

LUNKER HUNTER YOUTH OUTING, 2018



11 youth participated in the Lunker Hunter Youth Outing, 2018

The 2018 Lunker Hunter Youth Outing on Mona Lake was again a resounding success. On August 18 at 8:00 AM, 11 youth and as many or more adults showed up to fish Mona Lake in 7 boats. The weather was warm, partly cloudy, with little wind, good conditions to be out on the water. Both Spoonplugs and “garden hackle” were used to catch numerous fishes of several species, including channel catfish to 25 inches, northern pike to 28 inches, drum, white bass, perch and bluegill. Bass and walleye did not cooperate. We are fortunate here in Michigan to have numerous species to fill in the gap when others are not active. The youth really enjoy this outing and the catching of fish, which is confirmed by seeing the smiles in the pictures! Although one boat caught 25 fish, the total number of fish caught was probably less than in the past.

We got off the water at noon and Roger Bouwkamp and Jim VanAsselt prepared a great meal for everyone. It included hot dogs, buns, full condiments, chips, pop, watermelon, and ice cream sandwiches! After the meal, prizes were given out. Ron Vance made up goody bags for each youth. Then, by species caught, youth were allowed to pick out prizes from a vast assortment of lures, tackle boxes, rods and reels, and other fishing equipment so that every youth had their pick. To top it off, each youth was given a crisp, new \$10. Bill for participating. Many thanks to all the Lunker Hunters who helped with the meal and contributed prizes. Our Youth Outing on Mona Lake has been going for many years now, and our reward has been many happy youth!

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