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Registration open for Eagle Creek Park Foundation's free Kids Fishing Derby

INDIANAPOLIS — The Eagle Creek Park Foundation is hosting its 16th annual Kids Fishing Derby from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3 at Eagle Creek Park's Lily Lake, which is located south of the 71st street gate between 65th and 62nd street on the East side of the park. To register today, visit www.eaglecreekpark.org and sign up!

The free family-friendly event is geared toward children ages 4-14, and takes place in conjunction with one of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources designated free fishing days. This opportunity allows Indiana residents to fish without a license or trout/salmon stamp in public waters.

"With all the activities the park has to offer, it's another great way to get our youth active in the great outdoors!" said Alex Upchurch, Eagle Creek Park Foundation president. "We often see many first-time fishermen, and they get so excited when they catch their very first fish –typically a bluegill, crappie, bass or catfish!"

All participants receive a goody bag, cookout lunch and live bait, can enter-to-win door prizes and enjoy the outdoors one of the 10 largest city parks in the nation.

Participants are asked to bring their own fishing equipment, although a limited amount of fishing poles will be available if children cannot supply their own. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Volunteers will be available to help bait and hook, and demonstrate casting techniques.

Pre-registration is required by June 1 at 5 p.m., and space is limited. The \$5 daily gate admission fee is waived for pre-registered participants. Registration forms are available online at EagleCreekPark.org, or at the Eagle Creek Park Foundation office, 7840 W. 56th St. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The event will take place rain or shine, but in the event of severe weather, it will be moved to Sunday, June 4.

For more information, call 317.327.7116, or email ecpf@eaglecreekpark.org.

The Eagle Creek Park Foundation was formed in 1978 to promote, preserve, protect and enhance Eagle Creek Park, an island of nature surrounded by an urban landscape. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit made up of volunteers who help support the future of the park. The Foundation relies on membership and donations to fund park improvements, trail restoration projects and environmental education programs within the park. For more information, log on EagleCreekPark.org, or call 317.327.7116.

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