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# News Release

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## For Immediate Release

# Early Bird Fishing Tournament set for March 27<sup>th</sup>

**January 19, 2010** – Anglers can sign up now for Piney Run Park's annual Early Bird Fishing Tournament, which will be held Saturday, March 27. Park gates open at 5 a.m. Fishing takes place between 7 a.m. and noon. This is the 28<sup>th</sup> year for the tournament. .

Up to \$800 in prizes will be awarded for striped bass, trout, crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, catfish and tiger musky. Fishing is permitted from both the shore and from boats. Boats may be powered by electric motors only. Registration costs \$35 for shore anglers and \$40 for boat anglers. Entrants in the Youth Division (12 or younger) pay \$10. Cash prizes and a grand prize trophy will be awarded at noon on the day of the tournament. Additional prizes and trophies are provided for the Youth Division. Boats are available to rent on a reservation-only basis. Food and bait concessions will be available. Pre-registration is strongly recommended for this event.

The grand prize winner will be selected differently than in previous years. The first of 25 tagged fish to be caught will be the only one eligible for the grand prize. Species include bluegill, catfish, crappie, and yellow perch. See tournament rules for a full description. If the first tagged fish bears the winning number, the person who caught it will win an Alumacraft Angler side console with MinnKota E-Drive outboard with controls, 4-deep cycle group 31 batteries, onboard charger, Loadrite galvanized trailer, labor, freight and rigging. The package is valued at \$10,000.

Non-tournament fishing will be allowed until the park closes at 4 p.m. All boats must be off the lake by 4 p.m. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks. Register online at [https://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark\\_reg/search.aspx?cat\\_id=10EBFT](https://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark_reg/search.aspx?cat_id=10EBFT) or call the Department of Recreation and Parks at 410-386-2103. The Board of County Commissioners sponsors these and other activities at Piney Run Park and Nature Center through the Department of Recreation and Parks. Piney Run Park is located at 30 Martz Road, Sykesville. For more information, visit [www.ccgovernment.carr.org/recreation](http://www.ccgovernment.carr.org/recreation) or [pineyrunpark@ccg.carr.org](mailto:pineyrunpark@ccg.carr.org).



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