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## **Kids' Fishing Tournament Scheduled June 5 at Coletto Creek**

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**Goliad County** – To celebrate National Fishing Week, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department are sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Coletto Creek "Kids Fishing Tournament" on Saturday June 5 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will be held at the GBRA Coletto Creek Park between Goliad and Victoria off US Highway 59 and is open to all children between the ages of 2 and 16. Registration is \$1.00 per participant and forms are available at the Coletto Creek Park office, by calling 361/575-6366, or on the Park's website at [www.colettocreekpark.com](http://www.colettocreekpark.com).

GBRA chief ranger Wilfred Korth said approximately 200 children took part in last year's event. "In addition to the fun of just being outdoors and enjoying the fishing experience, we will also award prizes for the heaviest stringer in each of 4 age groups, and the overall largest and smallest fish caught during the tournament," said Korth.

"Our event is directed toward young people and adults alike," said Korth. "We want to help them discover the joys of fishing and develop an appreciation for natural resource stewardship including the wildlife that live in and around lakes, rivers and oceans."

This tournament is one of more than 2,500 events that will attract over a half-million participants during "National Fishing Week" from June 5-13, 1999. This year's theme is "Everyone Can Play," and the Honorary Chairman for National Fishing Week is Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz basketball team.

National Fishing Week is a program administered by the American Sport Fishing Association and funded in part through grants from the Sport Fish Restoration Program and federal land management agencies. More information on the national celebration can be found on the internet at [www.gofishing.org](http://www.gofishing.org).

As part of National Fishing Week, 46 states have also adopted Free Fishing Days, when license requirements are waived to encourage fishing participation. Texas will offer a free fishing day on June 5, 1999. For more information, contact your local TPWD Game Warden.