Youth fishing event scheduled near Bend

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BEND, Ore. â€“ Young people interested in fishing will be able to give it a try at a youth fishing event hosted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on Saturday, June 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Century Pond southwest of Bend.

â€œThis event is specifically for kids and young people,â€• said Ted Wise, ODFW fisheries biologist. â€œWe want to encourage young people to learn to fish in hopes that they will discover an activity that provides lifelong enjoyment.â€•

The event is part of ODFWâ€™s Youth Angling Enhancement Program, designed to introduce young people to the fun of fishing. The department will provide rods, reels, tackle and bait for use by young anglers who do not have their own fishing equipment.

In addition, ODFW staff and volunteers will be on hand from to help participants learn how to bait a hook, cast a rod and land the catch. In order to increase the fun factor, ODFW will 400 legal-sized and 175 trophy-sized rainbow trout for the event.

All young anglers 17-years-old and younger are invited to attend. Anglers aged 13 and under do not require a license, while those 14-17 require a juvenile license. All fishing regulations continue to apply for this event.

Century Pond is approximately 46 mile southwest of Bend, one-quarter of a mile west of the intersection of Forest Road 46 (Century Drive) and Forest Road 4635.

The Youth Angling Enhancement Program was made possible through a partnership between ODFW and the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation. For information about the event, contact ODFW at (541) 388-6363.