

FISHING HAS NO BOUNDARIES

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2018 FHNBS Event Set for July 14 & 15



Todd Sweeney and Jim Valley at last year's Expo

Visit us at the Fishing Expo

Board members will welcome a visit on February 23, 24 & 25 if you visit the Madison Fishing Expo at the Alliant Energy Center. Our booth is located in the entry area.

Board Meeting

The FHNBS board held their first meeting of the year on January 17. The board will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at Meriter Hospital.

Review of all forms and information letters found few notable changes for 2018. Forms should be sent to the printer by the end of the month so they will be available for the Expo. Discussion about the time of the boat owners meeting on Saturday morning resulted in moving the meeting from 7:30 to 7:45. The board recognizes that it is inconvenient for boat owners to have a long wait before their boat can be loaded. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Anglers with disabilities just need a little more time.

Fees for participants will remain the same as last year. FHNBS National has raised our contribution per participant from \$20 to \$25. The board agreed we would not raise our participant fee beyond the \$65 which covers participants and one personal attendant or family member.

In an effort to provide the best fishing experience for our participants FHNBS will try to have an experienced fishing assistant on every boat this year. As usual each boat owner will be provided with a radio so they can be advised of the fishing hot spots.

Unity Point Health – Meriter will again design and print our Brochure as well as providing t-shirts and hats for all who attend the event. They have been our major sponsor for the past 23 years.

The city pontoon boats have been booked for both days of the event and the locks WILL be open this year.

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Website: www.FHNBSMadison.com

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You will find basic information about our event and will be able to access all forms for participant and volunteer registration. We also have many pictures of our Events, past and present.

For any of our friends wishing to make donations to our chapter we are also linked to **Paypal** and can accept Credit Card donations.

Help save costs! Sign up to receive electronic Newsletters! E-mail us at FHNBSMadison@gmail.com Thanks to Jennifer and Katie for the excellent work on these sites. If you haven't checked them out do so today!



Volunteers Needed

To learn more about Volunteer Opportunities:
Email Cindy Watson, Volunteer Coordinator, at
FHNBMadisonVolunteer@gmail.com
Or go online to www.FHNBMadison.com

Volunteer Opportunities for 2018:

BOAT OWNERS –30 pontoons and 45 additional boats are needed to provide a quality fishing experience.

- Saturday from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

EXPERIENCED ANGLERS – Experienced individuals are needed to assist participants, on boats, in all aspects of fishing.

- Saturday from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm.

SET UP AND TAKE DOWN CREW – Help set up and take down FHNBM equipment at Governor Nelson State Park.

- Friday from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Sunday from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

BAIT DISTRIBUTION – Help prepare and distribute bait to participants and volunteers.

- Friday from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Saturday from 7:30 am – 9:30 am.
- Sunday from 7:30 am – 9:30 am.

DOCK WORKERS – Assist with safely loading and unloading participants from their assigned boats. Must be 16 years of age & able to repeatedly lift 50 – 100 lbs.

- Saturday from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Sunday from 8:00 am – 12:00pm

FOOD PREPERATION & SERVING – Help prepare and serve meals for participants and volunteers during the event.

- Friday 9:30 am –12:00pm at St Dennis Church.
- Saturday from 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- Sunday from 11:00 am -3:00 pm

ESCORTS - Greet, give directions or escort participants from registration to acquire fishing equipment and to boat loading areas. This will involve a short walk .

- Saturday from 7:00 am – 10:00 am.
- Sunday from 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

FISH CLEANING – 1 – 2 hr shifts between the listed hours. Please bring your own fillet knife.

- Saturday from 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm.
- Sunday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Things to remember for 2018

1- Participant fees will continue at \$65 for the 2018 Event. **The fee will include payment for one personal attendant or family member to accompany the participant free of charge.** There is no fee for a personal attendant as FHNBM believes it will provide the participants of the event a better experience to have someone with them who knows and understands their needs.

2- All Boat Owners must attend the meeting at 7:45 on Saturday morning. At that time you will receive your boat numbers and radios as well as current information about the Event. All radios and boat numbers must be turned in at the end of each day.

3- Each boat taking our participants must be checked in with the dock manifest before going fishing on both Saturday and Sunday. This is important for insurance purposes and because FHNBM needs to know the location of our participants and volunteers alike.

4- Participants are to check in at registration BOTH Saturday and Sunday. If you are registered for Sunday and do not plan to attend please let us know before you leave on Saturday.

5- Parking at Governor Nelson State Park is free for everyone participating in the FHNBM Event; however, you must have a sticker on your vehicle. Stop by the main gate as you enter and let them know you are part of FHNBM to receive your event parking.

6- Fishing license fees are waived for participants for the Saturday and Sunday of the Event only. All others, including attendants or family members, are expected to have a license if they intend to fish.



Heather the fish measurer



Proud of the catch



Can't wait to get on that boat!

Fun Pictures from 2017 Event



And a good time was had by all!



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Participants, Boat Owners, Fishing Assistants, All Volunteers Sign Up Early

You will have an opportunity to sign up for the 2018 Event on July 14 & 15 at the FHN B booth during the Fishing Expo February 23, 24 & 25. Participant forms will be mailed out early March. Boat owners & fishing assistants will receive their forms early April. Please respond as early as possible. We hope to be able to accommodate up to 100 anglers with disabilities this year but we need to know that we have enough boats and volunteers to accommodate our participants. Your early response makes the work for board members much easier.

We are also working very hard to bring our data base up to date. If you are receiving this newsletter and would like to be removed from the mailing list please e-mail FHNBMadisonVolunteer@gmail.com