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Hooked On Fishing – Not On Drugs® Workshop Scheduled for November 1 at Tannehill Historical State Park

“Hooked On Fishing – Not On Drugs®” (HOFNOD) uses a mentor-based fishing program to teach fishing skills and positive life choices. On Thursday, November 1, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADNCR) will host a “Hooked on Fishing – Not on Drugs” workshop at the Historical Schoolhouse in Tannehill Historical State Park. Tannehill is located just off I-59 between Tuscaloosa and Birmingham.

This one-day workshop will allow participants to conduct a mentor-based fishing program that will make a difference in children’s lives. Science teachers, physical education teachers, counselors, Boys and Girls Club workers, bass club members, parks and recreation department employees, and volunteers are invited to participate in helping improve the lives of youth through HOFNOD skills. Mature high school students who would like to mentor younger students are also welcome. Participants may register for the event by contacting Maurice Jackson with the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division at maurice.jackson@dcnr.alabama.gov or 205-477-6301. Lodging may be reserved at 205-477-5711.

The one-day training session will allow volunteers to participate in hands-on activities that provide lessons for helping children make appropriate decisions and become ethical anglers. “Hooked on Fishing – Not on Drugs” programs require youth to participate in fishing and stewardship activities, in addition to learning about making good life choices through role-playing and other training. Although workshop participants will learn to improve their fishing abilities and to teach youth how to fish, the main goal is to learn about the HOFNOD Program. Participants become certified HOFNOD instructors, and will be able to use the “Hooked On Fishing – Not On Drugs®” name and logo.

“Hooked On Fishing – Not On Drugs®” is a partnership program among the Future Fisherman Foundation, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, ADNCR, and volunteers.

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