

# Kids Go Fishing on the Chugach

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If there is one thing Alaskan's love it is their fishing! We like to start 'em young here, and that's only one reason Kids Fishing Day is so popular. The Chugach Forest held three events in June, one Kids Fishing Day for each district, where more than 300 kids and adults showed up for the fun. The day may have centered around fishing, but there was a lot more than that going on. Once they honed their casting techniques and caught their limit, they were on to other "fishy" things.



*A gleeful angler*



*Ashley Marjmaen helps kids tie fishing lures.*

The creative side of Kids Fishing Day reached new heights this year. Fish print t-shirts are always popular and this year was no exception. Some other events and activities included; casting contests, fly-tying, boat rides, recycling plastic bottles into fish (the non-edible kind) and the new art-form macaroni fish art! Kids and Adults alike were fascinated by Ken Hodges fish oil rendering demonstration.

Woodsy Owl, Smokey, and Sammy Salmon were busy trying to hit each of the events and spread a little of their wisdom. After all that activity-people were hungry, and while fish wasn't on the menu, hotdogs and cookies were, and they may be next on the list of what Alaskan kids love.