Susquehanna Headwaters District Presents

Catch - Photo - Release, Fishing Tournament 2025 & Fishing Merit Badges

 **Date**: Saturday, October 18th 10am – 2pm

**Location:** Hartwick College Pine Lake Campus

 1894 Charlotte Creek Road
 Oneonta, New York 13820

 **Tournament Format**

• One day, live in-person event

• Catch-Photo-Release format

 **Tournament Registration Fee:**

$15 per Scout

$10 per Adult that is Fishing

**Register Online**: Leatherstocking Council Event Page

**Equipment**: All participants must bring their own equipment. No Equipment will be provided

**Prizes and Awards:**

**Scout Category** –

**Longest Fish Categories: Fishing**

1. Large Mouth Bass

2. Chain Pickerel

3: Pumpkin Seed

**Longest Fish Categories – Fly Fishing**

1: Brook Trout

2: Brown Trout

**Adult Category**

**Longest Fish Categories: Fishing**

1. Large Mouth Bass

2. Chain Pickerel

3: Pumpkin Seed

**Longest Fish Categories – Fly Fishing**

1: Brook Trout

2: Brown Trout

**Tournament Director:** John Harniman

 **Awards Ceremony:** Saturday, October 18th at 2:30pm

 **Boundaries**: All of Pine Lake for Fishing and Charlotte Creek for Fly Fishing is eligible

 **Check-In**: Check in will begin at 8:30 am and end at 9:30 am. Tournament ID’s will be

provided.

**Participants must bring their own measuring tape**

**Lines In:** 10 am, photos timestamped before 10:00 am won’t be accepted

**Lines Out:** 2:00 pm, photos timestamped after 2:00 pm won’t be accepted

**Last photo submission**: 1:59 pm EST on Saturday, October 18th (photos submitted at

2:00 pm or later won’t be accepted)

**Allowable Lines**: Maximum of 2 lines per person

**Permissible Bait:** Artificial and local “non-invasive” live bait is allowed.

 **Minimum Length**: 8.00 inches (Fish will be scored by 0.25” increments. If a fish measure

slightly under the nearest 0.25”, the measurement will be rounded down)

**\*Measuring Device**: Measuring tape/measuring board

 **Criteria for Scoring:**

• Markings on the measuring board must be visible and legible

• Photos must include the entire fish. No obstructions.

• Blurred photos will be denied

• Fish must face left, and dorsal fin must be facing upward.

• Fish mouth MUST be closed. Open mouth penalty: 0.50” deduction

• Fish tail can be in any position but must be resting flat against the measuring board

• No restraint devices allowed

• Assigned 2025 Tournament identifier (provided to the Anglers at tournament check in)

must be completely visible and not touching the fish anywhere in submitted photo

• Fish must be measured alive and unharmed; dead fish entries will be denied.

**Judging of Submitted Fish:**

• Tournament photos will be judged by Tournament Director(s) or approved judges. Photos that do not meet requirements will be disqualified.

• The Tournament Directors and Staff will be solely responsible and retain the right to declare any photos unacceptable.

• After prizes are awarded, the Tournament is declared complete.

• Prizes will be awarded at 2:30pm on October 18th

**Tie Breaker:**

In the event of a tie, the following criterion will decide the winner: Earliest time stamp of the longest fish.

 **Meals:** Lunch will be self-provided by the Scout and eaten at participants leisure

Fishing and Fly-Fishing Merit Badges will be offered. Limited to 10 scouts per badge.

Scouts participating in merit badges can participate in the Derby.