

Pack Announcement: Fishing Derby

Pack 162, St. Francis Xavier
Bronx, NY



The Fishing Derby will be on **FRIDAY, MAY 26** starting at 6pm in Van Cortland Park Lake near the Van Cortland Golf Course - **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FISHING POLE IF YOU HAVE ONE** - there are only a limited amount of spare poles to go around (if you have spare poles, please bring them along too).

The cost is **\$5/person** to cover bait and food (children 5 years old & under are free) – Please fill out and return the attached reservation form and payment by **5/19/2017** and let us know how many from your group are attending so we will know how much food and bait to purchase for this event.

Wear your “Class B” uniform (Pack t-shirt and cap) if you have one. Food and bait will be provided but **BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS**. All fishing is “Catch & Release” – no fish are allowed to be kept. Trophies will be awarded for “Biggest Fish Caught” and “Most Fish Caught”. There is no trophy for best fish story but we always like to hear about the big one that got away! Check your scout manual to see if this activity satisfies any requirements and let us know if you complete any (NOTE: the Bear manual has “A Bear Goes Fishing” adventure loop).

Parents, bring a chair so you can relax while you enjoy the fishing action at the lake. Insect spray and a flashlight are also suggested. We will need your help – the lake is large and we need as much help as possible supervising this event. Please make sure that your scout is within view at all times – **DO NOT ASSUME THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS KEEPING AN EYE ON YOUR CHILD!**

Also, if your scout does not have much experience fishing, he will likely need your help casting the line. *Any Adults (16yo & over) who wish to fish must have a valid NYS Fishing license.*

NOTE: If this event gets rained out, an email will be sent out by Friday – if you need to confirm, please contact Sean Cahill by email bronxpack162@gmail.com or call (347) 852-8403

See Reverse for Map and Directions

Directions to Van Cortland Park Lake: Take Mosholu Parkway. Pass under Jerome Avenue and make left turn at traffic light immediately past DeWitt Clinton High School onto Sedgewick Avenue. Stay in right lane and bear right onto Van Cortlandt Avenue West. At bottom of hill, make right at entrance to Major Deegan Expressway (87 North) and then **IMMEDIATELY BEAR LEFT UNDER HIGHWAY** toward Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course - **DO NOT bear right onto Highway.** Go to end of Golf Course Road - there is parking next to Lake (see circled location on map below).

