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Big Fish Challenge Kayak Fishing Tournament Coming To Wetumpka

WETUMPKA, ALABAMA – On June 20th, the Elmore County Economic Development Authority, City of Wetumpka, Wetumpka Area Chamber of Commerce, and Main Street Wetumpka will host the River Region Kayak Anglers Big Fish Challenge on the Coosa River. The entry fee is \$20 and is open to anyone wishing to participate. For a list of rules and regulations please visit the River Region Kayak Anglers Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/849269708575165> or call (501) 414-2498. Registration will be June 19th at the City of Wetumpka Administrative Building (408 S Main Street, Wetumpka, AL) at 6:00 p.m. followed by a captain's meeting at 7:00 p.m. All entry fees will be paid to the top 3 anglers.

In addition to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize money; there will be a \$500 big fish prize, \$100 tagged fish reward, and \$100 best photo contest.. The first 50 anglers to register will receive a t-shirt and a "Hawg Trough" measuring board.

Put-in sites will include Gold Star Park, Coosa River Adventures, Coosa Outdoor Center, Corn Creek, and Jordan Dam. Tournament starts at "first safe light" and concludes at 3:00 pm. The public is invited to attend "weigh-in" and door prize drawings at Gold Star Park Wetumpka, Alabama.

Anglers wishing to rent kayaks may contact Coosa River Adventures (334) 514-0279 or Coosa Outdoor Center (334) 201-5510.

Mayor Jerry Willis from Wetumpka says, "I'm excited that Wetumpka is participating in this event and that these anglers can experience our great river and experience the awesome fishing in Wetumpka. Many thanks to Coosa River Adventures and The Coosa Outdoor Center for their partnership. I wish all of these anglers a safe and productive tournament and I look forward to seeing you in Wetumpka on your next trip."

"ECEDA is honored to partner with RRKA and their efforts to promote our area's natural resources," Elmore County Economic Development Authority Executive Director Cary Cox said. "Unparalleled kayaking and tremendous fishing combine to make this the premier kayak fishery in the State of Alabama and remember that one cast will bring home \$500 for the biggest fish."

Lynn Weldon, Economic Development Director for the City of Wetumpka says, "We are excited that these visitors will experience the beauty and majesty of the Coosa River and historic Wetumpka. Our revitalized downtown welcomes you. If you haven't visited in a while; you will be surprised."

The River Region Kayak Anglers was formed to encourage local kayak anglers from central Alabama and surrounding areas to meet up for get togethers, trade days, and tournaments.

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Attached are photos.

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