



News & Views

**West Chester Fish
Game & Wildlife
Association**

March 2023

2023 Trout & Bass Rodeos



This year, we are again scheduling three Youth Fishing Days for those 15 years of age and younger.

These are all open to the public and families are most welcome, so please let friends and neighbors know the dates for these events.

Meet at our nursery located

on the Paradise Farm Camp property:

**895 Ravine Road
Downingtown, PA 19335**

Visit our web page at www.wcfgwa.org OR visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wcfgwa/ for more information.

“Chip Gibson-Dave Dempsey” Trout Rodeo April 15th - Meet At Nursery at 8:00 am Open to all children ages 15 and under Fishing from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM Raffle Prizes Provided

“Dave Heller-Bruce Riddell” Trout Rodeo May 6th - Meet At Nursery at 8:00 am Open to all children ages 15 and under Fishing from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM Raffle Prizes Provided

“Art Colley” Bass Rodeo—Paradise Farm Pond June 10th - Meet At Nursery at 8:00 am Open to all children ages 15 and under Fishing from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM Raffle Prizes Provided Catch & Release Only, Barbless Hooks Required

Spring has sprung! Let's go fishing!



Events Calendar

March 25, 2023—Mentored Youth Trout Day

April 1, 2023—Statewide Opening Day of Trout Season

April 14, 2023—Trout stocking West Valley Creek

April 15, 2023—Chip Gibson-Dave Dempsey Trout Rodeo

May 5, 2023—Trout stocking West Valley Creek

May 6, 2023—Dave Heller-Bruce Riddell Trout Rodeo

May 20, 2023—National Safe Boating Week Begins

May 28, 2023—Fish for Free Day

June 10, 2023—Art Colley Bass Rodeo

June 22, 2023—Members Night on the Pond, 6:30 pm

July 4, 2023—Fish for Free Day



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Hunting License Division: 717-787-2084

SE Region Office: 610-926-3136, 610-926-3137

Report a Violation: Operation Game Thief: 1-888-PGC-8001

PA Fish & Boat Commission

Pollution Incident 1-855-FISH-KIL (1-855-347-4545)

Licensing – 877- 707-4085

Boat Registration/Titling – 866-262-8734, (866-BoatReg)

SE Region Office: 717- 626-0228

Turn In A Poacher Or Litterer**Call W.C.O. Bob Bonney
610-637-6398**

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Nursery Report – The Trout Are Looking Good!

On Oct 20, 2022, the WCFGWA nursery received 700 Brook Trout, measuring 6” to 7” long; 700 Brown Trout measuring 5” to 6” long; 700 Rainbow Trout measuring 6” to 7” Long; and 50 Goldens, measuring 6” to 7” long.

The fish are fed approximately 1000 lbs of food before they are stocked. The feeding team is made up of 13 different volunteers who feed the trout twice a day.

The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission inspected the trout for gill lice on Dec 28, 2022 and found no problems.

So far this winter things are going well. The mild temperatures have benefited the trout’s growth.

Thank you to our dedicated group of volunteers who came out to feed the trout. We couldn’t do it without you!

Next up is stocking West Valley Creek.

VALLEY FORGE TROUT UNLIMITED
43RD ANNUAL
TROUT SHOW
SAT. MARCH 25, 2023
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Presentation by:
RICK NYLES
on
MONTANA-IDAHO
"A ROUND ROBIN"

FISHERMAN DON'T MISS IT! IT'S LIVE

PLENTY OF RAFFLES!
MAIN RAFFLE, SPECIAL RAFFLE, BUCKET RAFFLES AND MORE - WITH LOTS OF PRIZES
Prizes to include Rods, Reels, Artwork, Fishing Gear and much more!

ALSO: ENVIRONMENTAL DISPLAYS, FLY FISHING SCHOOL SIGN UPS, FRESH AND SALT WATER FLIES FOR SALE AND MORE.
THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER WITH TROUT UNLIMITED AND PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING.

All Proceeds To Be Used For
Environmental Restoration and
Protection of Northern Chester
County Trout Streams

www.valleyforgetrout.org
see us on Facebook
Valley Forge Trout Unlimited

DONATION \$5.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE!

LIONVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
550 W. UWCHLAN AVE.
EXTON, PA 19341

FISH-FOR-FREE DAYS - 2023

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 (Independence Day)



Fish-for-Free Days allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on Pennsylvania waterways on the designated days with

NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED

(Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie permits are also NOT required).

All other fishing regulations still apply.

Fish-for-Free Days are great ways for families to “catch” the fun of fishing!

Additional information on fishing and regulations in Pennsylvania may be found at the PA Fish and Boat Commission website www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingRegulations/Pages/FishForFreeDay.aspx.

Information courtesy of the PA Fish and Boat Commission



Hunter-Trapper Education Course

A Hunter-Trapper Education Course will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023 at the East Bradford Township Building, 676 Copeland School Rd., West Chester, PA. The class begins promptly at 8 am.

All first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, must successfully complete hunter-trapper education training before they can buy a Pennsylvania hunting or trapping license.

The course is available to anyone 11 years and older. A training certificate recognized throughout North America is awarded when you pass a test at the end of the Pennsylvania Hunter-Trapper Education course. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. The training covers responsible hunting behavior, firearms basics and safety, basic shooting, wildlife conservation and management, outdoor safety and survival, hunting techniques, trapping and furtaking basics, and hunting safety.

(Information courtesy the PA Game Commission)



West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association

Membership Application

Date: _____

Full Name (Please Print Clearly) _____

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Address: _____

☐ Regular \$25.00

City, State, Zip: _____

☐ Family \$30.00

Telephone No.: _____

☐ Junior \$10.00

E-Mail Address: _____

☐ Life \$500.00

☐ Donation \$ _____

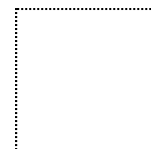
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Upcoming Events

Executive Committee

Meets the second Monday of each month at the East Bradford Township Building.

Please remember to send your email to: wcfgwa@gmail.com

March 25, 2023—
Mentored Youth Day
Statewide

April 1, 2023—
Statewide opening day
of trout season

April 15, 2023—
Chip Gibson-Dave
Dempsey Trout Rodeo

