

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Ice Fishing Derby @ Hyde Creek Pond

## Saturday January 26, 2008 8am till Noon

Bundle up the kids with the appropriate warm outdoor winter clothing; gloves, hat, footwear and sunglasses for standing on a frozen pond for a fun filled morning of ice fishing. The annual Salmon, Idaho Kids' Ice Fishing Derby, held each winter at Hyde Creek Pond, is scheduled for Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The derby, FREE to youth 16 years of age and younger, will run from 8 am until Noon. The Hyde Creek Pond is located just past the airport on the road to Sunset Heights.

All kids participating in the ice fishing derby will need to first sign up at the registration table. At that time they will receive a bag full of surprises, donated by the sponsors. Idaho Fish and Game has stocked the pond with approximately 300 catchable size rainbow trout. There will be four big fish winners (by weight) in four age categories. They are: 5 years and under, 6-8, 9-11, and 12-16 years of age. **All big fish contest winners must be present at the end of the derby to collect their prizes.** Fishing equipment is loaned and bait is given to all kids who come to the derby without a means to catch a fish. IDF&G will be drilling holes through the ice for everyone.

This year we have 27 tagged fish swimming around in the pond waiting to be caught by lucky anglers during the kid's ice fishing derby. If a kid catches this year's tagged fish during the ice fishing derby they will win a \$50 savings bond sponsored by local merchants, businesses and citizens.

At the end of the ice fishing derby, every child registered will have his/her name drawn and receive a donated or purchased prize for participating in the derby. All kids go home a winner. Prizes will be handed out starting at noon and **Kids must be present to collect their prize.** So you'll want to plan your time at the pond so the kids can be present at the end of the derby to receive their prize.

Founded in 1987, Kids All-American Fishing (KAAF) is a national program produced at the local level. All partners of these events are committed to introducing and promoting to youth and their families America's favorite pastime...fishing! Through partnerships with volunteer community organizations, municipal, state and federal agencies and some of the country's leading corporations, KAAF provides kids and families with venues where they can experience the sport while exposing them to character-enriching values to help them be successful in life. Fishing is an outdoor activity that provides a lifetime of fun and enjoyment individually or with family and friends. This kids fishing derby is one of two in the Salmon community that are organized and implemented yearly by a local multi-agency effort.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmon, Idaho Kids' Ice Fishing Derby is part of the largest nationally-sponsored youth/family special event partnership program in the United States. This year's derby is being locally sponsored by the Salmon-Challis National Forest, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Salmon Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, NOAA-Fisheries, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Program – Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District.

Hope to see you all there and please dress warm from your head to your toes. For more information about this year's kids' ice fishing derby you can call Dan Garcia at 756-5237 or Idaho Fish and Game at 756-2271.

*(Please post one time in the January 24<sup>th</sup> newspaper. Thanks)*

*If there are Questions please call Dan Garcia at 756-5237.*

*I am also attaching a picture from the 2007 Ice Fishing Derby to go with the article if you have space in the news paper. Thanks!*