarland.

Murphy Walmart is the event's award sponsor and will provide prizes in several categories including: first fish caught; longest rainbow trout; shortest rainbow trout; and heaviest stringer of five rainbow trout. Several door and raffle prizes of fishing gift baskets will be awarded.

Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife regulations require a valid fishing license for anyone over 17 years of age casting a line during non-tournament hours. The regulations are suspended only during the tournament's official start and end. Most sporting goods stores, including the sporting goods department of the Murphy Walmart, can issue fishing licenses.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. 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.