

Roaring River State Park's Back to School Kids' Fishing Day



Devon Bell 10 years old from Claremore OK caught a six lb. three oz. lunker.

Roaring River had a very successful KFD event on August 15, 2009. There were 1,414 kids who attended, 14 more than the spring event.

There were 87 volunteers who helped out. Eleven volunteers were also honored for helping out with Roaring River KFD for 10 years. Seven members of the Hopping family from Rogers Arkansas and Powell Missouri were honored. They run the prize tent where kids get to pick out a small prize for attending two classes. They also work the information area and hand out free tags and packets. Several of them also help with rigging kid's poles. Also honored were four members of the Allgood family. The Allgoods run a rigging station and work the bank to help kids one on one. Steve

Allgood is also responsible for acquiring numerous donations from Academy Sports.



Hopping and Allgood family members honored for 10 years of service on KFDs.

There were 428 kids who attended at least two classes and signed up for a free tag on their next fishing trip.



One of the most popular classes on kids' day is "Make your own tee shirt". At each event 300 kids participate.

New this KFD-the Roaring River Park Alliance members served 1,000 snow cones to kids. As you can imagine snow cones on a hot August day were very popular. Another sponsor, Dale Havenar from Fisherman's Inn donated ice for the snow cones.



Alexus Barnes of Joplin and member is shown handing out snow cones.

Most prizes were given away by drawing. Six quality fly rods and reels were won by kids who attended a fly tying or fly casting class. An Alpine bow was won by a child who attended an archery class. Free taxidermy mounts were given to two kids who caught a fish larger than three pounds. Larger prizes such as digital cameras, bicycles, electronic game players, and rods and reels were won by 137 kids who attended at least three outdoor related classes.



Boy's biggest fish 11.8 lbs.

Trophies were given to kids catching the largest fish in the boy's and girl's divisions. Luke Nauman 11 from Wildwood Missouri caught an 11.8 lb. rainbow and Lydia Poindexter 15 from Carthage Missouri caught a 7.06 lb. rainbow.