



A Fishing Tale: Locals Enjoy Educational Fishing Clinic



OG&E volunteers and Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation experts teach families about Oklahoma's aquatic ecosystems through annual fishing event.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (MAY 24, 2022) – Families enjoyed a day of fishing at Horseshoe Lake in Harrah on Saturday at a fishing clinic hosted by Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E), the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) and the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation. With International Day for Biological Diversity the following day, the organizations celebrated by inviting families with children to the free fishing clinic on OG&E's Horseshoe Lake Power Plant property to fish and learn about the importance of maintaining and protecting aquatic environments.

Families, volunteers and ODWC officials gathered at Horseshoe Lake on May 21 for the fun-filled and educational event. Children received complimentary poles and bobbers while receiving fishing lessons complete with expert tips and tricks. Additionally, volunteers taught attendees about the critical roles aquatic ecosystems play in our environment and how to practice safe and sustainable recreational activities in the water.

“OG&E is committed to conserving Oklahoma's natural habitats and biodiversity through our company's policies and actions as well as by educating our communities in a way that's engaging, informative, and influential,” said OG&E Vice President of Power Supply Operations Matt Schuermann. “We look forward to our continued partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation as we promote habitat conservation together.”

The partnership supports the wildlife department's Aquatic Resources Education Program – an initiative providing families and youth the opportunity to learn more about Oklahoma's aquatic environments.

"Sharing the outdoors and one of Oklahoma's aquatic environments with families is central to our mission," said Skylar St. Yves, the Aquatic Education and Fishing Coordinator at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. "Enjoying, celebrating and protecting Oklahoma's ecosystems inspires us every day – and I think we inspired some young people today to spend even more time outdoors in our great state."

With a mission to protect fish and wildlife and their habitats, the ODWC works to grow the community of hunters and anglers in the state. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation encourages private support for the department and encourages Oklahomans to conserve and celebrate the state's unique wild spaces and strong outdoor traditions. Both organizations partner with individuals and companies like OG&E that value conservation and foster stewardship with those who care for the land.

The fishing clinic participants learned the significance of aquatic ecosystems and how they impact the environment – including recycling nutrients, purifying water, attenuating floods, augmenting and maintaining streamflow, recharging ground water and providing habitat for wildlife and responsible recreation for people.

Support and preservation of local ecosystems is an integral part of OG&E's commitment to environmental stewardship. Through partnerships with trusted organizations like the ODWC and its foundation, and events like the fishing clinics, the energy company educates the communities it serves about the importance of promoting diversity through habitat conservation.

Two additional fishing clinics are scheduled later this year in OG&E communities – at Sooner Lake in Red Rock and at River Valley near Poteau.

For more information about how OG&E supports and preserves Oklahoma's biodiversity, visit oge.com/environmentalstewardship.

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