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WALLEYE WEEKEND TO HOST THE FREE, FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENT

(4/16/09)- Fond du Lac's premier event, Walleye Weekend, is right around the corner and as usual will be offering up free, family fun throughout the whole weekend. The annual Family Fishing Tournament, sponsored by McDonald's, is back again this year to provide free fishing for the whole family.

"Walleye Weekend and the Family Fishing Tournament are such a unique part of Fond du Lac and we love being a part of the event," said Todd Vahlsing, supervisor at McDonald's/Valley Management.

The Family Fishing Tournament takes place Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14 of Walleye Weekend. Saturday will consist of a competition with four different age brackets; under five years of age with an adult, 5-8 years old, 9-14 years old and 15 and up. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Sunday will host the family fishing event. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, third, fourth and fifth place, determined by dividing the total number of pounds of fish caught by the family by the number of registered participants per family. Ronald McDonald will also be making special appearances throughout the park on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a special appearance at the Family Fish to hand out trophies at 12:15 p.m.

“The Family Fishing Tournament, like many events at Walleye Weekend, not only enhance the festival, but make it what it is, a great event for the entire family,” said Vahlsing.

Registration for the Family Fishing Tournament, and all Walleye Weekend events, can be found at fdlfest.com, the Fond du Lac Festivals office, the Fond du Lac Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Attitude Sports, The Fond du Lac YMCA and the Recreation Center. Register for this event by June 3 and receive a coupon for a free small fry from McDonald’s.

Walleye Weekend, June 12, 13 & 14 at Lakeside Park, is brought to you by Fox Valley Savings Bank, Charter Communications, Mercury Marine, Michels Corporation, Yar-Craft Boats, Pepsi Americas and Miller Lite. Visit www.fdlfest.com for more information about all the great events taking place at Walleye Weekend 2009.

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac area community. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Light Up the City and Horicon Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations.

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