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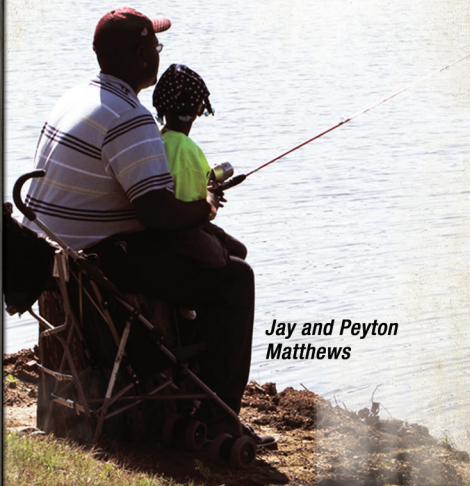
To promote stewardship and fishing by linking Pond Owners with Kids from local school systems or organizations.

POND OWNERS:

- Accept release of liability forms
- Have pond with good fishing
- Provide bathroom and eating area
- Provide angling opportunities for families

TEACHERS USE THE PROGRAM FOR:

- Kids that have never fished before!
- Reward for good grades
- Reward for good behavior
- Students with disabilities



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POND OWNERS
MENTORING KIDS



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LET'S GO FISHING AND ENJOY
THE GREAT OUTDOORS!



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POND OWNERS MENTORING KIDS

CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION SELECTION:

- Convenient location to pond
- Receptive to outdoor programs
- Furnish transportation to pond
- Collect release of liability forms
- Select students/parents

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FOR THE INITIAL EVENT THE ALABAMA WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION STAFF WILL PROVIDE:

- Casting classes
- Safety training
- Rod and reels
- Bait and tackle supplies
- Angling coaches

BACKYARD CASTING CLASSES FOR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS



STATE FISHERIES STAFF PLANNING WITH POND OWNER



POND OWNERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Susan and Ron Pierce, Pond Owners

Pond owners allow schools and organizations of their choosing to bring kids with an adult family member out to fish at their pond. The program works with pond owners in seven counties: Baldwin, Chilton, Hale, Jefferson, Mobile, Pike and Tallapoosa. Pond owners are interviewed and selected if they are: environmental stewards; enjoy working with kids; promote good pond management; accept liability waivers; and willing to consider allowing parents and kids angling opportunities after the initial event. The pond must have good fishing, be near the school or organization, have a neat and clean appearance, provide bathroom facilities, and have an area for everyone to eat their lunch.



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