



Activities

Andrew bass fishing allows students of all ages and genders to get involved with the outdoors. This year, our club will be involved with many fun fishing and outdoor activities:

1. Community service hours/project
2. Shore fishing
3. Boat fishing
4. Ice fishing
5. Tournament Series
6. Learn to make your own lures
7. Trips to Bass Pro and Cabela's
8. Informative speakers
9. Classroom meetings
10. Overnight fishing trips
Lake Newton/Egypt
11. Fishing Connection Open House

And Much More!



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[http://www.ihsa.org/SportsActivities/
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ngNewsletters.aspx](http://www.ihsa.org/SportsActivities/TheFutureFishesHere/SchoolBassFishingNewsletters.aspx).

VJA BASS FISHING

*New Members Always
Welcome!*



We look forward to seeing you next
year at our meetings and outings!

Fishing, Fun, & Friends

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Join VJA Bass Fishing

Who can Join the Club?

The VJA bass fishing club prides itself in having members of all ages, genders, and backgrounds. Over the last 10 years, we have had an average of 50 students per year in our club, and we will continue providing an outdoor's club that meets the needs of all students. Next year, when you are a freshman, we hope that you will join the club and be part of our program!

Experience Needed?

There are no experience requirements for joining the VJA bass fishing club. While there are some students who are advanced anglers, about 75% of the students are inexperienced anglers who are looking to improve their abilities to catch fish. Considering the club has two divisions—the novice division and the tournament division—the VJA bass club will meet the needs of all students, regardless of experience level.

Equipment Needed?

Although a fishing pole and basic terminal tackle are helpful, students do not need equipment to join.

What VJA Bass Fishing Means to Jeremy Bilecki

“My past experiences with the bass club and the VJA tournament team are amazing. I say this because it was a lot of fun doing what I love: fishing! Also, I made a lot of friends, and I learned a lot about fishing over the year. Some examples of what I learned would be operating a trolling motor, using your lure to figure out the depth, determining what kind of structure you are around, having fun with fishing, and being thankful to be out on the water. Also, during every meeting last year, I learned something new and tried it out during the summer and spring. Because of what I learned from the club, I caught a lot more fish!

The most important aspects of the club are getting to know other people that have similar interests as you, getting to have fun outside in a club, and learning to fish together. Overall, fishing in high school has been an experience that I greatly respect and appreciate. I am extremely excited for the upcoming season, and I can't wait for spring weather!”

—Jeremy Bilecki

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Frequently Asked Questions

When does the club meet?

- 1-2 days a week, Sept - May
- We have an open door policy if you are involved in other sports/activities

Where do the meetings/outings take place?

- Room 208 & PPS classroom (speakers)
- Virtual chat rooms
- VJA swimming pool/pond for casting
- Local lakes & rivers
- Bass Pro and Cabela's

Community Service Project – Lake Sedgewick

This project has gained major media attention! Kids learn how to develop and maintain our local natural resources. Building and placing fish cribs, electroshock surveys, fish stocking, and overall lake management...

How many fishing outings will there be?



Above: 2010 District 230 Tournament Series Champions.