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Visit Conservation Village at DuQuoin State Fair - Aug. 28- Sept. 6

Fishing Programs, Outdoor Recreation Information Featured at Fair

DUQUOIN, IL – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) invites visitors to the DuQuoin State Fair to stop by the Conservation Village area at the fair for activities and information about outdoor recreation and natural resources protection in Illinois.

The Conservation Village area on the DuQuoin fairgrounds is open from noon until 7 p.m. each day of the DuQuoin State Fair, August 28- September 6.

“Conservation Village is a great place for youth, families, and outdoor recreation enthusiasts of all ages to stop by and sample outdoor opportunities in Illinois while visiting the DuQuoin fair,” said IDNR Director Marc Miller. “We have a wealth of great outdoors programs and sites in southern Illinois, and Conservation Village provides a chance to encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy the natural wonders of our state.”

Information tents at Conservation Village are located in the center of the DuQuoin fairgrounds on Expo Drive just south of the Expo Hall. Conservation Village features information and displays on outdoor recreation opportunities and IDNR programs. Natural resources professionals will be on hand throughout the fair to talk about fishing and hunting, state parks, restoration ecology, mines and minerals, and other programs.

Visitors to Conservation Village can also talk with IDNR Conservation Police officers about the regulations and laws governing fishing, hunting, and boating in Illinois.

Also featured is the beautiful woodwork of “Come See What We Saw” Bear Tracks Chainsaw Carving by Mike and Wendy Rhodes.

Fishing programs will be conducted at the lake on the DuQuoin fairgrounds located between RV World and the Expo Building.

The IDNR Urban Fishing Program will on hand each weekday of the fair from 4 - 7 p.m. and on the weekends and Labor Day from noon - 7 p.m. Adults and youngsters can practice their casting techniques and view fish displays.

The IDNR will also host fishing clinics for area school groups at the DuQuoin State Fair on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2 and 3, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Each clinic will last approximately one-half hour.