



SEVENTH ANNUAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL MUSKIE TOURNAMENT



Saturday, October 3, 2020



The Shawnee Muskie Hunters Chapter of Muskies, Inc. and the IMTT are pleased to sponsor the Seventh Annual IL High School Muskie Tournament

- No entry fees
- Open opportunity to any High School in Illinois to participate in a local Muskie fishing event
- Held on Prairie Lake (Site M) in Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area
 - Located in Cass County, 8 miles north of Ashland and 40 miles northwest of Springfield
 - 190-acre lake is one of the top muskie lakes in Central Illinois
 - Loaner nets and bump Boards provided
 - 10 HP limit. Larger motors can be run but must maintain “no wake” speeds
- Participation does not influence IHSA bass program eligibility

TOURNAMENT DATE: Saturday, October 3, 2020, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Prairie Lake main boat launch area:
<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Documents/JEPCSiteMap.pdf>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, September 18, 2020 (Registration form available on our website)

CONTACT INFORMATION: Jim Beaty, President Shawnee Muskie Hunters
(618) 971-7806, E-Mail: jbeaty@certapro.com.

Additional Information and Registration Forms: <http://www.shawneemuskiehunters.org>

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND RULES

- 1 or 2 participating teams per school. Participants must currently be in grades 9-12. Each team will be comprised of one or two students and one adult.
- Student teams will provide their own boats and make sure that they are safe to be on the water. An adult must operate the boat and is not allowed to fish. All persons in the boat must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the driver. All boats must go through a safety check prior to the start of the tournament. (See our website for the boat safety check list.)
- All fish are to be measured, photographed, and released. The team with the most muskie, in total inches, will be the winner. If no muskies are caught, the largest bass will qualify as the winning fish. Fishing only allowed by casting with artificial bait.
- All participants agree to behave appropriately, respectfully and comply with all IL DNR rules. All students and their families assume all legal and financial responsibilities for their participation.
- The winning high school team will be given a trophy for their school. Individual trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams.



Shawnee Muskie Hunters



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 7th **Annual IL High School Muskie Fishing Tournament** will be this spring. This is a cooperative event with other High Schools in Illinois and Muskie Clubs in IL.

Basic rules of the tournament are as follows:

- Locally, the Shawnee Muskie Hunters Chapter of Muskies Inc. will host a tournament on **Saturday, October 3, 2020** from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on **Prairie Lake**. There will be no make-up or alternative dates. Boats should be launched across from the main marina by 6:15 a.m. and teams will meet for the orientation.
- There will be pre-registered student teams of 1 or 2 students in each boat (high school students only). Each high school will set up the process to determine who will represent their school.
- Student teams will provide their own boats and make sure that they are safe to be on the water. An adult must drive the boat and is not allowed to fish.
- All persons in the boat must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the driver. All boats must go through a safety check prior to the start of the tournament.
- All fish are to be measured, photographed, and released.
- The team with the most muskie, in total inches, will be the winner.
- If no muskies are caught, the largest bass will qualify as the winning fish.
- Fishing only allowed by casting with artificial bait. No trolling allowed. This is a catch and release event.
- All participants agree to behave appropriately, respectfully and comply with all IL DNR rules.
- All students and their families assume all legal and financial responsibilities for their participation.
- The winning high school team will be given a trophy for their school. Individual trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The largest muskie caught, measured, and released will receive a muskie rod.

There will be several boats, comprised of local Muskies Inc. members, supervising this event held on **Prairie Lake**. Students should organize themselves and **return the completed permission slips** signed by their HS Principal **by Friday, September 18, 2020**. If you have any questions regarding the event on **Prairie Lake**, please feel free to contact us. Principals please send Jim Beaty your student team's information.

Jim Beaty, Shawnee Muskie Hunters Chapter of Muskies Inc.

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Permission and Registration Form – Due September 18, 2020

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Email _____

Tournament fishing partner? _____ Grade _____ School _____

Emergency contact name and phone number? _____

I have talked with my student about their responsibility in making this a fun, safe event and they have my permission.

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Principal's signature _____ Date _____