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Rainbow Trout Roundup gears up for its tenth year

MURPHY (January 29, 2024) For the tenth year in a row, young anglers in Murphy will get a chance to win prizes and capture bragging rights as the annual Rainbow Trout Roundup reaches a decade of family fun. The popular event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24.

As it has for the last 10 years, the competition will take place at the municipal pond at City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road. Safe and secure parking is available in all the City Hall lots.

“It’s sometimes difficult to determine who’s actually having more fun at these events,” says Ashley Hudson, Special Events Coordinator. “The kids are super excited, of course, but it’s a real treat to see dads, moms, aunts, uncles, grandads, and grandmoms all pitching in. Families tell us that they look forward to this event every year.”

Pre-event registration can be accomplished online at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/murphy-tx/catalog> by clicking on the yellow Special Events tab. The system will prompt registrants to create an account if one does not already exist. Clicking on the “Rainbow Trout Roundup” link will allow participants to complete their registration. While the Roundup is free of charge, registration is required.

The Roundup starts at 9 a.m. and ends at noon, as this year, the event adds an extra 30 minutes of competition, allowing a complete hour of angling for the three age groups. Participants up to 6 years of age may 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 to 11 years of age may cast their lines starting at 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Contestants 12 to 17 years of age will compete from 11 a.m. to the end of the tournament at noon. Winners in the 7 to 11 years of age group will be announced at 11:15 a.m., and winners in the final group will be announced at 12:15 p.m.

Prizes and trophies will be handed out in each of the three age category for the shortest, longest, and heaviest stringer of five Rainbow trout only. In addition to the first-place trophy, a runner-up medal in each category will be awarded.

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 on a first come, first serve basis. Personal fishing gear is allowed.

“Families should remember to bring their cameras or mobile phones in order to take advantage of the many photo opportunities,” added Hudson. “The entire family can help the little ones with baiting the hooks, tending the line, and pulling in their catches, these all make for great photos.”

Anglers 18 years and older may not fish during the Roundup or before noon on the day of the tournament. An exemption to the licensing requirement will be in place from noon to 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.

Warm clothing and foul weather gear are encouraged, as previous tournaments have dealt with rain and low temperatures.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. 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 its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.