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**Get “Hooked on Fishing” this weekend Oakhurst Forest Preserve**

GENEVA, IL — Families are invited to the Oakhurst Forest Preserve this Saturday, June 11 to take part in the free “Hooked on Fishing” event.

From 9 a.m. - noon, volunteers will help teach kids and parents about the sport of fishing and the underwater ecosystem in this hands-on, family friendly event at Lake Patterson. The District will have equipment available to loan out for those that do not have their own gear.

“The program is set up as a kind of gateway for families to start fishing together.” said Forest Preserve District Volunteer Coordinator Robb Cleave, “It provides access to equipment and locations they wouldn’t usually have, and lets them see what a great bonding activity fishing can be.”

No advance registration is required. The event is open to children ages 5 - 16, accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Lake Patterson is located within Oakhurst Forest Preserve at 1680 Fifth Ave., Aurora.

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