**BYRON BEAR**

**FISHING  TEAM**

     2022

**Byron Bear Fishing Team Goals: **

 1. Teach Anglers boater safety and fishing techniques that they can use to

succeed on the water.

 2. Improve angling skills to all anglers on the team.

 3. Enjoy the sport of fishing.

 4. Create a lifelong angler.

 5. Help kids become stewards of the sport of fishing and of our natural

resources.

**Team Member Expectations:**

 1. Attend registration meeting and complete registration form and pay

registration fee.

 2. Attend as many meetings as possible.

 3. Attend at least 2 tournament/event per year (for jersey reimbursement).

 4. Volunteer for a minimum of 1 fundraising or community service event per

year.

 5. Respond to email communication as needed.

 6. Represent the Byron Bear Fishing Team in a professional manner.

 7. Learn and use boater safety skills on and off the water.

 8. Be respectful to other people and their property.

 9. Be prepared for all types of weather at an event.  We are in an area where

the weather can change from one extreme to the next in a very short

period.

 10. Be sure to come to tournaments prepared (food, drinks, etc.).

 11. Maintain satisfactory grades in school.

 12. Promote the program in a positive way.

**Meetings:**

 1. Regular meetings and clinics will be scheduled throughout the year.

2. Arrive to meetings prepared and on time.

3. Listen to speakers and participate in any hands-on activities.

4. Meetings will be held in the Byron High School cafeteria, unless

announced with a different location.

**Communication:**

1. Email will be our most effective way of communication.  Please respond as needed and as quickly as possible so we can coordinate events, etc.

 2. We will be setting up a team Facebook page, Byron Bear Fishing Team.

3. Check out our website at [Byron Bears Fishing Team (byronbearfishingteam.com)](https://byronbearfishingteam.com/) for schedule and other information.

**Team Conduct:**

 1. We are a team!  Help each other, encourage each other, and practice

good sportsmanship.

 2. Conduct yourself in a mature, orderly, and respectful manner at all times.

You are representing not only our team but our sponsors when you are

wearing your jersey.

 3. Thank your BOAT CAPTAINS, other VOLUNTEERS, and PARENTS.  If it

weren’t for them we wouldn’t have a team!

**Fundraising and Volunteering:**

 1. As a team, we will be participating in fundraising and community

volunteering events throughout the year.  These will be announced with as

much advance notice as possible.  Watch your email and check the

website for these announcements.  These events are not only to raise money for our team but to give back to the community and businesses that have supported us.

 2. We will volunteer at many LOCAL non-profit events (TBA).

**Membership / Registration: March 2022-November 2022**

 1. The annual registration fee is: **$60** (Grades 1-5)  **$150**  (Grades 6-12)

 2. Registration includes: Membership in the Student Angler Federation (SAF), The Bass Federation (TBF), and Fishing League Worldwide (FLW)

 [www.highschoolfishing.org](http://www.highschoolfishing.org)

Insurance (included in the fee)- Every member, boat captain and SAF club will have insurance

 coverage for all official SAF school club events, which includes $1 million

of liability coverage, $25,000 excess medical coverage, $1 million for and

allegations of misconduct and $25,000 Amber Alert coverage Rapala

Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT) fees - [www.studentangler.org](http://www.studentangler.org)

Team sponsored seminars and education

*Registration DOES NOT INCLUDE:*

- Fishing equipment / tackle

- Life jacket

- $25.00 boat captain fee for tournaments (per angler)

- Boat/Boat Captain - We will assist in finding boats and boat

captains for tournaments, but YOU may be required to provide your

own boat and boat captain!

*Requirements to join:*

- Complete registration form

- Complete the online boating and safety course Boat Minnesota to

receive a youth Minnesota watercraft operator’s permit and use

boater safety skills on and off the water [Boat and water safety education | Minnesota DNR (state.mn.us)](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/education.html)

- Purchase a MN fishing license (16 or older)

- Abide by all MN state fishing rules and regulations

**Contests:**

 1. We will have ongoing fishing contests and challenges during the year.

Details will be made available before each contest.

 2. Academic Awards - We do award additional inches to your fish for having

a 3.0 GPA and higher as well as a 4.0 GPA.  We also award inches for

having perfect attendance during the contest period.

**Tournaments:**

 1. All or our tournaments require advanced notice for participation.  Please

respond timely to emails regarding registration for individual tournaments.

 2. You can choose your own partner for tournaments and or event if you find

your own Boat Captain and notify us in a timely manner.

3. If you do not have a partner and Boat Captain you will be paired up with a

partner and a Boat Captain if we can. Finding boats and Boat Captains to take student anglers out fishing is a big challenge.  We can’t guarantee that we will be able to provide a boat or Boat Captain for every angler, but we will make every effort possible!

 4. We will provide you with as much advance notice of tournament times,

regulations, and locations as possible.  Note that sometimes we are not

notified until only a few days before an event.  This will be communicated

via email.

**Boats, Boat Captains and Team Partners:**

 1. It is not necessary that you or your family have a boat.  We will do our best

to pair every angler with a boat and Boat Captain to take anglers out

fishing or participate in tournaments.

 2. You can choose your own partner for tournaments and or events if you

find your own Boat Captain and notify us in a timely manner.

 3. If you do not have a partner and Boat Captain you will be paired up with a

partner and a Boat Captain if we have one available.

 4. We are looking for Boat Captains that are willing to volunteer their time

and use their boats to bring angler’s fishing.  If you know of someone who

is willing to volunteer please have them contact us or give us their name and number and we will contact them.  They can also go to our website and fill out a Boat Captain registration form to be added to our email list for Boat Captains.

 5. Boat Captains MUST BE out of high school and a minimum age of 19.

 6. All Boat Captains will need to pass a criminal background screening

check.

**Angler of the Year:**

 We will award points throughout the year for attending meetings,

volunteering, participating in fundraising, tournament performance, grades, attendance, sportsmanship, and behavior.  The top 5 point student anglers will have a chance for this award.  The award(s) will be announced at the year-end banquet (TBA).

**Byron Bear Fishing Team lettering criteria:** (Not Byron or MSHSL endorsed)

 1. All anglers in grades 6-12 who start the season on the first day and

continue through the last day, demonstrates good sportsmanship, boater safety, has a positive attitude, and represents our team in a professional manner.  Angler must attend a minimum of 4 monthly meetings, participate in a minimum of 2 tournaments, 2 volunteering events and 1 fundraising event during the year to be eligible for a CLUB letter.  Failure in meeting requirements as stated or personal misconduct will disqualify angler from earning a letter as well as Angler of the Year!

2. The Byron Bear Fishing Team coach(s) reserves the right to make the final decision regarding lettering for any angler.

**Discounts:**

 1. Our team anglers get discounts at many different companies.  It is very

important that you DO NOT share the discount codes or login information to anyone other than team members.  If we abuse this privilege it will be taken away! Discounts and codes will be provided after the roster is finalized.

 2. Organizations that provide discounts:

 - Northland Tackle

 - St. Croix Rods

- Rapala

- Gambler Lures

**Tournaments and Events:**

1. See website for event dates and details.  There will be tournaments

and events available for both junior and senior high anglers (TBA).

**Chemical Eligibility Policy:**

1. Byron Bear Fishing Team adheres to a strict NO Tolerance policy by any

angler. Any angler caught using these substances during a club event will be asked to leave.  The angler will not be able to participant in ANY club events for the calendar year.

**Coach / Contacts:**

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