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## Annual Fishing Derby may set yet another fan record *Favorable weather predicted for Feb. 24 event*

PROSPER (February 12, 2018) With a projected weather outlook of partly cloudy skies and a high temperature of 72 degrees, the ninth annual Prosper Fishing Derby, scheduled for Feb. 24, promises to be another record-breaker.

Welcoming anglers up to 14 years of age with no preliminary registration required, the Derby takes place at the Frontier Park pond. This event has become a favorite with Prosper families, featuring a morning of fishing from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and loads of prizes for kids ages 14. Attendance records have been steadily surpassed over the last few years.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has once again granted the Town of Prosper an exemption to the fishing license and stamp requirement for the duration of the Fishing Derby for those who fish or volunteer for the event. The pond will be stocked in advance by the TPWD with mostly rainbow trout. The Derby is a catch-and-keep event for trout only, with a limit of five per person. Derby officials encourage catch-and-release for other species.

"It's refreshing to see families outdoors enjoying fishing together at the park," says Julie Shivers, Recreation Services Coordinator. "This event is a great opportunity to get kids outdoors in February."

As always, the annual Prosper Fishing Derby is made possible by businesses and organizations who sponsor the event in various ways. For more information about sponsorships, businesses or interested individuals are encouraged to contact Shivers at [julie\\_shivers@prospertx.gov](mailto:julie_shivers@prospertx.gov) or by calling 972-569-1068.

The Derby is part of the year-round schedule of events presented or supported by the Prosper Parks and Recreation Department to promote the active use of community parks.

Additional 2018 events include the Mayor's Coffee and the Mayor's Luncheon, the Prosper Community Picnic and the Prosper Christmas Festival. Classes and camps for children and adults are offered throughout the year. A full listing of Town recreation programs can be obtained at [www.ProspersParksandRec.org](http://www.ProspersParksandRec.org).

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 20,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."