

# FISH ON!

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The most important thing that I learned at conservation field days was about fishing. I chose this as the most important thing, because as the saying goes “Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” Learning to fish can provide food for your family. It can also mean bonding time for some families.

The fishing group leader spoke to our group on how to tell the difference between types of fish, what they eat, and how to tell if they are male or female. Our group leader also showed us how to cast a fishing rod, and how to tie knots! The fishing poles we used were push button rods. We were shown when to release the button the line went farther. We were also told that whipping the rod wont cast it far either. Our leader told us to take our time, and to go slow. She also told us we won't always catch a fish the first time you cast. Our leader was amazing and showed us a lot in a little time, and made the experience fun for the whole group. I would let my friends and family know about this event in years to come.

Fishing is very big in my family, from catching salmon in the fall, to ice fishing in the winter, and catching those bass in the spring and summer. My dad has taught me early on that even being a girl, I need to know how to put a worm on a hook, and how to take a fish off the hook. I cannot tell you how many times I have been hooked in my hands and spiked by their fins.

Therefore “give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime,” or “ if it's rainy, it doesn't matter because the fish are already wet.”