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Seventh edition of fishing derby set for February 27

PROSPER (January 28, 2016) The seventh edition of the annual Fishing Derby, formerly known as the Trout Derby, is set for Saturday, Feb. 27 at Frontier Park, says Recreation Coordinator Julie Shivers.

Lines can be tossed into the pond at Frontier Park at 9 a.m. with the derby concluding at 11 a.m. Prizes in a variety of categories and age groups will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

While the derby is open to all comers, the emphasis of the event is for families to gather at the pond and offer support to the young anglers in the family. Prizes will be awarded to boys and girls 14 years of age and younger.

There is no charge to participate, but pre-event registration is highly encouraged. Registration can be accomplished by visiting www.prosperparksandrec.org.

Frontier Park is located on Frontier Parkway, just west of the BNSF railroad tracks. Parking is available throughout the park.

Fishing enthusiasts should provide their own equipment and bait. Picnic baskets are also encouraged, although no glass containers are allowed on the park grounds.

While rainbow trout will still be plentiful, other species can also be found in the pond, including copper nose bluegill, channel catfish, hybrid crappie, and largemouth bass. The derby is a catch-and-keep event for the trout, but officials are encouraging catch-and-release for the other species.

Licensing requirements are suspended for the duration of the derby, however, fishing before the start of the event and after the conclusion of the event will require a valid fishing license for anyone 17 years of age and older. Licenses can be purchased at retailers with a hunting or outdoor sports department.

Appropriate recognition will be given to sponsors, which are still being solicited to help with derby prizes. Interested individuals or businesses may contact Shivers at julie_shivers@prospertx.gov.

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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 17,800 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."