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Experienced and Beginners Fish Lake Elsinore in Pursuit of Prizes

Last weekend, more than 260 people participated in the Just 4 Kids Fishing Derby and Inaugural Extreme Bass Tournament.

LAKE ELSINORE, CA – Last weekend, two very different fishing tournaments took place in the City of Lake Elsinore with the Lake, Parks and Recreation Department hosting its 16th Annual Just 4 Kids Fishing Derby for children 15 and younger and the Lake Elsinore Hotel & Casino hosting its first two-day Extreme Bass Tournament.

In recognition of the City of Lake Elsinore's 125th birthday year, approximately 200 kids participating in the fishing derby aimed to catch 125 pounds of fish! The lake was stocked with approximately 480 catfish in advance of the derby, which was held on the lake's levee/inlet channel. In total, 20 catches were recorded during the three hour event for a total of 36 pounds of fish. The department gave out prizes in the following fun categories in celebration of this year's successful event:

- First Fish Caught – Nitznana Alfaro
- Most Fish Caught – Nathan De La Cruz, Owen De La Cruz
- Smallest Fish Caught – Elijah Vega
- Biggest Fish Caught – William Kries
- Biggest Catfish – Juan Torres
- Biggest Carp – Alani Guevara
- Biggest Bluegill – Natalie Drinnin
- Youngest Kid to Catch a Fish – Rylin Jewett
- Oldest Kid to Catch a Fish – Gwen Howell
- Longest Catfish – Mia Howell
- Shortest Catfish – Connor Darby
- Youngest Kid with Biggest Fish – Jaden Torres
- Most Unusual Catch – Ozzy Cordon

The winners were awarded fishing related prizes including fishing poles, tackle and tackle boxes.

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On the other side of Lake Elsinore, at La Laguna Resort, seasoned anglers sought to compete in this year's first Extreme Bass Tournament hosted by the Lake Elsinore Hotel & Casino. In total, 29 teams, or 58 participants, took part in the tournament. During the two day tournament, 39 fish were caught, 24 fish on day one and 15 fish on day two. Participants were awarded cash prizes for the following categories with a total payout of \$9,400 for the tournament:

Bass Payouts Total Weight in lbs.:

1st \$1,450 (22.95)

2nd \$580 (10.87)

3rd \$435 (9.23)

4th \$290 (4.34)

5th \$145 (3.59)

Big Bass Payouts: Big Bass, Day 1 \$1500 (3.59 lbs.), Big Bass, Day 2 \$1500 (3.56 lbs.)

Catfish Payouts: 1st \$1200 (9.81 lbs.), 2nd \$800, 3rd \$500

Largest Crappie: \$1000 (0.73 lbs.)

Overall, the event was a success and the Lake Elsinore Hotel & Casino hopes to make it a yearly event. Stay tuned for the names of this year's winners on the City's website later this week.

To find out more about these events or to stay informed about upcoming events, visit www.Lake-Elsinore.org and sign up for [email notifications](#), like the City's page on [Facebook](#) or follow the City on [Twitter](#).

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The [City of Lake Elsinore](#) features Southern California's largest natural freshwater lake. The second oldest city in Riverside County, Lake Elsinore celebrated its [125th Year of Incorporation](#) on April 9, 2013. The City's current population is estimated at 55,430. The City's brand and slogan, "Dream Extreme," exemplify the scenic beauty and active lifestyle of this 125 year old boom town. Visitors and residents enjoy water sports such as skiing, power boating and fishing, a world-class sky diving drop zone and thermals, a regional motocross track, professional baseball, an 18-hole golf course, outlet shops, plus dining and entertainment in Historic Downtown.