

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Participant #1

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Email _____

Participant #2

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Email _____

Make Checks Payable to: Union County Parks & Recreation (Early Registration \$40/ one or two person team by (04/08/23)

****Read Carefully Before Signing**:** Having read the rules, I am enclosing the completed application and by signing this application, I waive and release all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/ or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I understand and agree that the Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right, if it so elects for any reason, to reject this application. All applicants under eighteen (18) years of age must have parent or guardian signature.

Signature: _____

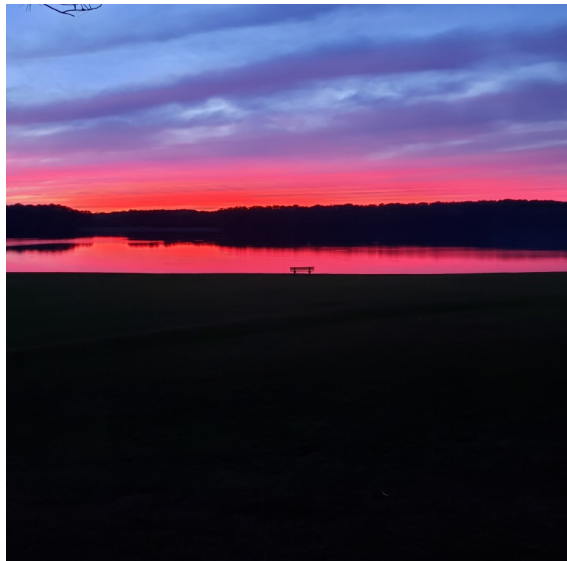
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8TH ANNUAL

Tommy Taylor

Memorial

Fishing Tournament



April 15th, 2023
7:30 AM-2:30 PM
Cane Creek Park

Gates will open at 7:00 AM for pre-registered participants.

*Deadline for \$40 early entry is April 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM. After that time, entry fee will be \$50 if the field is still open.

Maximum 25 boats

**For more information, contact Jared Steele at 704-283-3885 ext.5289 or jaredsteele@unioncountync.gov

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Each boat must have no more than two participants per boat. Individual anglers may enter the tournament alone.
2. Safety: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by participants. Special caution and safety must be observed on morning start. Boats and safety equipment will be subject to inspection by the Wildlife Commission Officers or Park Staff.
3. Fishing Conditions: The tournament will be held regardless of weather conditions. All fishing must be done from a boat.
4. Fishing Regulations: All NC Inland Fishing Regulations shall apply.
5. Boats & Motors: There are no restrictions on the size or type of boat nor the size of the motor, with the stipulation that all crafts must be judged seaworthy by the Tournament Rules Committee.
6. Boat Identification: Each contestant will report to the official starter on the morning of the tournament and receive an official identification number which must accompany them at weigh-in.
7. Tournament Headquarters: Cane Creek Park Day Use Area Boat Ramp
8. Permitted Fishing Location: Fishing is permitted anywhere on the lake with exception that there will be no fishing allowed within 50 feet of another contestant's boat, marked swim area or pedal boat area.
9. Tournament Fishing Hours: Fishing will commence with the starter's signal at 7:30 am or shortly thereafter and will end at 2:30 pm. There will be a penalty of eight (8) ounces per minute past 2:30 pm and disqualification after fifteen (15) minutes.

RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

10. Protests: Any contestant wishing to protest the catch of a fellow contestant must do so in writing to the Tournament Rules Committee within twenty (20) minutes of the weigh-in time. The decision of the Committee in such cases will be final.
11. Ties: In the event of ties, the tie will be broken by means acceptable to the tournament officials.
12. Sportsmanship: Sportsmanship, safety, courtesy and conservation are expected from each contestant. Any violation of fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification as any infraction of any other rule or regulation listed herein.
13. **Each participant is required to wear** a fastened US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is running from boat check until weigh-in on the day of the tournament.
14. **No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed!!**
15. Livewells will be checked during brief meeting with each team prior to tournament start.
16. **No Refunds!**
17. All boat occupants must be entered in the tournament.
18. Limit 5 fish per boat. Minimum 16 inches in length. Any fish under 16 inches in length at weigh-in will be penalized 2 oz. per undersized fish. Undersized fish will not be weighed in. **Dead fish will not be allowed to be weighed in.**

Cash Prizes will be based on a "Full Field" of **Twenty (25) teams entered in the tournament:**

- 1st place team: 50% field or \$500 maximum
- 2nd place team: 20% field or \$200 maximum
- 3rd place team: 10% field or \$100 maximum

* Tom always enjoyed fishing. He loved everything about it: the peace and quiet of the water, God's beauty all around, the rush of reeling in that 5 pound largemouth bass, the collection of an arsenal of tackle boxes and lures, and even frying up the fish for his family. He could often be found waiting outside the gates of Cane Creek long before they opened, ready to hook his biggest catch yet. Tommy snagged a log in Cane Creek with a new, fancy, expensive lure; it was really stuck! He was bound and determined that he was not cutting the line. He worked and worked, becoming madder by the minute. Then, without warning, he dove into the lake, followed his line, and a few minutes later surfaced with his precious lure and big grin. Talk about dedication! *

A few excerpts from a poem by Tommy:

"I fish because I love to; I love the environment where bass are found, which are invariably beautiful....I thus escape; because in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion....Only on the water I can find solitude without loneliness....And, finally not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant— and not nearly so much fun."