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Live trout pond offers youth chance to fish at spring expo

Snohomish County's second annual spring recreation expo will include a live trout pond hosted by the Everett Steelhead and Salmon Club to give youth the chance to fish.

The giant 37-foot deep, 20-foot-by-8-foot pond, sponsored by Les Schwab Tire Centers, will be stocked with nearly 1,000 trout. The free "Kids' Casting Pond" will give aspiring anglers and first-time fishers ages 12 and under the chance to catch and keep (or release) a live trout. All gear is provided for this fun-for-the-family event. Each child will have 15 minutes to fish for a catch. Hosts will be on hand to assist.

"I enjoy fishing as a recreational opportunity so giving young anglers the chance to get hooked on a fun sport is a huge draw to our second spring expo," said County Executive Aaron Reardon. "Catching a fish in the trout pond may be the first time a child has such a positive and lasting experience."

"Les Schwab Tire Centers is delighted to sponsor the Kids Casting Pond," said Gary Fogelson, manager of the Les Schwab Tire Center at Murphy's Corner in Mill Creek. "We are proud to be part of Snohomish County and believe that it is important to play a role in the communities where our customers and employees live and work."

The second annual Spring Recreation Expo at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds – featuring outdoor and leisure-related exhibits, carnival rides and games, favorite fair food and the first annual Sky Valley BBQ Championship – will be held April 30 and May 1.

Admission and parking are free to the two-day expo produced by Snohomish County Parks and Recreation. A horse show, swap meet and Evergreen Speedway auto races are also scheduled at the fairgrounds that weekend. Expo hours will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

To be an exhibitor or participate in the Spring Recreation Expo, contact Brenda Granstrom at 360-805-6707 or Brenda.granstrom@snoco.org. More detailed information and a schedule of events can be found at www.evergreenfair.org. The Evergreen State Fairgrounds is located at 14405 179th Avenue SE, Monroe.

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