



CRPD and ODNR Proposal Fishing and Archery 2016

Columbus Recreation and Parks (CRPD) and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) are continuing their partnership in expose community members (with a focus on youth and families) to the outdoors with our “Focus on Fishing” initiative. Fishing and Archery programs will be offered to community members at recreation centers and parks throughout Columbus and Central Ohio.

CRPD is requesting assistance from ODNR with our fishing and archery programs to reach the goals noted below. Without support from ODNR, CRPD would not have the funding available to maintain and continue our fishing and archery programs. It is understand that ODNR will supply CRPD with the noted items below and CRPD will provide ODNR with program participant and volunteer numbers and will promote ODNR programs.

Goals

- To continue to build on our partnership in working together to expose children and their families to the outdoors.
- To encourage children to appreciate nature, to learn about the outdoors, and have the opportunity to experience nature.
- Make outdoor activities such as fishing and archery accessible to those in the urban/central city area.
- Provide programming where children and families will be safe and successful in learning something new and encouraging them to be lifelong participants in outdoor activities.

Fishing Overview

Stock Ponds

ODNR will provide \$5,500 to stock CRPD ponds with fish at least twice during the year. Locations are Whetstone, Westgate, Big Walnut, Schiller, and Linden. Alternate sites are Franklin Park and Krumm Park. (Stocking of Antrim Park is in another agreement)

Training

ODNR will offer Passport to Fishing training to CRPD staff once per year.

Special Events

We will continue to work together on an event in the fall for a larger gathering to honor/recognize our partnership and introduce children and families to ODNR Wildlife Officers and other public safety officers.

School/Recreation Center Program

CRPD and ODNR will partner each recreation center and Columbus Public School at pond locations that is stocked to provide educational programming. Special events will be held for **Focus on Fishing** “Its Catching On”.





Mentoring

CRPD and ODNR will work together to find mentors to teach children and families about fishing. During the summer sites will offer Friday Fishing from 10AM – 2PM where volunteers can fish with children.

Archery Overview

Training

ODNR will provide archery training to CRPD staff to teach archery to youth – adult participants (NASP - BAI). ODNR instructors will tailor training to staff for indoor/outdoor range safety and help to conduct refresher training on a yearly basis.

Equipment

ODNR will provide at least one set of archery equipment for our department to be shared among all of our locations. To be included at a minimum 5 targets and stands, 12 compound bows, arrows, and a repair kit. ODNR will also provide a small trailer to store archery equipment and to transport equipment from site to site. The trailer would have both CRPD and ODNR logos and could be outfitted with shelves and storage for archery equipment.

Explore Bowhunting Pilot Program

CPRD Outdoor Education will work with ODNR to launch Explore Bowhunting, a new program to teach youth about animals, outdoor skills, and hunting related activities.

Urban Archery Range (Long range goal – not to be included at this time)

ODNR would like to see a permanent archery range located in central Ohio, preferably in an urban area. If CRPD has a space this could be built in ODNR would supply all of the materials and a template to build a range. A sign would be posted showing the area was provided by ODNR. We would need to provide the staff/volunteers to do the construction and to manage the range.

Expected Participation Results

Number of fishing participants we hope to reach 3,750 min. (does not include special events)

2250 min. 8 weeks Friday Fishing Program

1500 min. 10 weeks outdoor education camps and misc. year round programs

Number of fishing classes we expect to teach

300 classes

Number of archery participants we hope to reach

1000 min. non-outdoor education archery programs

2000 min. 10 weeks outdoor education camps

2500 min. outdoor education year round programs and special events

