

North Branch Trout Derby Association



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Narrative Description of the Associations Activities

The North Branch Trout Derby Association originated from activities conducted by several fisherman and outdoor enthusiasts back in the early 1980's. Once a year the sportsman supervise fishing activities that included a trout derby during the month of May for kids 1 through 12 years old to enjoy fishing with their families. Since those early years the group has added a race way for raising trout and has also stocked open waterways for others to enjoy fishing and many other outdoor activities.

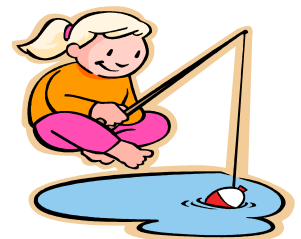
The North Branch Trout Derby Association was organized in 2014 with the understanding that our youth need more opportunity to experience the outdoors and to broaden their knowledge and education through programs that promote interaction with nature. As part of our By-Laws the North Branch Trout Derby Association offers these activities and opportunities free of charge to all children in the community. We have also realized a need to expand the scope of our programs to include children older than 12 years old. Our teenage youth need more choices for recreation that offer good socialization and a wholesome learning environment to broaden their knowledge of our natural resources.

To expand our programs, the need for obtaining a 501(C)7 exemption is very important. To be able to raise money in the community the donors would like to deduct these donations on their tax returns. Many in the community have expressed a desire to contribute to the North Branch Trout Derby Association and give back tokens of their appreciation for all the children that the association has touched over the years. These contributions will enable us to grow and expand the organization and develop several new programs that offer even more opportunity for children and young adults.

The programs and activities below are all organized by association members and all members are volunteers. Funding for these programs and activities are achieved through 100 % public donation. Means for these activities consume 100% of the association's resources. All activities and educational programs benefit the general public and community at large.

Existing Programs

- Trout Derby for Children ages 1 – 12
 - This event is open to all children (free of charge) from ages 1-12.
 - We hold this event on the 3rd Saturday in May every year in Wyoming County Pennsylvania.
 - Family involvement is encouraged
 - Prizes are awarded throughout the day to the participants
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- Trout Derby for Children ages 13-16
 - This event is open to all children (free of charge) from ages 13-16.
 - We hold this event on the 3rd Saturday in May every year in Wyoming County Pennsylvania.
 - Family involvement is encouraged
 - Prizes are awarded throughout the day for the participants
- Special Needs Children Trout Derby
 - This event is open to all special needs children, their siblings and parents (free of charge).
 - We hold this event on the 3rd Sunday in May every year in Wyoming County Pennsylvania.
 - Family involvement is encouraged



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- Trout Stocking Program
 - To increase public angling opportunities in Wyoming and neighboring Counties in Pennsylvania.
 - Fish for the stocking program are all publicly donated.
 - Stocking occurs in the month of June in local Pennsylvania streams.
- Fishing Fundamentals Program – these activities below are available during the derby events to further educate children and their families about local aquatic life.
 - Stewardship opportunities
 - Family fishing program
 - Basic fishing skills and equipment
 - Fish Identification program
 - Endangered Species Identification

Future Programs

- Pennsylvania Cooperative Trout Nursery Program
 - Educational opportunity in culturing fish and fish hatchery management
 - Involvement with the Pennsylvania Fish Commission to raise fish to be stocked in local public streams dictated by the commission.
 - Fingerlings are donated by the State of Pennsylvania
 - The association is responsible for the costs associated with raising and stocking the fish.
 - This will be a year round activity
- Stream Clean-up Program - organized youth oriented stream clean-up days
 - Streams will be identified each year to be cleaned.
 - The association will organize (along with local watershed organizations) youth and their families to clean-up local streams and aquatic habitat.
 - Identification of native aquatic species in these local streams.

