

SNC youth fishing camp

WINCHESTER — It's all about choosing the right gear, learning the rules, knowing where to drop a line, savouring the catch, and swapping fish stories.

South Nation Conservation (SNC) is once again hosting a three-part Saturday youth fishing camp, leading up to Ontario's designated family fishing weekend on Sat., July 10 and Sun., July 11.

Open to prospective fishers aged 10 to 15, the camp will accommodate 12 participants, and is to be held at Cass Bridge Conservation Area, south of Winchester on County Road 31. It begins on Sat., June 26 from 10 am to 2 pm, and continues on Sat., July 3 and Sat., July 10.

Each participant will receive a rod, reel, and small tackle box containing a sampler of lures. The first day will revolve around assem-

bling and using the equipment and casting out into the South Nation River, which flows past the conservation area. Catch and release methods and careful handling of live fish will also be demonstrated, while members of the Ottawa Fly-fishers Society will also be on hand.

The final Saturday session will be used to teach participants about various species found in the 4,000 square-kilometre SNC watershed, including what kind of lure, baits, attractants, and casting techniques work the best. Pro angler Jacques Levert will also be on hand to answer questions.

Participation in the three sessions is on a first come, first served basis.

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