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## Troup County Hosts First Annual Kids' Fishing Rodeo

*Troup County, Ga. September 28, 2022* – Troup County's first annual Kids' Fishing Rodeo was held on Saturday, September 24th at the Troup County Agriculture Education Center!

The day was filled with family-fun and opportunities for young participants to hone their fishing skills, encourage good sportsmanship, and make connections within their community. Approximately 75 children, ages 5-12, competed to win the tournament's top honors between two categories: "Largest Fish Caught" and "Most Fish Caught."

Trophies were awarded to Lennon Bonner, son of Britt Bonner, for "Grand Prize - Largest Fish Caught"; Tyler Chesser, son of Ronnie Chesser, for "First Place - Most Fish Caught"; Mary Eliza Karr, daughter of Jason and Jessica Karr, for "Second Place - Most Fish Caught"; and Gavin Alderman, son of Troy Alderman, for "Third Place - Most Fish Caught."

At the time of this tournament, the Agriculture Education Center's pond contained four types of fish: large-mouth bass, sunfish (bream), channel catfish, and grass carp. Once caught, each fish was measured and released back into the water.

This community event was prepared as an Eagle Scout project by Scout Mosley, age 14, who organized and supervised the tournament. Mosley was determined to connect his love of fishing with this project to benefit Troup County, and was thrilled with the event's success last weekend.

"I'm thankful for everyone who joined us for the County's first annual Fishing Rodeo, and want to congratulate all the participants for their hard work," said Mosley. "I would also like to thank Boy Scout Troop 21; The Troup County Roads Department; my father, Eric Mosley; and the generous donors whose funding contributed to the success of this project!"

The Troup County Board of Commissioners plans to host the Kids' Fishing Rodeo on a yearly basis in an effort to continue providing educational, interactive, and supportive activities for our community's youths.

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