



Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Activities

After visiting the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward, splash into some of these activities!

* **Design Your Own Building!** Why not use the giant Muskie as inspiration for designing your own building? First, brainstorm the purpose of your building. Will it be a restaurant, store, bank, museum, etc? Then, draw a plan keeping in mind how the purpose of your building will influence its shape and structure. Remember the nursery rhyme "There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe?" Wouldn't a giant shoe make a great building for a shoe store? Think of your own more creative design. After you have drawn a plan, gather the materials (cardboard, clay, cereal boxes, etc) to build a model of your building. Make sure you can explain how the shape and structure of your building relates to its purpose.

* **Go Fishing!** Have you ever been freshwater fishing? Why not take a trip to your favorite pond, lake or river after you visit the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. Before taking your fishing trip take a peek at *Fishing Fun for Kids* on the America Outdoors Web-site: http://www.americaoutdoors.com/fishing/fishing_fun/. Lisa and Joey will teach you everything you need to know about reeling in that big one. Who knows maybe after your fishing trip, even you will have stories about "the one that got away."

* **Can't Make it to the Pond?** How about making your own fishing game that you can play at home? All you need are some magnets, string, a pole, paper clips, construction paper, and other craft supplies. Cut fish of all different sizes out of the construction paper. Look at a fish book to find out the various species and their markings. Decorate your fish with markers. Glue magnets on each of your fabulous fish. To make your pole, simply tie a string on the end of a stick. Affix a paper clip to the other end. Then put your fish in your pond (bathtub - UNfull of course!, kitchen floor, or any flat surface) and use your pole to pick up the fish! Challenge your friends to see who can catch the most. Who knows maybe you will even have a story about "the one that got away!" (Teachers: this can be easily adapted for classroom use. Have students "fish" for contractions, spelling words, math problems. Just imagine the possibilities!)

* **Reel In Some of these Books on Fishing from your Local Library!**



Fishing In a Brook: Angling Activities for Kids By G. Lawson Drinkard III , et al
Learn how to make a pole and tackle box, catch bait, cast a line, and outfit your tacklebox with all the bobbers, sinkers, and poppers you will need to angle in a real catch! You simply must take a peek at "A Slimy Worm Safari" - doesn't it just sound fun?

Cool Fishing For Kids Age 5 to 85 By Frankie Paull

Did you know real fishermen say "fishin'" instead of "fishing?" At least that's what Frankie Paull author of this super-cool book on fishin' says. This book will teach you everything need to know about the basics of fishin'. You can also find methods to convince mom or dad, your aunts or uncles, or any grown up to take you fishin'.