

Kids Fishing Day, a summary



Once again, about 600 kids, parents, grandparents and friends attended Kids Fishing Day.

- Thunderstorms, Smunderstorms. Heavy rain held off until long after the last of nearly 600 hot dogs was grilled and garbage bagged. Kudos up above.
- Thank you to Leelanau County for helping us to bear the cost of a 40 percent increase in bluegill costs. Other contributors, notably Cherryland Electric, PATH, possibly the Grand Traverse Band, and some businesses, stepped up their help.
- Volunteers don't like meetings. I called two meetings prior to the event and had one person attend. Then on the day of the event, folks came to help. Perfect.
- County employees and Park Commissioners were very helpful.
- Bluegills were not helpful. Successive warm nights after planting on Friday kept them quiet Sunday. I fielded few complaints, though, and kids continue to enjoy them. Fish painting and turtle gazing entertained.
- The event served once again to promote a wonderful county park. I see and talk with families fishing and picnicking at Kids Fishing Pond all the time.
- Next up: promote use as a haven for people with disabilities.