

Fish Iowa! is an instructional module that can be used to teach beginners of all ages and abilities. It includes training for educators and youth leaders, resource materials, and free loan rods and reels at 100+ locations around Iowa.

20 YEARS OF LEADING KIDS OUTDOORS

Fish Iowa! has grown over the years – more options for educators, more community resources, and a lot more participants.

- **1990** *Fish Iowa!* unveiled, statewide trainings for 200+ educators & youth leaders; est. 27,000 participants
- **1993** 66,000 participants annually
- **1994** Ice Fishing Module introduced
- **1996** *Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs*® comes to Iowa
- **1998** 4-H *Fish Iowa!* partnership established
- **2001** Fly Fishing Module available
- **2006** *Fish Iowa! Games* sponsored with Iowa Sports Foundation; 27,000+ participants
- **2007** Mini grants to support local youth fishing clubs and programs
- **2007** Adopted national Angler's Legacy campaign to encourage fishing mentors
- **2009** Almost 3000 Educators trained; est. 188,000 participants annually

GET INVOLVED!

Educators and Youth Leaders

- Get trained in *Fish Iowa!* – put these great resources to work for you and offer fishing experiences through your local organization.
- Host a *Fish Iowa Games* casting competition.

Conservation and Civic Organizations

- Offer a family fishing event.
- Help with a local youth fishing outing (day care, youth groups, school groups).

Individuals

- Take a friend fishing.
- Volunteer to help with a local fishing event, clinic, or mentor a young angler in your area.

Aquatic Education Program Iowa DNR

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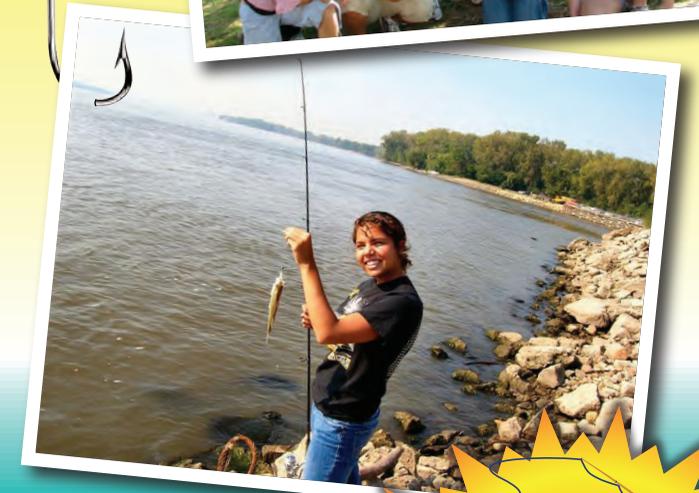
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*Little fish –
BIG memories!*

– Fish Iowa! clinic,
Quad Cities



*Anyone can fish, so you don't have
to worry about sitting on the bench
if you aren't the star athlete. Fish
don't see disabilities, they could
care less if you are in a wheelchair
or are able to run a marathon.*

– Fish Iowa! mentor serving persons with disabilities

*Fishing is an excuse to carry
childhood into old age. It can
be a life long passion.*

– Lifelong fishing enthusiast and Fish Iowa! trainer



*It's amazing how many
avenues an educator can take
with the Fish Iowa! program.*

– Physical education instructor, 13 years teaching
Fish Iowa!

