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GONE FISHING: KIDS CAST A LINE WITH ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARK RANGERS AT FISH UNIVERSITY

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department's popular Fish University is back this year! Our four courses – 101, 102, 103 and 104 – are the perfect way for children to learn and expand their fishing skills with our expert Park Rangers.



Fish University 101: This two-day class, which is ideal for beginners and intermediate anglers, is from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Tuesday, June 12 and Wednesday, June 13, at Quail Ridge Park near Wentzville. Young anglers learn and use a variety of techniques while fishing in ponds, lakes, and streams in the park. Cost of the program is \$30 per participant, which includes a Fish University T-shirt, their very own fishing pole and tackle box with

all the supplies needed to make that perfect catch! Please note: Participation in this course or one of our previous Fish Camps, is a prerequisite for others in the series.

Fish University 102: This class is from 9 a.m.–noon on Wednesday, June 20 at Quail Ridge Park. Bring your fishing pole and let us help you to expand the knowledge you gained in Fish University 101. Participants learn about various lures and bait, and then test their skills and try their luck. Cost of the program is \$10.

Fish University 103: Held at Betty's Lake in Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance, this course meets from 9 a.m.–noon on Wednesday, June 27 at Betty's Lake in Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance. Participants expand on what they have been taught in previous Fish University classes plus learn how fish for bass with lures and other techniques. Participants must have attended Fish University 101 or one of our previous Fish Camps to be eligible for this session. Cost of the program is \$10.

Fish University 104: This night fishing class is from 6–10 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, at Betty's Lake in Broemmelsiek Park. The course expands on knowledge gained in previous Fish University classes plus learn to fish for catfish, how to lure the fish to the hook, different bait options and other techniques. Cost of the program is \$10.

Make fishing in St. Charles County Parks your choice for recreation this summer by learning all about the sport at Fish University! Registration is required for each course. For more information or to register, call the St.

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Charles County Parks and Recreation Department at 636-949-7535 or visit www.stccparks.org. When registering online, click on the "Activity Registration" and browse through the list of events for your favorite fishing experiences.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Veterans Tribute Park, our newest park development between Pitman Hill and Kisker roads is expected to open in 2018.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit www.stccparks.org.

About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County.

Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.