

Mt. Hood NF Fishing Clinics Were a Big Success This Year & There's Still One More to Go!

Thank you to the community and all of the budding anglers for your participation and support for our District Fishing Clinics this year! We had beautiful weather and lots of fish were caught, including a 30" lunger at the Hood River RD Clinic!

69 young anglers participated in the Clackamas River RD Fishing Clinic held on June 3. About 20 volunteers pitched in to make it a success, including students from the Timber Lake Job Corps who prepared lunch. Trout Unlimited volunteers helped the young anglers with bait and casting. Thank you to the US Fish & Wildlife Service for providing bait and fishing poles. The Barlow Ranger District Fishing Clinic was attended by 50 youngsters and all of them caught a fish! The Boy Scouts of America deserve a big shout out for their help that day.

Over 100 kids attended the HRRD clinic with their families. In addition to fishing, they enjoyed seeing Jack the great-horned owl, making fish prints, learning about aquatic macroinvertebrates, eating hotdogs (thank you Timber Lake Job Corps volunteers), and the beautiful weather.

This year the HRRD had additional help from a record 13 Hood River Valley High School students who volunteered for the day. The students staffed the fish printing table, the bait and rod station, the fish cleaning station, and took pictures of the event. It was great to have a total of 11 adults and 13 students to staff the clinic.

All three clinics were a great success and would not have been possible without the tremendous support from area businesses and organizations. These are wonderful community events and it's great to see adults and young people work together to introduce youngsters to the outdoors and their National Forest.

Food and prizes were donated by the following sponsors:

- Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers
- Fisherman's Choice Bait
- Dairy Queen (Hood River)
- Juanita's Fine Foods
- Rosauers Supermarket (Hood River)
- Starbucks Coffee (Hood River)
- Mclsaac's Store (Parkdale)
- Portland General Electric (Clackamas River)
- Trout Unlimited Clackamas Chapter

Partners who donated time, personnel, effort, and helped in many ways:

- OR Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Middle Fork Irrigation District
- Parkdale Fire
- Hood River Valley High School Career Center staff and students
- USFS employees, Hood River Ranger District
- Retired USFS Employees
- Trout Unlimited

- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Boy Scouts of America
- Timber Lake Job Corps Center

The Mount Hood National Forest began its 2017 Free Youth Fishing Clinics starting on **May 13** on the Barlow Ranger District and **May 20** on the Hood River Ranger District. The Clackamas River Ranger District hosted its fishing clinic on **June 3** and the Zigzag Ranger District's clinic is scheduled for **June 24** at Trillium Lake from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mthood/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD540010>
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