



The 2013 BASS Nation  
Minnesota  
High School Guide

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## ***MINNESOTA JUNIOR B.A.S.S. FEDERATION***

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### **Minnesota B.A.S.S. High School Club Information**

#### **Overview**

B.A.S.S. High School Nation clubs are designed to foster leadership, problem solving and public speaking skills. In addition clubs promote environmental awareness, responsibility and conservation, provide community service while educating young adults in the enjoyment of fishing. If you are ready to start enjoying fishing in the outdoors, enhance your education and participate to the future of the sport, follow the steps below to start your own B.A.S.S. High School club.

#### **State Events**

The Minnesota B.A.S.S. High School Nation provides two State events each year for participating High School Clubs. This includes the Minnesota B.A.S.S. Junior Tournament of Champions, and the High School Tournament of Champions. The events are team events, each High School Team consists of two members, High Schools can enter as many teams into the State events as they desire.

#### **National Events**

The Minnesota B.A.S.S. High School Nation is a member of the National B.A.S.S. High School Nation. This allows high school teams the opportunity to move on to National events. The winning team at the Minnesota B.A.S.S. Junior Tournament of Champions will advance to the following years Northern Divisional Championship as a part of the Minnesota State Team.

The winning and second place team at the Minnesota High School Junior Tournament of Champions will advance to the B.A.S.S. High School National Championship representing Minnesota.

Each year, Minnesota will advance three High School teams to the National Events.

#### **How do we start a B.A.S.S. High School Club?**

The key requirements to form your own High School club include:

1. A desire and commitment to encourage fishing in your school, recruit members and participate in club, state and national events.
2. A minimum of two (2) interested students grades 9-12, and a coach/club advisor. A student who has completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but not yet graduated is considered eligible for the High School club. The coach/club advisor can be a parent, teacher or related adult to work with the students and the school for the coordination of the meetings and activities.
3. Each member must have an active Minnesota DNR Watercraft permit. To complete the Minnesota DNR Watercraft permit class please see the following website:  
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/education.html>

The course can be completed on-line from home, via home study or by completing a DNR classroom at locations around the state. The on-line is the recommended method for convenience.

4. Each member must participate in the designated community service events each year, please see below the approved events for the current year.

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5. Completion of the Minnesota B.A.S.S. High School Roster form along with submission of the annual membership dues.

### **Registering our High School Team**

Once you have made the decision to form a B.A.S.S. High School Nation club, you should begin recruiting members. You will also want to recruit and identify your advisor. Once you have two members and an advisor you can register your club. You will need to complete the Minnesota B.A.S.S. High School roster form and your membership dues.

The Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S. Nation will submit your information and membership dues to National B.A.S.S. This allows your teams to compete in the State and National events, along with benefits such as magazines, discounts, insurance and your eligibility.

Once your registration is completed you will receive B.A.S.S. membership registration numbers, your clubs Bylaws, and other associated materials designating you as a formal B.A.S.S. High School club.

### **What do we do once our registration is complete?**

Once established, the B.A.S.S. High School club needs to begin holding regular meetings and activities. Advisor duties will include supervising the meetings and functions of the club, helping the students hold elections for their officers, planning club meetings and programs and, of course, helping the students learn about the great sport of fishing.

Complete and sign up your teams for the Minnesota B.A.S.S. Junior Tournament of Champions, and the Minnesota B.A.S.S. State High School Championship. There are sign-up deadlines, so please be aware of the requirements and submit your registration forms early. Please see the entry forms in the packet.

Join the Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S. Facebook page for upcoming events, notices, discounts and other important information.

Begin recruiting adult coaches/boaters for your team. These can come from parents, relatives, friends or others. We also recommend you submit a request to the Minnesota B.A.S.S. Nation for sponsorship by an adult club, who can help with providing and recommending boaters to support your club. We recommend your club complete a presentation, or flyer describing your club and presenting this to the adult clubs in your area. It is important to find boaters for your club, as you are required to provide a minimum of one boat and adult boater for each two members who participate in the State and National events.

We recommend you have three meetings throughout the year, one in the fall, spring and winter. You may want to coordinate the winter meeting with the January Junior B.A.S.S. annual meeting.

- 1) The fall meeting will focus on what your club wants to do over the next year.
- 2) The winter meeting include putting together your upcoming summer schedule, the State and National events are made public at the annual Minnesota Junior B.A.S.S. meeting.
- 3) The spring meeting would be to recruit new members for your club, and in particular members who are now eligible to join after completing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 4) These meetings are typically at your high school.



When planning programs they should focus on fun, interesting and interactive activities. Students should provide input when deciding on the agenda and activities; remember, it is your club. Listed below are some suggestions to help with the planning.

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR B.A.S.S. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB MEETINGS**

### **“How-To” Clinics**

- How to fish various lures (example, arrange a meeting place where a swimming pool is available for demonstrations).
- How to make lures.
- How to wrap rods.
- How to repair rods and reels.
- How to put line on various types of reels.
- Discuss various rod/reel combinations and their advantages and use.
- How to properly maintain your fishing equipment.

### **Have Guest Speakers come to your meetings from the following**

- Officers from sponsoring adult club
- National B.A.S.S. officials
- Area or local professional fishermen
- State B.A.S.S. Nation officer or director
- Outdoor editor of area newspaper
- Representative from conservation or sportsmen’s organizations
- Representative from State Department of Natural Resources

### **Safety Programs**

- Demonstrate the proper way to wear a life jacket.
- Provide instruction on when a life jacket must be worn.
- Demonstrate the proper way to board a boat.
- First-Aid Kit — Contents and Use
- Study and complete the boater’s safety course on-line for your members

### **Create your own Facebook Page**

- Collect memorabilia of club’s activities.
- Involve all members. Have each member responsible for a section.
- Take the book to all club activities to display their achievements.

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR B.A.S.S. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB PROJECTS**

### **Conservation Projects**

- Educate students about ongoing conservation programs in your area.
- Organize a lake cleanup.



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- Adopt-a-Waterway or -Highway Program.
- Collect recyclable products and take to a recycling plant.

### **Hold Tournaments**

- Tournaments don't always have to be from a boat.
- Fish from the bank, a river or stream
- Prizes can be donated fishing equipment (rods & reels, tackle boxes, lures).

### **Community Service Projects**

- Hold tournaments for physically challenged children.
- Donate canned food to elderly and needy during holidays.
- Donate clothes to needy charities.
- Clean-up old fishing equipment for donations
- Club members helping with adult club projects (i.e. raising money for charity, volunteering at adult tournaments, helping with fish care).

### **Fund-Raising Events**

- Hold a tournament with the help of an adult club.
- Make lures to sell.
- Raffles also work great.
- Proceeds to go for bass habitat improvement, a favorite charity

### **Minnesota BASS High School Contacts:**

**Please contact the following if you have any questions, need additional information, would like to schedule a meeting about the high school program or any questions.**

Jeff Gilmer  
[jgilmer@mnbfn.org](mailto:jgilmer@mnbfn.org)  
612 – 978 – 4493

Randy Wilcox  
[Fishwilcox@hotmail.com](mailto:Fishwilcox@hotmail.com)  
612 – 306 - 0516



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### **BASS High School Volunteer Qualifying Activities**

The following are the approved activities for the Minnesota BASS State High School Championship. Each participant is required to complete a community outdoor activity as a requirement to compete in the State High School Championship. Sign-up for these activities is on a first come, first serve basis.

We will provide the contact information to you prior to each event. To sign up for an open position, please email Jeff Gilmer: [JGilmer@Mnbnfn.org](mailto:JGilmer@Mnbnfn.org)

#### **Youth Fishing Day Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park - May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 12:00**

This event has been going on for over 20 years. It is a free event for the public and the purpose is to introduce young kids to fishing and teach them about general fishing education, knot tying, lure selection, casting, environmentally friendly fishing, boat & water safety, and fish identification.

***Four Open Volunteer Positions***

#### **Kid's All American Fishing Derby, Fairmont, Minnesota June 1, 2013**

#### **Casting Kids Event – Lake Phalen St. Paul, MN - June 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 12:00**

Casting Kids event for youth in the St. Paul area. Help with casting and dock fishing teaching other youth.

***Four Open Volunteer Positions***

#### **Coon Lake Park Clean-up – June 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM to 8:30**

This involves an evening of cleaning up the Coon Lake Park and Lake Access. Trash bags, gloves and garbage bins are provided, just show up on the date and begin touring the park looking for trash to collect.

***Eight Open Volunteer Positions***

#### **Knights of Columbus Casting Kids Event, Owatonna – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Casting Kids event for youth in the Owatonna area. Help with casting and teaching other youth.

***Four Open Volunteer Positions***

#### **Youth in the Outdoors Day, Minnetonka Gun Club - August 3rd 9am-3pm**

Casting Kids event for youth in the Minnetonka area. Help with casting and teaching other youth.

***Four Open Volunteer Positions***

#### **Coon Lake Park Clean-up – August 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM to 8:30**

This involves an evening of cleaning up the Coon Lake Park and Lake Access. Trash bags, gloves and garbage bins are provided, just show up on the date and begin touring the park looking for trash to collect.

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**TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:**      **Camp Chi Rho**  
   **5750 Porter Ave**  
   **Annandale, MN 55302**

<b>SCHEDULE:</b>	Thursday July 11 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM	Tournament Lake Off Limits
		5:30 PM	Dinner at Camp Chi Rho
		6:00 PM	Participant Check-In <b>(Mandatory for all Participants)</b>
		6:45 PM	Participant Tournament Meeting
		7:00 PM	Announcement of Boat Order
		7:30 PM	Conclusion of Meeting
	Friday July 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 AM	Breakfast Served
		6:30 AM	Boater/Coaches Meeting
		7:00 AM	Participants In Boats by Flight Number
		7:30 AM	First Flight Take Off
		1:30 PM	Weigh In Begins
		1:30 PM	Lunch Begins at Camp Chi Rho
		3:00 PM	Awards Presentation

**ACCOMIDATIONS:** (See Housing Form)

We have arranged for participants to stay overnight at Camp Chi Rho. The Camp will be open on Thursday for check-in. We have available 14 rooms; each room has two bunk beds to sleep up to four people per room. The cost is \$25 per person and includes breakfast in the morning. These are on a first contact basis and are open to entire family.

The camp will be open for family members during the day, they have a swimming beach, basketball courts, volleyball and other activities as well.

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### **PARKING - LAUNCHING:**

All participants who stay overnight will be able to launch their boats from the Camp Chi Rho boat launch. There will be parking for those who stay at the camp for their vehicles and trailers.

Those who are not staying at the Camp will launch from the public access. The Camp is directly east of the Public access on the lake. There will be dock space at the camp to pick up the junior participants.

***NOTE: FOR THOSE BOATERS, WHO USE THE PUBLIC ACCESS, YOU MUST PARK IN THE BACK UPPER PARKING LOT, LEAVING THE LOWER LOT OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE.***

### **WEIGH-IN:**

All participants will remain in the boats upon arrival back to the camp. Boats will be weighed in according to their take off number, boat #1 first, #2 second, etc. until all Teams have weighed. There will be a check in individual at the dock on the **EAST SIDE** by Camp Chi Rho private launch. Once you have checked in, please move your boat away from the dock area. When it is your turn, by boat number, please pull up to the dock to bag your fish. The High School Team is responsible for bagging and transporting the fish to the weigh in stage. Both High School Team members are required to go to the weigh in stage for your weight to count. The coach/adult boater will remain in the boat.

Upon removal of the fish and participants, there will be room for the coach/boater to drive around to the beach area and docks on the west end of the camp to park and/or unload the participant's equipment.

### **PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:**

All participants will need to provide a copy of their MN DNR Watercraft permit and note the volunteer activities they have completed or are schedule to complete. Both participants must be from the same high school.

All National qualifiers will require a parents and participant signature on the Agreement and a copy of their most recent grades with a current up to date GPA from their school prior to final approval.

### **TOURNAMENT DAY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Jeff Gilmer**  
**Youth Director**  
**612-978-4493**

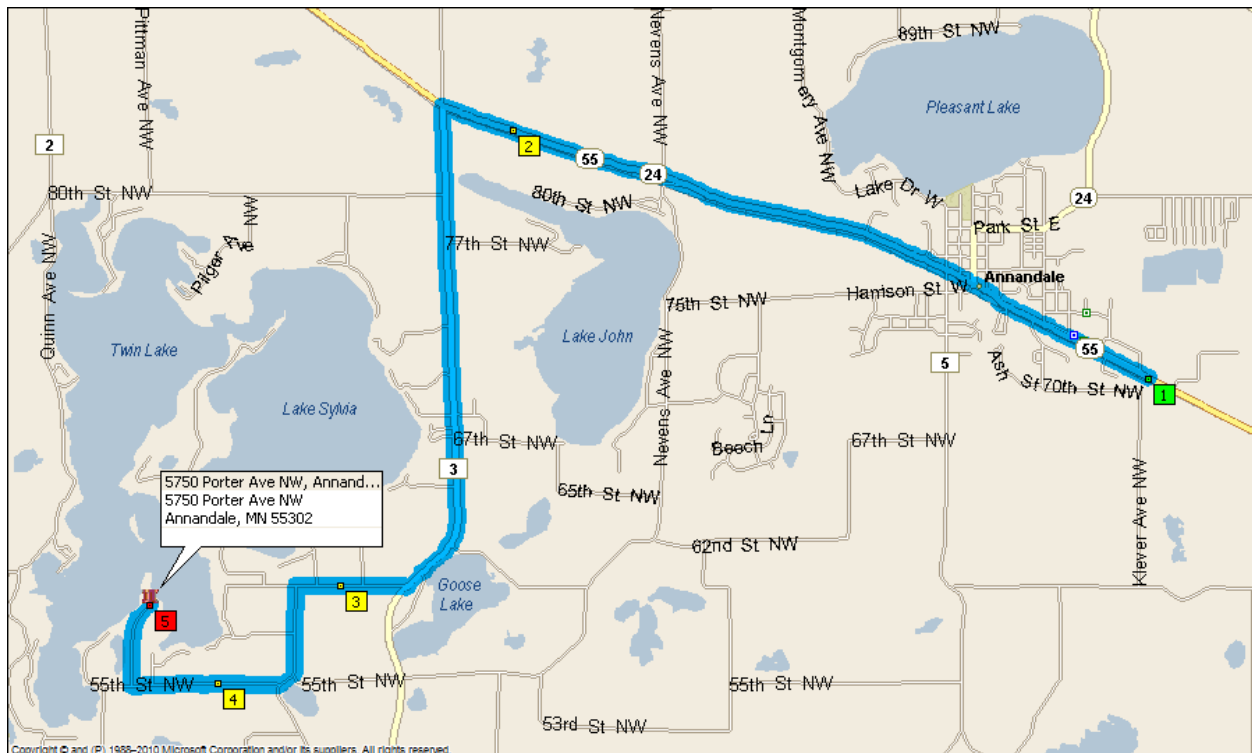
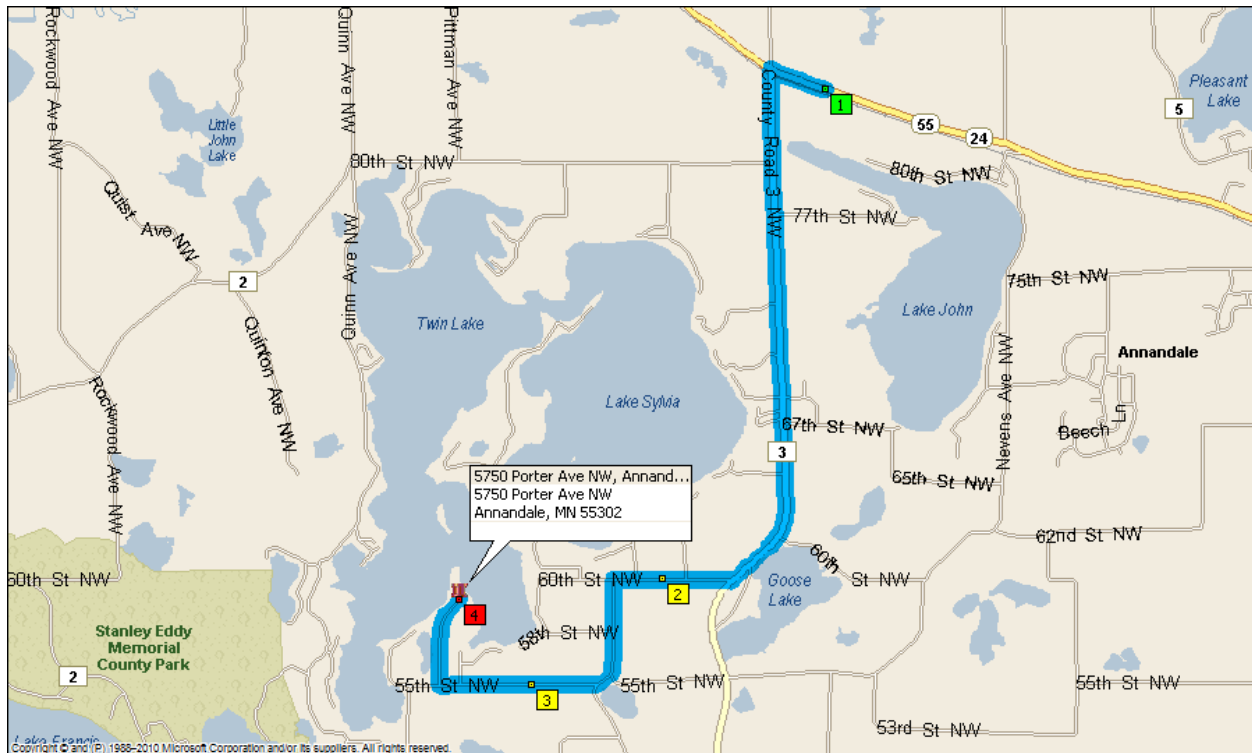
**Tim Allen**  
**Tournament Director**

### **DIRECTIONS: Camp Chi Rho**

To reach Camp Chi Rho from the Twin Cities: Travel west on Hwy 55 from Minneapolis to Annandale, MN. Continue west three (3) miles past Annandale on Hwy 55. Turn left on County Road 3. Go approximately 2 1/2 miles. Turn right on County Road 129. Go one (1) mile to where Co. Rd. 129 takes a hard left curve. Take the hard left curve and continue for another 1/2 mile to 55th Street. Turn right and continue for another 1/2 mile until you see the CHI RHO MARKER ON THE RIGHT.



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2013 *BASS* Nation Minnesota  
State High School Championship  
Lodging and Meal Reservations  
**DUE BY Monday 7/1/2013**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ / State \_\_\_\_\_ / Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

## Lodging Information

We have 14 dorm rooms reserved at Camp Chi Rho, each room has 2 bunk beds to sleep up to four people. The dorms have common area bathrooms, and showers. They provide base sheets for the bed. Other items you will want to bring include pillows, blankets and/or sleeping bag, towels and shampoo.

**NOTE: A minimum of two people per room, one must be an adult. Cost is \$25 per person and includes hot breakfast in the morning. Rooms are on a first response basis.**

## Meal Information

We have arranged for three meals during our stay. This includes dinner at the tournament meeting, breakfast prior to the tournament and then lunch during the weigh-in and awards ceremony.

**Thursday night Dinner and Tournament Day Lunch is included for all participants. Tournament Day Lunch is provided for all boaters after the weigh-in.**

Breakfast is included for all of those who are staying over on Thursday night prior to the tournament.

## Lodging Reservations (Includes Breakfast)

**Number of People** \_\_\_\_ **Cost per Person @ \$25 each** **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Extra Meal Information for non-Participants

**Number of Dinners** \_\_\_\_ **Cost per Person @ \$6 each** **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Breakfasts** \_\_\_\_ **Cost per Person @ \$6 each** **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Lunches** \_\_\_\_ **Cost per Person @ \$6 each** **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check to: MN Junior BASS Federation** **Check Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Jeff Gilmer  
941 Savanna Trail  
Delano, MN 55328



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Individual Registration Form - DUE BY Monday 7/1/2013

Name
BASS Membership #
Address
City State Zip
Phone: Cell:
High School Name High School Partner
SEX: M F

Emergency Contact Information:
Name
Phone
Relationship

Coach/Boater Contact Information:
Name
Phone
Email

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Grade as of July 12, 2013

- I have included a copy of my Boaters Certificate: Yes - No
I have completed or are signed up for my volunteer event: Yes - No
My GPA is 2.0 or higher: Yes - No
My partner also attends the same High School: Yes - No

Please enclose your 2013 State Tournament Entry: \$25.00

Please make your check out to Minnesota Junior BASS and Mail to

Jeff Gilmer
941 Savanna Trail
Delano, MN. 55328

Biography

Favorite lure
Favorite fishing technique
Biggest Bass Where
High School attending

I certify that I have reviewed and understand the tournament rules. In signing this entry form, I agree to abide by these rules. I hereby waive and release all other contestants, hosts, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I am a member in good standing of the Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society and the Minnesota State High School B.A.S.S. Nation.

Competitor signature Parent or Guardian signature
Date Date

