The Dr. Bill Earl Youth Fishing Program
Sponsored by “Fishin’ Michigan”

This is a free program for youth, ages 5-16, where they can learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Then the kids get to apply those skills and knowledge at a local fishing site in the Lansing area with the assistance of trained volunteers. Three optional follow-up outings at different venues in June offer a chance for the kids to practice what they learned and to fillet and eat some of the fish they catch.

When and Where?

This program is offered annually during the first three Saturdays of May. In 2020, youth may attend one of three options:

- May 2, 2020 Hawk Island Park - Lansing
- May 9, 2020 Hawk Island Park - Lansing
- May 16, 2020 Burchfield Park - Holt

Check-in will begin at 8:30am and the program runs from 9:00am to Noon. A responsible adult must remain on-site with each youth participant.

What to bring?

Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Sun-block is recommended as a precaution. Unless you wish to use your own tackle, you do not need to bring fishing rods, reels, tackle, or bait. This will all be provided. Bottled water and snacks will also be available. Bring a small cooler if you wish to keep fish.

Pre-Registration Required

Parents or guardians of youth who wish to participate in one of these events must fill out an online pre-registration form. Pre-registration opens March 1, 2020 and space is limited. Vacancies are on a first-come, first-serve basis so please register early. To pre-register, please visit [www.mynaturecenter.org](http://www.mynaturecenter.org). For more information on pre-registering, contact Nicole Wallace at 517-676-2233.

Where can I get more information?

This program is offered by the Fishin’ Michigan organization. More information about this initiative can be obtained from Mr. John Hesse, Youth Education Chairperson, by emailing him at billearlfishing@gmail.com or writing to him at 13551 S Wright Road, Eagle, MI 48822.

Fishin’ Michigan Website and Video

[www.fishinmichigan.org](http://www.fishinmichigan.org)
[https://youtu.be/EsHRzry6Y3I](https://youtu.be/EsHRzry6Y3I)

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10-Year Anniversary!!!

In Memoriam
Dr. Bill Earl
Conservationist, Youth Mentor, Inspiring Leader

We are pleased to dedicate this youth fishing program in Dr. Bill Earl’s honor.