

Dear Prospective Sponsors:

We've turned the page into a new year and once again it's time to start talking about our annual **Trout Contest for Kids** for 2025! This year's contest is planned for Saturday April 5th from 8 AM to 1:30 PM and as always, it is offered <u>FREE</u> of charge to all children ages 15 and under. The competition will be exciting, as we award a spectacular Grand Prize to the overall champion, while individual winners in each of four different age categories will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Each and every contestant will go home a winner, regardless of their results for the day, as <u>ALL</u> participants receive at least a "goody bag" prize that contains about \$40 worth of goods and gear! Last year, we distributed well over **300** prizes overall!!!

For those new to our tradition, we collaborate with the Musky Trout Hatchery in Asbury NJ to facilitate the stocking of over 600 trout – *including some true trophies exceeding 10 pounds* – into the waters of Spring Lake. This effort ensures that our young contestants have a solid population of formidable "opponents" awaiting them for the contest. On the day of the event, we set up tents on the north side of the lake to serve as our "headquarters", where SRSA club members are available to answer questions, provide fishing guidance and instruction, and supply bait and tackle to all that may need it. We are very excited to continue to offer the "Kids Only Fishing Zone" on the eastern half of the lake, a feature that has earned high praise from participants and supporters alike. But wait, there's more! Thanks to generous donations by our sponsors, we are able to feed our guests throughout the day, offering <u>free</u> beverages and snacks like hot chocolate, donuts, bagels, hot dogs, chips, juice, ice cream and soda.

We sincerely hope you will support our event, as we share our favorite recreational activity with the youth in our community. We would be delighted to include your contribution on our "Wall of Thanks" exhibit, where we gratefully display our sponsors on the day of the tournament. Like most things nowadays, the contest faces escalating expenses, but with the help of the Town of Spring Lake, the NJ Division of Fish and Game, and <u>contributors like you</u>, we will forge ahead and expect to host another fabulous event! Checks can be made payable to "SRSA Children's Trout Tournament" and mailed to the address on this letterhead, and we are always happy to entertain donations in other forms.

Need the latest information? Want to reach out to us? On Facebook, you can find us at **SRSA Kids Trout Contest**, or visit our website at **www.SharkRiverSurfAnglers.com**. Questions can be emailed to **SharkRiverSurfAnglers@gmail.com**. Better yet, join us at the lake at 9:30 AM on Saturday morning March 29th 2024, when we stock the fish into the lake. Thank you in advance...we look forward to having you on board!

Best Regards,

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