

NEFA Spiritual Retreat Fishing Tournament Rules

50/50 CASH PRIZE!!!

MAY 17TH 2025 (6AM-1PM & 4PM-11PM)

(Fishing is closed during canoeing activity times: 1pm-4pm)

Please review the map included with your registration on how to access the beach area. There is a pier available to fish off of. Relax and enjoy freshwater fishing in the Elk River. Provide your own equipment. Catch-and-release without a Maryland fishing license.

[CLICK HER FOR MAP LINK](#)

1. THE COMMON SENSE RULE: Our goal as host is to work hard to ensure a fair and balanced playing field. With that being said, if any of the rules need altering to ensure the safety of all participants we reserve the right to alter them at any time, without formal notice. To stay up to date with rules, prizes and general information please reference www.nefaspiritualretreat.com

2. WHO CAN ENTER: Anyone who wants to experience some awesome fishing, scenery, and camaraderie. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FISHING LICENSE.** Please bring your own rod and materials.

3. REGISTRATION AND FEES: We wanted to provide a low cost tournament, \$20. Fishing tournament registration is available at www.nefaspiritualretreat.com (activities tab) and onsite. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE ATTENDING TOURNAMENT.**

4. FISHING SCHEDULE: Saturday, May 17th, from 6am-1pm & 4PM-11PM. (*FISHING IS CLOSED DURING CANOEING ACTIVITY TIMES*) Location: Elk River, beach area.

5. SCORING: We are using the “Catch-Photo-Release” method. That is once you catch the fish, use a smartphone photo must include:

- **Photo including your retreat name badge with picture of the fish**
- . Please release the fish back to the water.

1 POINT	PAN FISH, BLUE GILL, PERCH, CRAPPIE, ETC.
2 POINTS	CATFISH OF ANY TYPE, CARP
3 POINTS	TROUT OF ANY TYPE BROWN, RAINBOW, ETC.
4 POINTS	LARGEMOUTH BASS, PICKEREL
5 POINTS	SMALLMOUTH BASS, STRIPED BASS, SNAKE HEAD, WALLEYE, NORTHERN PIKE
THE SIZE OF THE FISH WILL ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. PLEASE TAKE APPROPRIATE PICTURE.	

- You must email all fish photos to nefaspiritualretreat@gmail.com BY 11PM Saturday night. You will receive points for each fish. **Please ensure your badge with your name on it is included in the photo with the fish for scoring.**
- All fish must be released back into the river.

- The tournament officials will review all photos to verify validity to determine standings.
- The winner with the most points will be announced at the Sunday morning main speaker meeting at 10:00am. **This is a 50/50 cash prize.**