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Fifth edition of Rainbow Trout Roundup set for Feb. 24

MURPHY (February 2, 2018) The year's first major community event, the highly-popular Rainbow Trout Roundup, kicks off its fifth annual edition on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the municipal pond, 206 North Murphy Road.

"This event has grown tremendously in the five years we've held it," says Kayla McFarland, Special Events Coordinator. "We see some of the same families come every year, and we also see new faces. Everyone seems to have a great time."

This year's Rainbow Trout Roundup starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. The tournament will be held rain or shine, so everyone should come dressed appropriately. Free In-N-Out burgers will be provided to all contestants and families after the close of the tournament.

Participants up to 6 years of age are invited to cast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with winners in this age group announced at 10:15 a.m. Then, participants from 7 years of age to 17 years of age may cast their lines starting at 10 a.m. until the end of the tournament at 11:30 a.m. Winners in the 7 to 11 years of age group as well as those winners between 12 and 17 years of age will be announced at 11:35 a.m.

Prizes and trophies will be handed out in each age category to the shortest, longest, and heaviest stringer of five Rainbow trout only. The catch and keep limit is five per person. Bait will be provided free of charge, and families may use available fishing poles at no cost, while supply lasts.

"The youngest tournament entrants will probably be fishing for the first time, so we want to give them full access to the pond at 9 a.m.," she said. "Moms, dads and older brothers and sisters can help the little ones with baiting the hooks, tending the line and pulling in their catches. It's a real treat to see the faces of the kids who land their first catch."

Anglers 18 years and older can cast their lines after the close of the tournament. An exemption to the licensing requirement will be in place until 4 p.m. Then, the Texas Parks and Wildlife monitors will begin checking for licenses after 4 p.m. This exemption only applies to the Murphy pond on Feb. 24. Licenses can be obtained at most retailers with an outdoors or hunting department.

Online registration at www.murphytx.org is strongly encouraged. Doing so saves time on tournament day. Volunteers are also needed. They can also sign up on the City website. To prepare for the tournament, all fishing at the Murphy pond is prohibited from Sunday, Feb. 18 until the start of the Roundup.

"Sincerest thanks to our sponsor Bass Pro Shops for providing great prizes, and to the Garland Elks Lodge #1984 for supplying a limited number of fishing poles," she added. "We are still accepting sponsors for this event."

Sponsorship opportunities and more information can be obtained via email at events@murphytx.org.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.