

Seattle District partners with C.A.S.T for Kids fishing event at Lake Washington

The 19th annual Lake Washington [C.A.S.T for Kids](#) fishing event was held at the Gene Coulon Memorial Park in Renton, WA on September 10, 2011. This event is targeted towards children from 6-18 years old with physical or mental disabilities. Disabilities ranged from hearing/sight impaired, Cerebral Palsy, and Down syndrome to terminal cancer and others. Thirty-nine special needs children participated in the event, assisted by 25 boat captains and 60 shore volunteers.

While there was no fishing 'contest' involved in the event, the children participating had the opportunity to go out with a captain and fish from a boat. C.A.S.T. for Kids goal is for everyone to be a 'winner' and for nobody to return home a 'loser'. All of the kids were awarded special plaques with a photo of themselves and their captain to take home as a special memento of the day.

Partnering organizations included the Ronald McDonald House, Starlight Children's Foundation, Renton & Auburn Parks Special Populations Program, Down Syndrome Connection, Children's Therapy Center, various Kiwanis Clubs, Acura of Seattle, Puget Sound Anglers, Western Bass Club, City of Renton, Renton Parks & Recreation, Cascade Musky Association, Starbucks, Zog's Baits, Pepsi, Smith Brothers Farm, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tim's Cascade Chips, Sam's Club, Stockyard Meats, various Key Clubs, First Saving Bank, and Zebco. Corps of Engineers park rangers from the Seattle District brought Bobber the Water Safety Dog to the event to teach kids and their families about the importance of water safety, and invite families to visit Corps parks.

These events are very special, and the Corps of Engineers is proud to be a partner of the C.A.S.T. for Kids program. It was a great opportunity to connect with the community and create cherished memories for years to come. All of the equipment, including rods, reels, and tackle were donated to the kids to keep at the end of the day and use for future fishing experiences.





C.A.S.T. Volunteers



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Jim Owens, Executive Director for C.A.S.T.



Plaques for Participants