



Youth organization exemptions from fishing licenses

Some youth organizations may hold fishing events where participants may fish without a license. To qualify for this exemption, please read the text of the Utah State code below, then fill out the information at the bottom of the form. You are not required to submit this form to the DWR, but you must have it in your possession during the event.

Section 14.5 — Persons participating in youth organization or school activity authorized to fish without license. (Effective 5/12/2015)

23-19-14.5 Persons participating in youth organization activity authorized to fish without license.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "School" means an elementary school or a secondary school that:
 - (i) is a public or private school located in the state; and
 - (ii) provides student instruction for one or more years of kindergarten through grade 9.
 - (b) "Youth organization" means a local Utah chapter of:
 - (i) the Boy Scouts of America;
 - (ii) the Girls Scouts of the USA; or
 - (iii) an organization that:
 - (A) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code; and
 - (B) promotes character building through outdoor activities.
- (2) The Division of Wildlife Resources shall permit a person to fish without a license during a youth organization or school activity if:
 - (a) the person is:
 - (i)
 - (A) a member of the youth organization; or
 - (B) a student enrolled in the school; and
 - (ii) younger than 16 years old;
 - (b) the fishing is in compliance with all fishing statutes and rules;
 - (c) the activity is part of a recreational or instructional program of the youth organization or school; and
 - (d) an adult leader of the activity obtains from the youth organization or school:
 - (i) a valid tour permit; or
 - (ii) documentation that specifies:
 - (A) the date and place of the fishing activity;
 - (B) the name of the adult leader that will supervise the fishing; and
 - (C) that the activity is officially sanctioned or authorized by the youth organization or school.
- (3)
 - (a) The adult leader shall:
 - (i) possess a valid Utah fishing or combination license; and
 - (ii) instruct the activity participants on fishing statutes and rules.
 - (b) The division shall provide educational materials on its website to assist the adult leader in complying with Subsection (3)(a).
- (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Wildlife Board shall adopt rules specifying the form of the documentation required under Subsection (2)(d)(ii).

Youth organization: _____

Date of fishing trip: _____

Location of fishing trip: _____

Adult leader *(Must have valid fishing license)*: _____

Names and ages of youth participants *(use back of sheet if needed)*: _____