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GBRA Lake Wood Recreation Area Hosts KIDFISH Event on September 25

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SEGUIN – The KIDFISH Foundation will stock 500 pounds of channel catfish in the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Lake Wood Recreation Area for area children to catch on Saturday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Lake Wood is located near Gonzales, off US Highway 90A at the end of FM 2091 South.

The event is free, no parking fees will be charged to participants and no pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available at local schools, the Lake Wood Recreation Area and on the day of the KIDFISH event. Bait, tackle and loaner rods will be provided to children who do not have their own equipment.

Local sponsors helping to bring KIDFISH to the Gonzales community are GBRA and the Guadalupe-Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC). Free boat rides, hot dogs, and prizes will be provided by Skeeter Boat factory representatives, Phil Schmidt of Performance Prop Sales in Victoria, and Ronnie Logan from Anchor Marine in San Antonio. The public is invited to take free demo rides on the new Skeeter bay and bass boats, while Schwans Foods will be providing free desserts for the participants. Additional sponsors are American Rodsmiths, Tropical Sno, Joe Solansky, and Gonzales Young Farmers.

KIDFISH is a non-profit outreach program designed to give children age 16 and under the chance to experience the sport of fishing and the outdoors. Participants are encouraged to collect sponsorships from friends, relatives and neighbors to win a variety of prizes. A minimum of \$10 will allow participants to receive awards such as t-shirts, hats, trophies and medals. It is not necessary to bring a donation to participate. Donations go toward expanding the KIDFISH Program. All children will receive a goody bag, KIDFISH ribbon and a diploma. The longest fish winners and first and second place winners in each group will receive a large trophy.

Participants in this event can qualify for the 2004 KIDFISH Classic. Qualifiers for the classic will be the top fundraisers over \$50, the children catching the longest fish in their age group, and any child fundraising \$100 or more. The Classic will feature unforgettable fishing for trophy catfish up to 30 pounds. First prize will be a \$1,000 savings bond for the child and \$1,000 cash for the child's school.

For registration information or to volunteer at the event, contact KIDFISH toll-free at 877-733-5646, contact the GBRA Lake Wood Recreation Area at 830-672-2779 or click on the Lake Wood map link at www.gbra.org.