

"FISHIN' BUDDIES!" Inc.

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FB Mission Statement:

Fishin' Buddies! mission is to train children through fishing and conservation programs. To help instill a deep, abiding love for the sublime art of sport fishing. To instill an immutable concern for the air, land and waters of our planet, and a desire to nurture the soul through communion with the outdoors.

FB Philosophy:

Fishin' Buddies! believes in the emotional and psychological restorative powers of the outdoors. We believe it is important to expose this philosophy to children whose ideal of the "Great Outdoors" as being the grassless, glass strewn, debris filled, concrete and steel playgrounds of urban America.

FB Objectives:

- To introduce children to nature
- To introduce children to science
- To show learning can be fun
- To show children the magic of life all around us
- To mentor those in need
- To laugh, giggle and play
- To catch some fish along the way

FB Summary of C.O.R.E. Kids': (Cold Outdoor Recreational Explorers) 5 week program (Jan Feb)

This is a fun conservation educational program for elementary school children. (Grades 1-5). The children learn about outdoor recreation in the greater Chicago land area during winter. The program is broken into a four week lesson plan that is interrelated; Week 1 introduction of the topic, Week 2 a hands on classroom activity, Week 3 a craft project and Week 4 a field trip outdoors. The program is partnered with local Chicago elementary schools. The children meet once a week. After completion of the program the children are honored with a FB C.O.R.E. Kid's certificate at a luncheon. The C.O.R.E. Kid's will have the opportunity to work with professionals from the IL Dept of Natural Resources, The US Fish & Wildlife Service, and The Forest Preserve District of Cook, Chicago Wilderness Consortium, and other non for profit fishing & conservation organizations.

FB Summary of FB YCC: Youth Conservation Conference

Objectives of the Youth Conservation Conference

- To introduce youth to the what, where, how, why and what for of conservation
- To encourage youth to explore the Great Outdoors
- To build a conservation network among youth and Environmental Agencies
- To promote environmental awareness amongst N.E. Illinois youth
- To encourage youth to become future problem solvers of our Environment
- To develop an interest among youth in Environmental Sciences careers

FB Fishing Derby:

The youth fishing tournament is not much different than other youth sports, but regardless of athletic ability or social status all children can participate and excel where they might not even be acknowledged in other sports arenas. The fishing tournament encourages teamwork, raises the responsibility level as a child learns his/her worth to their teammates. The tournament started in 1991 and has grown to service thousands of children throughout the Chicago land area. All children are eligible; we just require that they have a parent or guardian willing to participate with them. We recruit children through schools and churches, by word of mouth and from similar organizations. The derby is held biannually at various Chicago land lakes.

Fishin Buddies Inc.
2015 FPD Budget Support Request Programs: YCC, CORE Kids, Derby
1-Jan-15

Youth Conservation Conference 2015

	Expenses
Program Coordinator	\$3,000.00
Asst Coordinator	\$2,600.00
YCC Ambassador Interns	\$15,000.00
YCC Team Leader	\$5,760.00
Transportation Vehicles	\$8,500.00
Web Maintenance	\$750.00
Photography	\$1,500.00
Video/Editing	\$3,500.00
Mobile Computer Lab & WiFi	\$8,685.00
Presentation Supplies	\$750.00
Research Supplies	\$1,200.00
Uniforms	\$936.00
Correspondence	\$1,500.00
Recruitment	\$1,000.00
Registration	\$1,450.00
Meals for YCC Daily Activities	\$4,500.00
Ambassador Ceremony	\$5,500.00
Gifts & Awards	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$67,131.00</u>
Total FPD Support Requested	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

Core Kid 's Program 2015

Travel Expense	\$2,000.00
Meals for programs	\$700.00
Material For Program	\$450.00
Core Kid's Graduation	\$1,780.00

Gifts for Core Kid's Graduation

\$400.00

\$5,330.00

Total FPD Support Requested

\$1,637.50

Fishin Buddies Fishing Derby 2015

Travel Expenses

\$300.00

Food for fishing derby

\$750.00

T-shirts/ Hats for derby

\$1,100.00

Fishing Rods/ Equipment

\$2,350.00

Fishing bait

\$600.00

Awards Trophies And Plaques

\$770.00

\$5,870.00

Total FPD Support Requested

\$2,635.00

Total Program Cost

\$78,331.00

Total FPD Support Requested

\$34,272.50