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Lake Estes Fishing Derby for Fishing Families

Estes Park – Free fishing, contests for multiple age groups for catches in Lake Estes on Saturday, June 7, marks the Estes Park celebration of the Colorado Division of Wildlife’s (CDOW) free fishing days throughout the state.

The Estes Park Fishing Derby is held at Lake Estes which is stocked with trout, mostly rainbows, from CDOW the day prior to the event. Approximately 250 – 300 people attend each year.

The Fishing Derby is for people of all ages. There is a contest for “largest fish” in four age groups: 9 and under, 10 to 15 years, 16 to 59, and 60 and over. One male and one female winner in each group will be chosen. A grand prize will be awarded for the biggest catch overall. Prizes are donated by Estes Park merchants.

The Derby begins at 8 a.m. and ends at noon. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at the Lake Estes Marina Store at 1770 Big Thompson Ave, (Hwy 34) on the northeast side of the lake. Registration is \$ 4 per person on the day of the event. Pre-registration is \$ 3. The \$5 day-use fee for vehicles at Lake Estes will be waived on Derby Day.

June 7 & 8 are “free fishing” days in the State of Colorado. Fishing licenses are not required by the state on those two days.

For more information and registration contact the Lake Estes Marina at 970-586-2011.

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