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25th annual Kids' Ice Fishing Clinics set for Saturday, **Feb.13**

MILWAUKEE - Kids 15-years-old and younger are invited to discover the joys of ice fishing at the 25th annual Kids' Ice Fishing Clinics on Saturday, Feb. 13, at park lagoons in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

The free clinics will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will receive instruction on the proper use of equipment and techniques, such as knot tying, ice safety and much more. The clinics are taught by members of local fishing clubs and last 45 minutes, and then the young anglers can begin fishing. Classes begin every hour on the hour starting at 9 a.m., with the final session beginning at 2 p.m.

"These clinics are an excellent way to introduce youngsters to the sport of fishing and a perfect opportunity for families that want to enjoy some of the winter outdoor recreational activities that Wisconsin has to offer," says Department of Natural Resources Secretary Cathy Stepp.

The clinics represent a cooperative effort by the Wisconsin Council of Sport Fishing Organizations, Milwaukee County Parks, Waukesha County Parks, the Hunger Task Force Fish Hatchery and the Department of Natural Resources.

All equipment and snacks are provided free of charge and instructions will be given regardless of weather. No pre-registration is required, but please call Ben Heussner, DNR fisheries biologist, at 414-303-0109, for groups of 20 or more, or for additional information. Listed below are the clinic locations and sponsoring fishing clubs:

Milwaukee County

Brown Deer Park, 7835 N. Green Bay Road, hosted by Okauchee Fishing Club

Dineen Park, 6901 W. Vienna St., hosted by the Inner City Sportsmen's Club and Wisconsin Fishing Club

Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell Ave., hosted by Great Lakes Sport Fishermen and Milwaukee Casting Club

McCarty Park, 8214 W. Cleveland Ave., hosted by Southside Sportsmen Club

Scout Lake, 5902 W. Loomis Road, (wheelchair accessible) hosted by Walleyes Unlimited

Waukesha County

Menomonee Park/Lannon Quarry, Townline Road (1/2 mile north of Good Hope Road, Menomonee Falls), hosted by Badger Fishermen's League