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### **DWR Announces 'Catch A Special Thrill' for Kids Event at Lake Perris**

**SACRAMENTO** -- A special day of outdoor recreation for disabled and disadvantaged children will be held at Lake Perris in Riverside County on Saturday, September 21 under the sponsorship of the Department of Water Resources (DWR), in partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the C.A.S.T. ("Catch a Special Thrill") for Kids Foundation.

Children participating in the C.A.S.T. event will be on the water in their assigned fishing boats from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., fishing with top anglers from the area. A BBQ lunch and awards ceremony will follow the morning of fishing.

Sponsors for the event include Wildwood Canyon State Park, Sports Authority, Cabela's, Perris Valley Bass Anglers, Sun Country Bassmasters, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

C.A.S.T. for Kids events give disabled and disadvantaged young people a day of outdoor adventure. Children from Inland Regional Center, Special Needs Community, and Sunnymead Elementary Moreno Valley School District will be among those on the water at Lake Perris on Saturday. The young anglers also will learn about boating safety, fishing ethics, and California's natural resources in addition to enjoying on-land activities and entertainment.

In 2004, DWR was signatory to a partnership between the C.A.S.T. Foundation and the State to expand opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged youth to enjoy State Water Project recreation facilities.

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