

Kids Day of Fishing set for Saturday

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FAIRFIELD — About 100 special needs and underprivileged children ages 6 to 13 will gather Saturday at Lake Solano Park Kids Pond for the Third Annual Kids Day of Fishing event.

The Kids Day of Fishing is also the name of a non-profit organization that organizes the event, which Mike Johns of Fairfield, founded with his late father Larry Johns.

Johns said he and his father began the charity in honor of his brother, Lee Johns, 49, who has cerebral palsy.

“My brother was one of those kids they said would never do anything,” Mike Johns said. “They wanted to put him in an asylum, but of course that was a long time ago.”

Today, Lee Johns works as a district manager and

“worldwide problem-solver” for Sprint from his ranch in Wisconsin, where he lives with his wife and son, Mike Johns said.

This year, the Kids Day of Fishing event will be hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Napa. There are about 30 spaces still available, Johns said.

All participants must register in advance but the event is free, thanks to donations from the community and local businesses.

Participants receive hats, shirts, rod and reel combos, tackle kits/tackle boxes and bait, according to an event flier.

There will be prizes for all participants, trophies for the top fish, and a grand prize for the overall weight of five fish. A barbecue lunch is included.

More information is available online at www.kidsdayoffishing.org or by calling 425-9792.