

# FISHING LEGEND HANK PARKER VISITS LAKES AREA

In the fishing world, Hank Parker is an icon. Mention bass fishing and the name Hank Parker comes to the top. Parker is one of the most charismatic and widely recognized outdoor fishing educators around because of his fishing prowess and national TV show "Hank Parker's Outdoor Magazine."

Now we who live in the Iowa Great Lakes area get the chance to meet this fishing legend! Fishing Day with Hank Parker, hosted by Johnstone Autostores in conjunction with ACDelco and Pure Fishing, will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 21 at the Iowa DNR Fish hatchery.

Hank Parker is coming to Spirit Lake with one thing in mind - to share his love of the water and fishing with all age groups. Come for a while or come for the entire day.

Best of all it's free. All you have to do is go to a participating ACDelco service center, Johnston Autostore, Pure Fishing or area bait and tackle shops and pick up a ticket and register.

Anyone interested in learning more about water and fishing is invited.

As a matter fact, entire families are encouraged to attend,



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but event sponsors as that younger kids be accompanied by adults.

"In all my years of fishing—the competitions, winning the Bassmaster Classic and Angler of the Year, those were exciting but that's not what fishing is about. The most rewarding moments were those spent fishing with my kids and grandkids, watching their eyes light up when they caught their first frisky little bream. Fishing is more about smiles," Parker said.

It promises to be an action packed fishing day with 90-minute "how to fish" seminars beginning on the half hour. The Passport to Fishing Seminars, which will be conducted by Iowa DNR personnel, local fishing club members and the Pure Fishing staff, will offer six



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fishing instruction stations:  
Fish Habitat and Handling  
Fishing Knots and Rigging  
BoatSmart, Boat Safe  
Ready, Set, Boat  
Casting  
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At the same time, four professional fishing seminars will be led by Parker, Lance Christensen, Jim McDonnell (the Fishing Professor) and other area fishing professionals. Times for the Advanced Fishing Seminars will be every hour from 11 a.m. through 2 p.m.

Pure Fishing will also have its new trailer on hand with displays of all the latest fishing equipment.

And best of all, the kids get to go fishing! And, yes, there is a fishing contest for the kids! Local guides and fishing authorities will be offering fishing opportunities from their boats. However, since there will be limited space and to make the opportunity fair, random drawings based on ticket registrations will be held to fill the fishing slots in the boats.

For those whose names are not drawn, there will be plenty of fishing from shore with over 30 adult volunteers available to help youngsters have a great fishing experience.

Throughout the day, drawings will be held for T-shirts and other prizes.

The Fishing Day with Hank Parker tied into the spirit of the "Water Works Wonders" campaign, which is designed to increase awareness and participation in fishing and boating.

According to sponsors of the Fishing Day with Hank Parker, the day is designed to be an excellent opportunity for families to experience fishing and boating first hand.

In case of rain, the event will be held indoors at the DNR hatchery. Of course, food will also be a part of the day with lunch being served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.