



Fisheries Outreach for Local Youth Groups

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The Alpena, Michigan Fishery Resources Office has an extensive community outreach program to promote the Service's goal of **Conserving America's Fisheries**. Our outreach events target youth as the next generation of recreational fishers and fishery professionals. Activities cover all facets of aquatic education and vary in size from small station sponsored events to community festivals.



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Alpena FRO sponsored events provide area youth with information on Great Lakes geography and local habitat types (top left), provide "close-up" introduction to assessment gears used by the station (top center), and Great Lakes fish identification (top right).



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Alpena FRO staff participate in community sponsored events such as Kid's Day at the Alpena Brown Trout Festival held each July. Events such as a free fishing derby (left) provide youth an opportunity for first time exposure to fishing. Biologist Heather Enterline applies washable fish tattoo during the 2002 event (right).



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Biological Science Aid Jennifer Abdella provides area youth a tutorial on aquatic invertebrate identification (left). Biological Science Aid Jeremy Stevens provides instruction to high school volunteer on the deployment of set-lines as part of a round goby predation study in Lake Huron's Thunder Bay (right).



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