



Date of Event: 5/6/17  
Body of Water: Bay Springs Lake  
City or Town: Dennis, MS

Number of Children Participants: 32  
Number of Boaters: 5  
Number of Volunteers: 20

**Partners/Sponsors/Contributors:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, MS Dept of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks, Caring Hands Rehab, Wal-Mart of Fulton, Subway of Belmont & Iuka, Bay Springs Marina, Lonnie's Sporting Goods, Cadamy Contracting, S&H Outdoors, Community Spirit Bank, Belmont Bass Anglers, Clay's Bait & Tackle, Tony's Acoustical, Davis Ford, Credille-Brock Insurance Agency, Senter Funeral Home, Big Star of Belmont, Refreshments of Tupelo, Lisa Koon, Crow's Sports Center, Caring Hands Rehab, LIFE of MS

**Event Recap:** The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tenn-Tom CAST for Kids Event has held at Old Bridge Beach, on Bay Springs Lake. We had 42 participants registered for the event. We had a brief welcome and safety talk, by one of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers.



The fishing started of a little slow, but several kids managed to figure them out. Several kids caught their first fish, including Pete. When Pete caught his fish, he was VERY EXCITED! He ran up and down the dock giving everyone a high five and saying "I caught one! I caught one!"

All the families also got to go on a boat ride. We had two pontoons, two bass boats and a ski boat there to give everyone a tour of the lake. The boat rides are always a big hit.

We also had several other activities to keep the kids entertained. Mr. Jack Jones was there making balloon animals and doing magic tricks. Everyone LOVED him and his balloon animals. Mr. Jones is a regular at our event and he is always great with the kids. This year, he received the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for his hard work and dedication to our event.



We also had a couple Conservation Biologists from the MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks on hand to talk about wildlife. They had several live animals, including turtles, a snake and an alligator for everyone to see.

At lunch time, everyone made their way to the pavilion where they had Subway sandwiches, pizza, hot dogs and snacks. Mike Carter was playing live music for everyone to enjoy while ate lunch. After lunch, we recognized several special sponsors and volunteers, such as, MS Dept of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks, Caring Hands Rehab, Wal-Mart of Fulton, our boat captains and Mr. Jack Jones. Then we handed out the plaques and door prizes. It was a very special day for everyone and we can't wait to do it again next year!

