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Get Hooked On Fishing at Bethany Reservoir

There's an activity that can provide a child a lifetime of enjoyment. All you have to do is get them hooked on fishing.

That will be made easy at a free fishing clinic on Saturday, June 7, at Bethany Reservoir near Tracy.

Sponsored by the California Department of Water Resources, State Water Project, and other State and local enterprises, the event, "Get Hooked on Fishing," is open to all ages. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Instructors from California Department of Fish and Game and other agencies will provide free loaned equipment and advice to novice anglers. No fishing license is required. Bethany Reservoir, a State Water Project lake, holds a bounty of bass and other species.

"We want to introduce more people, especially children from urban areas, to the fine art of fishing," says Shirley Porter of DWR.

Prizes will be awarded during the day for various categories, including biggest fish caught, smallest fish caught, most fish caught, and youngest angler. A free raffle will be held for some great gifts.

Other sponsors include the California Department of Boating and Waterways, California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Conservation Corps, Crystal Mountain Spring Water, Polar Water, Alhambra Water, Safeway, Wal-Mart, Save Mart and Scotty's Bait and Tackle in Tracy.

Bethany Reservoir can be reached by taking either I-580 or I-205 to Grant Line Road, then Byron Highway (J-4) to Kelso Road, then left to Bruns and left again.

Bethany is one of a dozen State Water Project reservoirs offering fishing opportunities. For a free map and information about State Water Project recreation, call 800-272-8869.

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