2015 – 16 Hoover Fishing Parent Meeting

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* Overview
  + This will be the 5th year that Hoover has fielded a Fishing Team. We are self-sustained, meaning we get zero financial assistance from the school. We compete in the ASABFA (Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association) & BASS Nation High School tournament series. Both of these organizations conduct a state championship tournament that is 2 days (Friday & Saturday) and BASS Nation offers the opportunity to qualify for the High School National Championship. Although we will conduct local bank tournaments, obviously the high school tournaments require a boat which meets certain specifications (If you are considering purchasing a boat or have one, check with me on the required specs). To meet the ASABFA requirements, each angler on the team must fish 1 Fall tournament (schedule below). We currently have 28 anglers on the potential roster and we have 8 anglers that have boats. This means the boat captains must assist with the team meeting this requirement or we will not be eligible to fish the ASABFA Spring tournaments.
* Cost
  + $200 to join the team. This money covers membership to the ASABFA & BASS Nation High School (which includes a subscription to Bassmaster magazine). It also covers the cost of the jersey, hoodie, and spirit pack. It DOES NOT cover the cost of tournament entry fees, which are usually $20 to $40 per boat per tournament or tournament expenses (lodging, food, gas, etc..)
  + The $200 fee can be covered by either 1) paying the fee out of pocket or 2) Obtaining it through sponsorship/fundraising. The fee must be received before an angler can fish their 1st tournament.
* Fundraising
  + Current Sponsors:
    - Alabama Bass Trail – Promo Only
    - Airport Marine – Promo for tourney trail – additional prize for winning
    - BASS – Promo for tourney trail
    - ASABFA – Promo for tourney trail
    - Traffanstedt Internal Medicine - $250
    - AAAtix – TBD
    - AllSouth Appliance – TBD
    - Hoover Toyota – TBD
    - Arcara Residential – TBD
    - Schroeter’s Lawn & Landscape – TBD
    - Denali Rods – 40% discount on rods, 25% discount of reels and clothing. Discount on producing jerseys & hoodies. Orders go thru Vance
    - Simmons Sporting Goods – TBD
    - Mark’s Outdoors – 25% discount
    - Vicious Fishing – 25% discount – HOOVERHS Coupon code
    - Davis Baits – 25% discount – Based on roster and we must provide email addresses for each angler to set up an account
  + Potential Sponsors
    - Field and Stream
    - Anthony’s Car wash
    - 5X3 Fishing
    - Motivated Movers
    - Roly Poly Sandwiches
    - Hoover Plumbing
  + We will give 1st priority to our sponsors from last year to re-commit. Traffanstedt Internal Medicine, AAATix and AllSouth Appliance have already done this. We have several sponsors that provide discounts (Denali, Marks, Vicious, Simmons, Davis Baits) so we do not have any additional real estate on the jersey for sponsors that don’t provide a monetary donation. We will have a banner created that lists all sponsors so if you do engage a bait company or other sponsor that will provide a discount on products, we will put their logo on the banner that we will display during tournaments.
  + Whole Scoop Night – Tuesday, September 1st. The Whole Scoop will provide a portion of their sales proceeds to the team. We are going to have a drawing for a Castaway Long Range Launcher Casting Rod (Retail $179.99) as well as some tackle packs that were left over from last year’s fundraiser. We cannot say it is a raffle, but we will happily accept donations to the team. Tell your friends and family to come by on September 1st.
  + Other Fundraising opportunities:
    - 20 for $20. Contact 20 people and ask for a $20 donation to the team.
    - T-Shirt sale – We have done this in previous years.
  + Team Expenses:
    - Membership – ASABFA & BASS totals $50 per angler. Boat Captains also have to pay a $25 yearly membership fee for ASABFA.
    - Jerseys – We have professional level jerseys made by Denali Rods that normally retail for $129 each. Last year, they designed and printed the jerseys for $39 each. I expect a small increase in cost, but we also want to add a professional hoodie to the mix and so I expect the total cost to be around $100 per angler.
    - Spirit pack – In the past we have done hats, pullovers, t-shirts, etc. One suggestion has been car magnets that say Hoover Fishing. We will use the amount left from the angler registration and hopefully some additional funds from fundraising for the spirit pack.
    - State Tournaments – In the past, the team has tried to cover the hotel expenses for the state tournament. We now have 2 (ASABFA & BASS) and were only able to cover one this past year.
    - Carry Over – We had $446.17 from the 2014-2015 season and we would like to carry over at least $350.
  + Tournament Expenses
    - ASABFA - $30 per boat per tournament (Max of 5 boats) X 3 tournaments. State Championship – No fee
    - BASS Nation - $40 per boat per tournament (No Max) X 4 tournaments. State Championship – No fee
    - The tournament registration fees will be split between the 2 anglers, but the money has to go through the school and a check has to be submitted.
    - Tournament fees – Lodging, food, drink & gas will be split between the anglers.
* Tournament schedule
  + 2 Primary Fishing tournament series (ASABFA & BASS Nation). The spring tournament registration is formalized and the fees will be run through the Hoover Fishing Team account.
  + Fall Schedule – ASABFA - No formal registration. Just let me know the tournaments you want to fish and I will inform the appropriate district director. $20 fee per boat (paid at the launch) and no limit to the number of tournaments or boats from each school. **EVERY ANGLER ON THE TEAM MUST FISH AT LEAST 1 OF THESE TOURNAMENTS!!**
    - Aug 29th – District 1 – Wheeler Lake – First Creek Ramp Joe Wheeler State Park
    - Sept 12th – District 3 – Smith Lake – Smith Lake Park
    - Sept 19th – District 1 – Wilson Lake – Lock Six Ramp – Killen, AL
    - Sept 26th – District 4 – Neely Henry – Gadsden City Park
    - Sept 26th – District 10 - Lake Eufaula – Lakepoint State Park
    - Oct 3rd – District 3 – Logan Martin – Lakeside Landing
    - Oct 10th – District 1 – Pickwick Lake – Riverfront Park – Sheffield, AL
    - Oct 10th – District 4 – Weiss Lake – Leesburg Landing
    - Oct 10th – District 10 – Chattahoochee River – Omussee Park Ramp
    - Oct 10th – District 2 – Guntersville - Goosepond
    - Oct 24th – District 3 – Lay Lake - Beeswax
    - Nov 7th – District 4 - Logan Martin – Lakeside Landing
    - Nov 7th – District 3 – Neely Henry – Gadsden City Park
    - Nov 7th – District 2 – Guntersville – Goosepond
    - Nov 14th – District 6 – Lake Martin – Pace’s Point Ramp
    - Dec 5th – District 4 – Guntersville – TBA
  + Spring Tournaments
    - ASABFA – TBD – Supposed to be released in September, but I have heard the state championship will be at Neely Henry. Max of 5 boats per tournament. You send your lake preferences to the organization and are selected to fish 3 tournaments. Your cumulative finish (points) determine if you qualify for the state championship (Top 40 teams)
    - BASS Nation – Opportunity to advance to the State and National Championship. Currently, no limit on number of boats a school can enter. Angler teams accumulate points and that determines if the anglers qualify for state. There is also a team approach, but I need to get more information about how that works.
      * Feb 20th – Lay Lake – TBD
      * Mar 5th – Millers Ferry – TBD
      * April 16th – Guntersville – TBD – BASS Southern Open
      * April 30th – Eufaula – TBD
      * June 9th & 10th – State Championship – Wheeler – Ingalls Harbor
    - Airport Marine – TBD – This is a separate tournament series and will not be “officially” managed through the Hoover Fishing team. I will provide the schedule and you are free to register and pay the entry fees on your own. They do give away scholarship money for winners and we have the Airport Marine logo on our jerseys to get bonus money for the school team if you place.
    - Sylacauga Marine – TBD - This is a separate tournament series and will not be “officially” managed through the Hoover Fishing team. I will provide the schedule and you are free to register and pay the entry fees on your own. They do give away scholarship money for winners.
    - Woods & Water – TBD – This is a new trail that was offered this summer and will be treated like Airport Marine and Sylacauga Marine.
* Closing
  + Participation – We want to have as much parent and angler participation as possible. Some of the schools with established fishing programs have tailgates at the tournaments and team members that aren’t fishing attend.
  + Comradery - We have established a “tradition” of finding “cheap” Mexican food and sharing a meal after every tournament
  + Team Goals - We want the anglers to enjoy the competition of tournament fishing, become better anglers, make new friends from all over the state, develop a deep appreciation for the outdoors, demonstrate sportsmanship and character and most of all to have a good time.