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Managing Water in the West


Frequently Asked Questions About C.A.S.T. for Kids


 **What is C.A.S.T. for Kids?** Catch a Special Thrill for Kids (C.A.S.T.) is a unique opportunity for children with disabilities and disadvantaged children to participate in a day of boating, fishing, and lunch. Its focus is on those children who have had little or no previous fishing experience. C.A.S.T. events promote: (1) enhanced positive awareness of disadvantaged and disabled youth in our communities, (2) increased appreciation of natural resources, (3) increased cooperation between agencies and interest groups, and (4) agencies' efforts to integrate persons with disabilities into its activities, programs, and services. Learn more about CAST by visiting www.castforkids.org and www.usbr.gov/uc/progact/cast/index.html.


 **When is the 2010 Utah C.A.S.T. event?** Saturday, August 7th


 **Where is the 2010 Utah C.A.S.T. event being held?** Rockport Reservoir, near the town of Wanship, UT, south of I-80 about 3 miles.


 **Who can be involved?** Children between the ages of 6 and 17 with disabilities or who are disadvantaged. Older persons who have developmental disabilities are also welcome. Each participant is encouraged to bring along a friend or sibling and at least one parent must accompany the children.


 **How will participants be selected?** Your organization should decide how potential participants will be selected. Please consider each child's situation, needs, health constraints, and interests to ensure that each participant will be able to have an enjoyable experience. The C.A.S.T. Coordinating Committee will send out formal invitations to each potential participant based on your selection.

 **Will the children be able to take anything home with them?** For the children that C.A.S.T. is designed for, the program provides rods, reels, tackle boxes, tackle, baseball caps, and t-shirts. The sibling or friend who participates will have the use of a donated rod, reel, and tackle for the day. Fun packs containing educational materials on natural resources, snacks, and activities will be given to all children to take home.


 **What is the outline of the day's activities?** Registration begins around 7:30 a.m. and the day concludes at approximately 2 p.m. As soon as the child and companion are registered, they will be fitted with life jackets, given fishing equipment, and loaded onto a boat for fishing. We'll ask for participants to come in off the lake at about 11:00 and shortly thereafter the barbecue lunch will be served. At about 12:30, there will be a closing ceremony where fun packs will be handed out. The schedule is subject to slight change as planning progresses and the day's events unfold.

 **Will it cost us anything to participate?** Except for possible transportation costs the event will not cost you anything. The sponsoring organizations cover the costs associated with holding the event.

 **What about transportation to and from the event?** We would like for each organization or individual to make transportation arrangements for its children and families as needed. However, if this isn't possible, the C.A.S.T. Coordinating Committee is available for assistance in making arrangements.

 **What about parking at the event?** Parking is free for the participating families and volunteers.

 **Are there fees to get into the park?** No, the State Park has waived the fees for those participating.

 **Who do I contact with any additional questions?** Please contact Valerie Heath-Harrison at 801-524-3664 or via e-mail at vheathharrison@usbr.gov.