

Fishing Pre Camp Prep

At Foley we practice catch and release with emphasize on proper care and handling of fish, techniques with reeling and casting and fun. The purpose of the program is to expose kids to MN fishing using both a dock and boat. The majority of our reels are open faced. You as a staff member will be responsible for taking fish off of hooks, baiting, tying hooks on, and managing 8-10 kids. Foley is located on Lower Whitefish Lake, part of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes. The chain contains 12 lakes all interconnected and accessible by some sort of watercraft. The majority of our fishing is done on Lower Whitefish, Upper Whitefish and Trout Lake.

What you **MUST** do:

1. Purchase a MN Fishing License. MN state law requires everyone over the age of 16 to hold a license even when practicing catch and release. Therefore, the kids at camp are okay to fish, however the staff need to purchase a license.
 - a. Non-residents: The easiest thing to do would be to go to the website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/fishing/index.html?type=fishing> and download the application or apply online. You will need an **ANGLING INDIVIDUAL NR** for \$51.00. Bring a receipt with you to camp and present it to us for reimbursement.
 - b. Residents: The simplest way for you to get the license would be to go to a gas station or other authorized DNR station and purchase an **ANGLING INDIVIDUAL R** for \$25.00. You can also go online at the site above and follow the same steps as a non-resident.

*Please notify the office when this has been completed
2. **Complete Study guide (see below) and send to Camp!**
3. Have current certification in Lifeguard Training, CPR and First Aid.

What you **SHOULD** do:

1. **PRACTICE.** It sounds funny, but make sure you are familiar with proper casting, reeling, etc of open faced reels. **Boat Driving:** Foley has a 2016 Crest II 250 SEL pontoon boat with a 90 horsepower motor and several small 8-9.9 horsepower small fishing boats, all of which will be driven by fishing instructors throughout the course of the summer. Any practice driving similar boats, docking, landing, lifting, etc. is beneficial.
2. **Reading.** We understand that having access to a boat all the time may not be possible. If this is the case, try your best to get some driving in, but there are also some other things you can do. The internet is full of articles about how to teach fishing, information about our equipment, etc. Study up! Below is a list of some such sites.
 - a. <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/index.html>. Familiarize yourself with the laws, regulations, fish species, etc. at this DNR site. The more you know the better.
 - b. <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showreport.html?downum=18031000>. This site has information about Whitefish Lake.
 - c. http://www.bassresource.com/fishing/take_a_kid.html. This is a site with info on how to teach kids to fish. Also typing in "Teaching Fishing" to a web search engine (Google, Yahoo) can give you tons of sites to check out.

Fishing Study Guide

*Please complete and mail or email the guide to:
Camp Foley, 9303 Father Foley Dr., Pine River, MN 56474; alli@campfoley.com

- 1. What is the name of the chain of lakes that Foley is located on??**
- 2. What specific lake is Foley located on?**
- 3. What part of the lake (North, South, East, West)?**
- 4. List 5 species of fish found in our lake and 3 characteristics of those fish?**
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 - 5.**
- 5. List the “Catch and Release” policies (you may need to use the internet as a source)?**
- 6. What type of boats will you be driving at Foley?**