

# "Let's Go Fishing"



Original artwork by local artist Christine Eddy

## **Introduction & Dedication:**

Did you know that Sport Fishing is one of the best and most enjoyable family leisure activities in the United States? You can be in the participation level almost your entire life if you choose to.

Also there sure is something magical about catching your very first fish with some of your family members cheering you on. Once you catch a few more fish, especially if it's a bigger one, you might end up being hooked on fishing for life. Those earliest trips really help build positive memories that last forever and your father, grandfather, uncle or whoever introduced you to fishing, instantly becomes your hero and mentor for life. Over the past 40 years or so many children who would love to learn how to fish had no one in their family that had any knowledge of fishing so other mentors started to volunteer passing on both their knowledge and passion about fishing to those children eager to give fishing a try.

Back in the early 1980s one of the most positive people in the Mohawk Valley had a vision about getting young children out on the water learning how to fish safely and ethically. Dr. John F. Millett was that man with that vision, and he was going to make his dream come true quickly. For Dr. John volunteering his time, enthusiasm, and knowledge helping the youth in our area was nothing new as he was a member of the Board of Directors of Utica College of Syracuse University, started up scholarships for the Utica College Students, plus he was an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Utica and he had great respect for everyone. Back in July 1984 he founded the Kiwanis Club of Utica "Take a Kid Fishing Day." This special event was held at Graffenburg Reservoir at the old YMCA Camp. John recruited a number of volunteer anglers plus he had loaner fishing rods and reels for the children to use as well as plenty of worms for bait. The Kiwanis Club also cooked up hot dogs and provided sodas for all the young anglers. There were about 140 young anglers that year, 50 of which were bused in from Utica Cosmopolitan Center, and they caught and released about 500 fish. It was a great success with 10 prize winners over the four-hour event. Dr. John continued to chair "Take a Kid Fishing Day" every year, exactly one week after the Boilermaker, until July 1996. In the following years other local organizations and Fish & Game Clubs

followed Dr. John's lead and numerous other local Youth Fishing Derbies sprang up in both Oneida & Herkimer Counties as lots of children and families were introduced to the fishing. They were all successful.

In early May 1999, while in Europe with his wife Marge, Dr. Millett lost his life due to a heart attack. This was a major loss for the Mohawk Valley. During his short 70 years, Dr. John made a huge, positive difference in so many people's lives; especially our local youth. The following year, and every year until 2020, a group of volunteers called the Central New York Youth Fishing Educators, along with the Sitrin Health Center, teamed up to keep Doc Millett's vision alive by teaching children and their families how to fish safely and ethically by holding an Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Camp Sitrin located on Graffenburg Reservoir. The event is held just like Dr. John F. Millett always ran "Take a Kid Fishing Day," using the same timing of date and length, as well as the number of winners and excellent supervision.

Everything that the volunteers who make up the Central New York Youth Fishing Educators do, including this educational fishing tips booklet, is dedicated to the Memory of Dr. John F. Millet, the founder of The Utica Kiwanis "Take a Kid Fishing Day" from July 1984- July 1996.

Also this booklet, "Let's Go Fishing," is our safe way to continue to reach out and help introduce our local children and their families who are interested in trying fishing in 2021 to do so safely and ethically. We take the COVID-19 Pandemic very seriously as one of our longtime volunteer members and good friend, Nick Galotti, lost his life due to COVID-19 in February 2021. So we are playing it very safe and not holding an in-person, hands-on Youth Fishing Derby for the second straight year because most young children have not received their vaccination shots yet.

In 2020, Mrs. Marge Millett, wife of Dr. John Millett and our organization's #1 cheerleader & supporter, also passed away, so our educational fishing tips booklet is also being dedicated to her memory, as well as Nick Galotti's memory too.



**Dr. John and Mrs. Marge Millett**

We are hoping it will be safe enough by July of 2022 to once again hold our in-person, hands-on CNY Youth Fishing Derby at Camp Sitrin.

In addition, the CNY Youth Fishing Educators also sponsor a Youth Casting Contest every year (except these past two, due to the pandemic) at the Big East Outdoor Show, which is held at Turning Stone Casino's event center in March. We are hoping this show will also be able to resume in 2022.

Please study and enjoy reading "Let's Go Fishing" as it should help you get started the right way in the great leisure activity of Sport Fishing.



### **Tips:**

*#1. Talk it up! So who wants to try going fishing? A real good question for everyone who wants to give fishing a try. Also there are different roles for everyone involved. Ask questions. Are you the person with some degree of knowledge of angling? If you are, you are in the teacher role. Also things start at home way before you reach the location you plan on fishing.*

*#2. Do you know how to do the basic skills needed to try fishing? How do you use a fishing rod & reel to cast out your line? You need to learn how to cast with a practice plug with no hooks attached and practice, practice, practice until you know how to cast to a target area that does not need to be far away. Starting out learning to use a push button Spin-Cast Reel & Rod is the best way to start in your back yard practice casting. Once you master some degree of casting skill it's time to try casting on the shore where you plan to try fishing.*

*#3. Do you know how to tie a good fishing knot? The one simple knot you need to learn how to tie correctly is the improved Clinch Knot. Again it will take practice, practice, practice, but you should be able to learn how to tie this simple but very good knot. You can learn this knot at your desk or kitchen table. Start out using about 6 lb. or 8 lb. test clear monofilament line.*

*#4. During the pandemic, always social distance about at least 6 feet away from the nearest angler or bystander for safety reasons. Yes, safety because you really don't want to hook anyone when you're casting, especially in the eye or face. Today's hooks are very sharp and have barbs which you can bend down with a small pliers. Also it's all about consistency if you're going to safely cast every cast. Wearing either safety glasses or Polaroid sunglasses really helps increase safety levels too, a great low-cost investment for everyone trying to learn how to fish.*

*#5. Strike indicators - Small bobbers. They work and are easy to attach to your fishing line. After you cast out your bait, they will keep it up off the bottom, floating along, covering new water. When your bobber starts to rock up and down, or goes under water completely, that is when you should set the hook with your wrist - a quick snap - but not a power set or snap. Once again practice, practice, practice, and you will start hooking a few fish in the mouth or jaw after you set the hook.*

*#6. Bait is the way to start out fishing. While live, healthy worms are the best bait, you can also use rubber imitation ones, to learn how to use and gain confidence in catching fish. Also if you take the young anglers out in your back yard after it rains with a flashlight they will see the worms (night crawlers). They can learn how to pinch them gently before the light spooks them and how to pull them smoothly out of the ground without breaking them. This is a really fun activity but make sure you, as a parent, go out there to supervise your young child while learning how to pick night crawlers so they are safe. You can also try digging a few worms in your garden during the spring during daylight hours. Those smaller worms are referred to as "dug worms" or "garden worms" and they are prime bait for catching Stream Trout & Panfish. After you capture a few worms for bait keep them in a cool location such as in your basement*

*or cellar as they do not do well in warmer environments. Kids also enjoy digging up a few of their own garden worms for bait.*

*#7. Take a short trip to your local Bait & Tackle Shop so the young anglers can see different types of fishing tackle, rods & reels, tackle boxes, and live bait such as worms, minnows, crawfish, or crabs swimming around in the tanks. The young anglers love looking everything over and you can also help them pick out a nice beginners fishing rod & reel that is smaller and easy to learn how to use. Picking out a few of their own fishing lures they think will catch fish is a big deal to young anglers as they start their own tackle collection. Also help them out picking lure that will actually work on your local bodies of water.*

*#8. Take your young anglers to Bass Pro Shops at Riverside Center in Utica to the back of the store so they can watch the different fish species swimming around their huge aquarium. Also point out what species the fish are if you know what they are.*

*#9. Another great close-by educational field trip is a trip out to the Rome Fish Hatchery just outside of Rome. Walk around and let the kids watch the different species of trout swimming around & feeding in the tanks. Also stop by the small round pool which contains those big bred trout; they are impressive looking. There is a coin machine which lets out some fish food when you put in a quarter. Toss the fish food into the water and those big trout will quickly start feeding and the young anglers will really enjoy watching this. As you exit the Fish Hatchery on the other side of the road there is a disabled fishing deck for the young angler to check out. You can explain to them that people with disabilities can use this deck to safely fish and this a very therapeutic leisure activity for them and how just about everyone can participate in sport fishing at a level that fits their abilities. Also while you're at the fish hatchery they have a visitor*

*area where the young angler can pick out a few free educational fish booklets with nice pictures of fish and information about them and what types of water where they can be found.*

*#10. The adults and any angler ages 16 - 69 needs to purchase their N.Y. State Fishing License annually to participate in fishing legally. They only cost \$25 per year. While you are purchasing your fishing license pick up an extra Fishing Regulations Guide so the young anglers can look it over learning from both the different fish species pictures and reading about the Fishing Regulations. If your young anglers can't read too well read them key areas of the regulation guide about the fish species you want to teach them how to try catching.*

*#11. Now if the children catch a few fish take a picture of them with their proud catch and if it is not hooked too bad introduce them to catch & release fishing especially when they are just learning to fish. Remember any fish they catch is a big fish to them and also a confidence builder too. Now if you plan on bringing one or two fish home eat, clean up then cook up the fish you brought home and let them try some without any bones. You will be teaching them about selective harvest and how if fish are brought home they are cleaned up and not wasted or tossed away. Also the really big ones can be brought to a taxidermist to be mounted sometimes but it is an expensive process too.*

*#12. When your young anglers are ready to try going fishing pick a nice warm weather day and you should keep your trip on the shorter side especially if the fish are not cooperating, which happens often. Bring along a few tasty snacks and something cold to drink such as water or juice as they need to stay hydrated. Also bring along some sunblock and make sure they learn how and why to apply it. Everyone should be wearing their own fishing cap too.*

*#13. Always stay safety focused when you bring the children fishing, Pick locations from shore were it's not too deep of water or with strong currents close to the shore, just in case they happen to fall in the water. Life vests are easy to put on and wear if they do not know how to swim. Also, parents, make sure you are providing great supervision 100% of the time on every fishing trip with your young anglers.*

*#14. Stay enthusiastic and point out all the birds, ducks, dragonflies, frogs, flowers, lily pads, deer, etc., that you will be observing while you're out on your fishing trips. There will be lots of teachable moments on every fishing trip but it's up to the adults to point them out when they happen. Remember almost everything can be a positive fun experience if you stay upbeat.*

*#15. On the way home make sure you save a little time to stop for a small ice cream cone or maybe a hot dog & a small milk shake. This is a great fun way to finish up your fishing trip even when the fish were not very cooperative.*

*#16. When you arrive back home there should be a number of positive, fun stories to share with family members who did not go on your fishing trip. The children can share them with their friends, too. Also teach your young anglers to tell the truth especially about the fish they were able to catch or not catch today.*

*#17. The next day or two start talking about the next fishing trip your young anglers want to go on and talk it up as you plan your next trip together. You want to build on the positive experiences from previous trips and look forward to your next one. In between trips the young anglers can continue to practice their casting skills and knot tying*

*skills at home as practice always helps you improve your skill levels in your abilities.*

*#18. If you go fishing you are an “angler,” which covers all genders. Learning the importance of following how to always respect nature and the environment including respecting all the fish you’re hoping to catch and the property owner of the body of water you are fishing on from shore or if you’re in a boat. One key area is to never litter when you’re fishing. If you brought it with, you take it home with you, especially fishing line that ends up in a tangle and you have to cut it off and start over. That tangled line can quickly become deadly to any bird or animal that might get tangled upon it. Remember none of them have a small scissors to cut that tangled fishing line to free themselves. Also it takes a very long time for the tangled line to break down in nature. Anglers also must always follow the rules & regulations that are in the NYS - DEC Fishing Regulations Booklet 100% of the time as there is a good reason for every one of them. The goal is for everyone who goes fishing should be an “ethical angler” consistently. Parents really need to install this with their children who are learning how to fish and they should always model being an “ethical angler” 100%. Remember your children will follow your lead so be a good role model while fishing.*

*#19. Once it becomes safe enough for NYS-DEC to resume their Free Fishing Clinics again (probably in 2022) bring your young anglers because they are very educational and fun. Usually they have a special Fish stocking for these short Special Events so the new anglers have a good chance of catching a couple of fish. Also they always have fishing equipment they can use if needed and free fishing bait and adult volunteer angler to help the children learn how to fish, (hurdle help). Also there are usually at least one NYS - DEC Environmental Conservation Officer on location plus a Fisheries Personal present. This is a great time meet them and learn they*

*really care about our Fisheries, waters, and the anglers who enjoy fishing.*

*Also a number of local Youth Fishing Derbies should return in 2022 that are sponsored by our local Fish & Game Clubs. These are great free special events to introduce children to fishing so you really want to bring your young anglers.*

*# 20. Hopefully in 2022 it will be safe enough so NYS-DEC Fisheries will be able to once again use volunteers helping to stock trout into our local streams. If that happens try to bring your children along at least once so they can watch, learn, and help stock a few fish with you. This is one the best teachable and enjoyable events a young ethical angler can experience during their angling development.*

*#21. The development of an “ethical angler” is a long series of steps which can lead to a positive life-long leisure activity. Parents the key is to not skip any of the fun steps on the journey. Early on hurdle help is needed when the young anglers are just being introduced to fishing. If someone is going to stick with fishing or any leisure activity they will have to catch a few fish on their own. Also remember masterly skills in at least one area of life really is a big deal to young people as it builds self-confidence. Yeah, everyone needs to be good at something and that can be fishing for some children into adulthood. Using live bait such as either garden worms or night crawlers is a good starting point. Also catching a few Panfish, Stocked Trout, or even minnows builds confidence. As a young angler continues to get more interested in fishing catching a few fish on artificial lures is a good stepping stone as they learn how to impart action into the retrieve of the lures they are using. Once they start catching a few using lures their confidence in fishing continues to grow and they will have their own favorite lures, lure colors, and presentations. At this point they are also gaining interest into trying to catch some larger gamefish too. For some of them they*

*might really want to learn how to get into Fly Fishing which includes learning how to cast a Fly Rod with next to no weight plus learning about hatches, and when & where to go Fly Fishing. This can be very challenging, but if they are ready for these steps and have a good teacher the time is right for them to give it a serious try. The same goes with using lures as it's time to learn how to use an open face Spinning Reel & Rod (with a bail that picks up the one when engage reel with the reel handle).*

*Both learning how to cast a Spinning Rod & Reel or a Fly Rod & Reel starts out with lots of practice casting in your back yard before trying this on the water fishing. Practice, practice, practice, then practice even more and the young angler will become a skilled caster.*

*# 22. As a young angler continues to become more involved in fishing they might want to try fishing in a boat. If the parent owns a boat that will work or maybe one of their fishing buddies owns a boat, which will also work. Remember to always focus on safety while fishing and fishing from a boat has to be treated as a safe environment consistently. Parents need to teach this and be a positive role model when fishing in a boat consistently. Wearing a Life Vest is very important for the young anglers especially if they do not know how to swim. If the child is wearing their life vest make sure you wear yours too.*

*# 23. Parents, please do not skip any steps in the development process of your young "ethical angler?" If one of your child's first trips learning how to fish includes taking them in the boat targeting big fish trolling and you hook a fish, then hand the rod over to the young angler once the fish is almost totally exhausted, what are they really learning? Yeah, they landed a big fish, but they had very little to do with the total process. For them it was way too easy and not challenging. Going out fishing in the boat for larger fish should be a later stepping stone for the young angler when they can be involved*

*in the total process. Skipping stepping stones too early may lead to a child losing total interest in fishing quickly.*

*# 24. A cell phone is a very good thing for young "ethical anglers" once they have been into fishing a while and are a little older. While they can take pictures of the fish they might catch, if there is any type of emergency, they might experience on their fishing trip they can quickly call for help. Also at this stage it's a good idea for young anglers with experience go fishing with at least one or more of their good friends as there is better safety in numbers.*

*Also having a small first aid kit with you anytime you go fishing is a really good idea just in case it is needed.*

*# 25. Fishing books and magazines can be very helpful for children getting into fishing. They can learn a lot from the positive pictures and artwork they contain plus they can increase their reading skills too. If you're reading about something that you're really interested in you are more apt to continuing reading. Fishing books & magazines are a whole lot more fun reading than homework assignments! Also picture of those big fish get their young imaginations working overtime as they dream about catching a big fish sometime in the near future. Positive reinforcement plus!*

*# 26. One of the very best times for a family leisure outing is on Sundays after attending an early Mass. If the weather conditions are decent, pack a small picnic lunch and then go fishing for a few hours (2-4 hours) then make sure you stop on the way back home for a small, tasty ice cream cone to top off a wonderful day with your family. I have had some of my best catches over the years after attending an earlier Sunday Mass plus a lot of good family memories too. Try it and you will enjoy it.*

# 27. Tap into these NYS-DEC links as they will provide a wealth of usable knowledge for all ethical anglers regardless of your age, gender, or levels of experience or expertise in fishing. There will be lots of good clear pictures of different fish species to view so you can learn how to identify them plus learn about what types of water you will find them in, etc. Also they have pictures of how to tie good knots to use when your fishing then they can “practice, practice, practice” tying a couple different knots. The children will really enjoy checking out those educational links. Some are listed here:

**Beginners Guide to Freshwater Fishing -**  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/98506.html>

**Fishing Basics-** <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/50859.html>

**Spring 2021 trout stocking list Oneida County streams-**  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/23303.html>

**Spring 2021 trout stocking list Herkimer County streams-**  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/23318.html>

**New York State Trout Stream Management Plan-**  
[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish\\_marine\\_pdf/troutstreammp.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/troutstreammp.pdf)

**NYS Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide (April 1, 2021)**  
[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish\\_marine\\_pdf/fishguide.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishguide.pdf)

**NYS Fish Hatcheries-** <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7742.html>

**Here is a list of the accessible fishing locations for Herkimer and Oneida counties listed by county.**

**Herkimer**

**Herkimer County STP – NYSDEC & STP cooperative site; accessible fishing deck**

**Nicks Lake Campground – NYSDEC; accessible picnic area, shoreline observation/fishing deck, rest rooms, shower house, and two accessible campsites.**

**Frankfort Harbor Marina & Park – Village of Frankfort; accessible fishing pier**

**Ilion Marina & RV Park – Village of Ilion; accessible fishing pier**

**Oneida**

**Mohawk River @ Rome Hatchery FAS – NYSDEC; accessible fishing deck**

**Muck Road FAS – cooperative site between NYS Canals, City of Rome, & NYSDEC; accessible fishing deck**

**Chittning Pond FAS – NYSDEC; currently in the process of replacing the accessible fishing deck this year**

**Oriskany Falls (Hinman Memorial Fishing Access Site) – municipal site; accessible fishing deck**

**Bellamy Harbor Park – NYS Canals (in the City of Rome); potentially accessible fishing from bulkhead/pier, check with NYS Canals**

**Washington Mills Athletic Park – municipal site; accessible fishing deck on Sauquoit Creek off Oneida St. in Washington Mills**

**Pietryka Park – municipal site; accessible fishing deck on Sauquoit Creek off Henderson St. in NY Mills**

**West Branch Fish Creek – municipal site; shore fishing in the Village of Camden, one block west of NYS Rte. 13 on NYS Rte.**

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**For more information regarding accessible recreation destinations you can visit the following web-pages:**

**Access for Anglers with Disabilities in North Central NY –**  
**<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/75696.html>**

**Statewide Fishing Access for Anglers with Disabilities –**  
**<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/31539.html>**

**Accessible Recreation Destinations –**  
**<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/34038.html>**

*# 28. Local bodies of water you can bring your children safely fishing include:*

*a. Oneida Lake - new NYS - DEC Cleveland Fishing Access Pier set up for anglers with Disabilities, Chapman Park Fishing Access Pier also set up for anglers with Disabilities, Sylvan Beach Pier, plus other locations to try fishing from shore (fishing is usually better at all these locations in the spring & in fall).*

*b. Local Farm Ponds - Some of them provide good fishing opportunities but first make sure you ask the property owner for permission. Tip: let them know you will be releasing all the fish you catch plus tell them how much you appreciate them granting you permission to fish their pond.*

*c. Local Trout Streams that are stocked with fish every year & try the ones close to your home first: Sauquoit Creek, Oriskany Creek, Nine Mile Creek, Mohawk River (above Rome for Trout), West Canada Creek, Cincinnati Creek, Sacandaga Lake, Big Creek, Black Creek, & Black River. Also Hinckley Reservoir from shore in the spring, Lake Delta from shore in spring - fall, & Kayuta Lake from shore in spring - early fall, Chittning Pond, Lake Moraine, Leland Pond, from shore - spring - early fall which have good populations of warm water species such as Panfish & Smallmouth & Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel too. There are other locations to try fishing locally. Make sure water levels are not too high. Let the water level recede to normal-to-lower levels. It is a lot safer, and you will have better luck.*

*#29. If the young anglers happen to hook into and catch some of the toothy critters such as Chain Pickerel, Northern Pike, Walleye, or Tiger Muskie, the parents absolutely need to take care of removing the hook using a pliers so no one gets cut by the very sharp teeth all of those species have. Also when a fish swallows the hook and it's not bleeding handle the fish carefully and use a nail clipper to cut the line. A number of those fish will make it but please do not pretend to be Dr. Kildare doing oral surgery with your pliers with a fish that is deeply hooked because none of those fish will make it. Remember you can keep a few fish but make sure you clean up your catch and have a small fish fry after you get home. There are a lot of teachable moments to tap into in this paragraph to teach your young ethical anglers.*

*# 30. So you provide your children with a few positive opportunities to try sport fishing on our local waters; that is fantastic; and some of them will want to continue to go fishing in the future and learn more ways to improve their skill levels and knowledge base in fishing. Also remember not every child is going to enjoy fishing and that is fine, too. Everyone will, in time, discover their own favorite leisure*

*activities that they enjoy and are good at. Make sure not to force fishing on your child just because you love to go fishing because if they do not enjoy fishing they will not want to participate. Please respect their choice not to go fishing. If they change their minds about fishing in the future and want to give it another try they will let you know about it.*

*# 31. Purchase a smaller hoop size fishing net and even one a little larger with a little longer handle. Always bring one of your fishing nets with you fishing 100% of the time plus learn how to use it correctly. Having your net with you and ready to use can be the difference in successfully landing bigger fish. You need to think proactive so you're ready for "Big One". When you hook a stronger fish your drag on your fishing reel shouldn't be too tight and, if set right, a fish will be able to pull the line off your reel smoothly. Also you want your rod tip point high so the rod is loaded up that will help you play and tire out your bigger fish but, make sure you are not horsing your strong fish in quickly. Take some time to play it, try to stay calm, and when the fish tires and is ready with your wrist on your rod lift the fishes head up then lead it into your net with a smooth motion and then lift your net to the shore or into your boat. Once again practice makes perfect and you can also practice netting a fish in your backyard. Parents should role model proper netting and in time let your young ethical angler try netting one of your fish then a few of their own fish. This really is a very important skill for both the parent and young angler to master.*



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On behalf of the Central New York Youth Fishing Educators, I hope our educational fishing tips booklet, "Let's Go Fishing" has been helpful to all the children and their parents who are trying to get into fishing safely & ethically during the summer & fall of 2021. Please do not take young anglers out ice fishing until they become a little older as it's very cold and can be very dangerous if you are not an experienced ice angler. Please play it safe here.

We hope to see lots of you young anglers & parents back in July of 2022 at Camp Sitrin in person at our Annual CNY Youth Fishing Derby as by then we hope the COVID-19 Pandemic will be under control and younger children will be allowed to receive their vaccination shots. Keep thinking positive and keep on fishing with your whole Family in 2021 into 2022.

Sincerely, Bill Augar Girvan, Founder & Leader - CNY Youth Fishing Educators, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist



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Bill Girvan, Doc Millett, and a lucky prize-winning youth

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