



Hello Fellow Anglers, Volunteers and Boat Captains,

We are excited to be celebrating our 13th year as an organization here in Eastern Iowa! Our annual fishing event is scheduled for August 8th 2026 at Rock Creek Marina & Campground near Camanche, IA. There will be a fee for each participant this year of \$25.00 and \$20 for each additional attendant, staff or guest. This fee will go to our national organization that continues to support our chapter. *Volunteers*, donations are always accepted to allow us to continue to host a great event and make a difference to many each year.

We have printed 100 packets and will be accepting the 1st - 60 packets. All packets must be filled out completely and signed, otherwise they will be invalid. **Packet return and payment deadline is July 26th, 2024.** *Anglers*, you will receive confirmation if your packet was one of the 1st 60 received – if not, you will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if something were to change. All packets need to be returned via email or mailed to the address listed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jill Schmidt at 563-847-7202.

If you are an agency, we ask that you do not bring more than the accepted/confirmed number of confirmed anglers and please do not replace an angler with someone different due to liability reasons. If there is a change in a participant please contact me. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us. We truly do not want to be put in the position of turning an angler away; the past events have been amazing, successful and memorable, please help us with continuing this for future events. Also, please inform any staff that is attending that they are to stay with their residents to assist and remember this event is for the resident. We spend a lot of time making assignments for our volunteers and anglers – staff may not be able to go on a boat due to limited capacity. As you will see on the registration form, there is a \$20.00 fee for each staff member present.

Captains, once again we do **NOT** need a copy of your insurance, although the Conservation Officers will continue to do boat checks for the event (like previous years) and that may be on their list – but we do not need a copy. We are hoping to recruit 40 volunteered boat captains this year for the event; if you know of anyone that may be interested – please do not hesitate to give them our contact information. Please mark your calendars to attend the **mandatory captains** meeting on Tuesday, August 6th at 5 PM at Rock Creek Marina.

Volunteers with being able to grow, we need to grow our volunteers as well – we ask if you know of anyone that may be interested to please let us know or have them contact us for more information. We plan on seeing you early Saturday, August 8th at 7:30 AM for a **mandatory volunteers** meeting.

Once again this year we will be requiring all volunteers, anglers, attendants, staff or guests who plan on fishing during the event to **purchase a license prior to the day of the event**. Please see further information on the “what to bring” form.

Thank you all for your help and we are excited to see you August 8th, 2026. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions (563)349-8680 or eifhnb@gmail.com. Please email or mail completed forms to FHNB - Eastern Iowa Chapter, PO Box 442, DeWitt, IA 52742.

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