

“Fishing the Midwest with Bob Jensen” television show is seen throughout the Midwest. Series host, Bob Jensen, wrote this article following a recent trip to Oconto County. Go to www.fishingthemidwest.com for a broadcast schedule of “Fishing the Midwest with Bob Jensen.”

FAMILY AND FRIENDS FISHING

Oconto County Wisconsin

by Bob Jensen / Host of “Fishing the Midwest”

Summer is a time for lots of outdoor activities. Boating, ball games, picnics, county fairs and on and on. Plain and simple, summer-time is outdoor-time. Fishing is another popular outdoor activity. Lots of people go fishing, but there are lots of people who don't go fishing. Of all those folks who don't go fishing, most would enjoy it if they had someone who would show them how to fish and how to catch fish. We know that it's fun to be outside enjoying the ducks and deer and the camaraderie and all that stuff, but when you go fishing, it's a whole lot more fun to catch something. It doesn't need to be a trophy, and it doesn't have to be one of the glamorous gamefish that some folks seem to put a priority on. New folks to fishing just want to feel something pulling back. So do lots of us who have been fishing for a long time. Here are some ideas you can use to introduce a friend or family member to fishing.

Number one thing when it comes to fishing with someone new to the sport is go when and where you're chances for catching something are good. Kids will enjoy catching almost anything. Panfish, bass, walleyes, carp, they don't care, they just want to see that bobber go down and feel something tugging on the end of the line.

Adults are a little more selective (harder to please). Adults also generally (not always) have a longer attention span. If you're introducing an adult to fishing, you need larger panfish or bass or walleyes or carp.



Employ a simple technique. Kids and bobbers are a natural. When the bobber goes down, start reeling.

If you're with an older youngster or adult, go to a bass lake early in the morning and throw topwater baits. The thrill of seeing a bass take the bait will get most folks excited. Be sure to help with the unhooking process, as a novice needs help when multi-hooked lures are employed.

Don't make the fishing trip a test of endurance. Leave the water as soon as your beginning partner says they're ready to go. Better yet, attempt to leave before they're ready to go. You want your partner to ask “when we can go again”.

Take some snacks and drinks along, and sit back and enjoy them. Expose your partner to the total fishing experience like watching the wildlife along the shoreline, or just talking about stuff. Your lure doesn't need to be wet all the time.

Fishing is a good thing. We truly believe that if we could get some of the troublemakers in the world to share a boat, we wouldn't have so much trouble. Although most of us won't get the opportunity to fish with current world leaders, we do have the opportunity to fish with future world leaders. If we can teach them that fishing is more fun than turmoil, maybe someday down the road, we'll have less turmoil.

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