

September 13-14, 2024

Who: All CES families are invited to join the fun, whether you love to fish or not!

- What: Two days of fishing (Friday after school and Saturday), followed by one amazing party on Saturday (Fish Fest)!
- When: Fishing can begin on Friday, September 13, when school dismisses, and continues until weigh-in time on Saturday, September 14. The Fish Fest party is on Saturday from 3-6:30 p.m. (the weigh-in runs continuously from 3-6:00 p.m. with the awards presentation at 6:15 p.m.).
- Where: Fishing is allowed anywhere along the Gulf Coast. Take your rod and reel and go to a neighborhood pond, Lake Pontchartrain, a local bayou, or the Gulf! Then, meet us at the Christwood Boulevard Campus, where you can enjoy Fish Fest while your catch is weighed.
- **Why:** To enjoy time with family, friends, and the CES community while raising funds to benefit CES programs (All sponsor donations benefit Wildcat athletics. The majority of proceeds from entry fees and auctions go towards Wildcat athletics, and a portion goes towards programs supported by CESPA). The fun will include music, food (white beans, jambalaya, fried fish, and hot dogs), cold drinks (water, beer, seltzer, and soda), games, and children's activities. There also will be live and silent auction items and a CESPA Wildcat Den Pop-Up Shop.

Register to Fish: To register to fish, click on the following link: <u>Fishing Registration</u>. When you register to fish, admittance to Fish Fest is included. If you want to pay by check, please contact the Director of Development, Dr. Carol Barlow, at <u>cbarlow@christepiscopalschool.org</u>. The deadline to register is Friday, September 13, at noon.

Register for the Calcutta: The Calcutta is a separate competition. When you register for the rodeo, you can also take a chance in the Calcutta Challenge, which is a catch of the three biggest trout and one slot redfish per boat. All these fish are entered and weighed together. Like a 50/50 raffle, half of the Calcutta registration fees go to the school, and the other half goes to the winner.

Fish Fest Attendance: To register online for Fish Fest, click on the following link: <u>Fish Fest Attendance</u>. Remember, if you register to fish, you are automatically registered to attend Fish Fest. If you don't register in advance, cash payments on the day of Fish Fest will be accepted. Entrance includes food, drinks, and entertainment.

Sponsorship: Please use the following link to be a sponsor: <u>Sponsorship Opportunities</u>. Sponsorship levels include the following:

<u>Blue Marlin- \$5,000:</u> Name on banner and t-shirts, 8 t-shirts, name on signage, and the option to set up a tent during Fish Fest for your organization

Yellowfin Tuna- \$2,500: Name on banner and t-shirts, 6 t-shirts, name on signage

Bull Red- \$1,000: Name on t-shirts, 4 t-shirts, name on signage

Speckled Trout- \$500: 4 t-shirts, name on signage

For sponsorships (Blue Marlin, Yellowfin Tuna, and Red Bull), logos (1 MB PNG file) must be emailed to <u>cbarlow@christepiscopalschool.org</u> by August 29th.

Prize Categories: Adults: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Speckled Trout, Slot Redfish, Founder, Drum, and Sheepshead. Youth: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Speckled Trout, Slot Redfish, Founder, Drum, and Sheepshead

Christ Episcopal School Bill Slatten Memorial Fishing Rodeo

Official Rules

PLEASE NOTE: Dates for the Christ Episcopal School Bill Slatten Memorial Fishing Rodeo are Friday, Sept. 13, and Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024. The official weigh master must check all fish before 6 p.m. on September 14, 2024. Scales are open on Saturday from 3-6 p.m.

1. All fish and anglers must be in accordance with state and federal regulations, along with Christ Episcopal School Bill Slatten Memorial Fishing Rodeo rules and regulations.

2.No Billfish (Marlin, Sailfish, Spearfish), Swordfish, Sharks, or Bull Redfish (Redfish over 27") of any size will be allowed in any category.

3. Children's division is for anglers 16 years old and younger.

4. The weigh master has the right to open and inspect any fish entered in the rodeo.

5. You are entering the Christ Episcopal School Bill Slatten Memorial Fishing Rodeo at your own risk. Christ Episcopal School, the weigh masters, the sponsors, rodeo officials, and rodeo volunteers will not be held liable for any damages or injury suffered at this event.

6. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

7. In the event of a categorical tie, the fish that is entered first wins.

8. All rodeo entry fees and sponsorships are non-refundable.

9. There is no spear fishing category. All fish must be caught with rod and reel.

10.All fishing locations must be accessible to the public at all times according to state and federal regulations.

11. Any attempt to circumvent the rules of the Christ Episcopal School Bill Slatten Memorial Fishing Rodeo will result in the disqualification of fish and/or the angler.

12. The Bill Slatten Memorial Fishing Rodeo weigh master decisions will be final.

13. All money transactions are final.

14.No swapping of fish between competitors or team members is allowed.

15. Gaffing is allowed, but any mutilation of fish deemed unnecessary by the weigh master will result in disqualification of the fish.

16. The Calcutta, 1 slot redfish under 27" and 3 biggest trout, will be awarded one prize for 1st place.

17. One fish from the Calcutta entry may be entered in the appropriate largest trout category.

18. Your boat or vehicle must be in the perimeter/property of the Christwood Boulevard Campus with the fish to be entered and the angler must report to the weigh master before official closing of scales at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, to enter a fish. NO EXCEPTIONS.

19. Weigh-ins will be from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14.

20. At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 the Christ Episcopal School Bill Slatten Memorial Fishing Rodeo will be closed for 2024. Scales will stay open until all fish brought in before 6 p.m. are weighed. The awards ceremony will follow the final weigh-in.

21. Slot Redfish must be 18"-27".

Adult participants may place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the following categories: Speckled Trout, Slot Redfish, Flounder, Drum, Sheepshead

Youth participants may place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the following categories: Biggest Fish, Bass, Trout, Slot Redfish, Flounder, Drum