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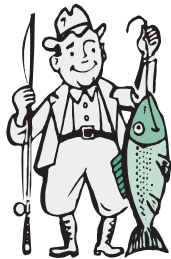
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## 2011 Miami SWCD Fish Fingerling Sale!

Fall is the **BEST TIME** to stock or re-stock your pond! Payment **MUST** accompany order. Sorry, no credit cards.  
CASH or CHECK only.

### Miami Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Fish Fingerling Sale is going on now!

Orders must be received in our office  
by **4:30 p.m. Monday, October 17, 2011.**

Fish will be delivered to our office for pick-up  
**Thursday, October 20, 2011, 12:30PM**

### THIS COMBINATION RECOMMENDED FOR A BALANCED POND.

Largemouth Bass	100 per acre
Blue Gill/ Shellcracker	500 per acre
Channel Catfish	100 per acre
Fathead Minnows	1000 per acre
White Amur	% of pond with vegetation
0—20%	none
20—40%	5
40—60%	10
60%	20

**Remember, aquatic plants at moderate levels  
are vital to maintaining a healthy pond.**

\*OTHER SPECIES AVAILABLE BELOW, MAY OR MAY  
NOT THRIVE IN YOUR POND. COULD COMPETE WITH  
DESIRABLE SPECIES IN SMALLER PONDS.

PLEASE BRING A CONTAINER FILLED WITH FRESH WATER FROM YOUR POND.

Make check out to: **Miami SWCD**  
Send check & order to: **1330 N. County Road 25A, Troy OH 45373**  
More order forms available at our office or online at [www.miamiswcd.org](http://www.miamiswcd.org) or call 937/335-7645.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE or CELL PHONE (Required) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL (Not Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Number to a Pack/Species/Size	Price	# Packs	Total
25 Black Crappie (2-4 inches)	\$20		
25 Blue Gill (2-4 inches)	\$20		
25 Channel Catfish (4-5 inches)	\$20		
25 Large Mouth Bass (2-4 inches)	\$20		
25 Minnows (3-5 inches)	\$2		
25 Red Ear Shellcracker (2-4 inches)	\$20		
25 Yellow Perch (2-4 inches)	\$20		
1 White Amur [ <i>Grass Carp</i> ] (8-14 inches)	\$12.50		
<b>We will do our best to remind you a few days ahead of time of pick-up date!</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>

## A Reminder for Miami County Educators! 2011 Waste Reduction Grant Available



The Miami County Solid Waste District is committed to supporting environmental education in Miami County. We are pleased to assist public and private school teachers, administrators and educators with environmental education programming as it relates to solid waste issues.

We hope your school will take advantage of this opportunity to further your education goals.

There are six (6) \$500 grants available and applications are due October 28th by 4 pm. For more information contact Cindy Bach at 440-3488 or cbach@miamicountysed.com

## Fall Farm Fest Miami County Park District-Lost Creek Reserve Saturday, October 8 10-5, Sunday, October 9, 12-6

The whole family will 'fall' in love with the Miami County Park District Fall Farm Fest; a two day festival held at the beautiful Lost Creek Reserve outside of Troy. Enjoy District hayrides, entertainment, Scarecrow contest judging, antique wagons & tractors, food, demonstrations, Kiddie tractor pull, \$1 pony Rides, Children's crafts & games and more. Admission is FREE! (Unfortunately, recent extreme weather made the Corn Maze un-usable!)

For more information, go to: <http://www.miamicountyparks.com/>



## Upcoming Events

- OCT 1-2** Fort Rowdy Gathering Covington  
For more information visit [www.fortrowdy.org](http://www.fortrowdy.org)
- OCT 4-8** Bradford Pumpkin Show  
937-448-2710 or visit [www.BradfordPumpkinShow.org](http://www.BradfordPumpkinShow.org)
- OCT 8-9** Fall Farm Fest Miami County Park District Lost Creek Site
- OCT 9** Annual Fall Lost Creek Garden & Antique Show 937-335-1904  
1058 Knoop Rd. Troy \$5, [acornstudio1@verizon.net](mailto:acornstudio1@verizon.net)
- OCT 10** *Columbus Day Office Closed*
- OCT 11** Monthly District Board Meeting  
7PM District office, public welcome
- OCT 15** A Primitive Harvest Miami County Fairgrounds \$2 Susan 937-308-2165  
<http://ohio1803.com>
- OCT 16** Fourth Annual Harvest Fest Historic Downtown Tipp City Beer and soft drinks will be available (you must be 21 WITH PROPER ID) as will commemorative posters and other items. Come in costume and compete in our costume contests!  
[www.tippecanoharvestfest.com](http://www.tippecanoharvestfest.com)
- OCT 20** Fish Fingerling Distribution 12:30 District office
- OCT 22** CMT Tailgates and Tanlines HOBART ARENA 7:30pm Luke Bryan with Special Guests Lee Brice & Josh Thompson Contact Hobart Arena at 937-339-2911 or [www.HobartArena.com](http://www.HobartArena.com)
- OCT 31** **Happy Halloween!**



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## HARVEST AWARENESS for Motorists!

Keep in mind the following safety tips for motorists as you share the road with farm equipment:

- Farm machinery has a legal right to use public roads just as other motor vehicles.
- Farm machinery can unexpectedly turn onto a public road from a field or driveway. Farm machinery travels slower than normal traffic, often at speeds of 25 miles per hour or less. Automobile drivers must quickly identify farm equipment and slow down immediately to avoid rear-end crashes.
- Farm machinery operators may not be able to see you because the large equipment or a load can block part of their rear view. **If you can't see the driver, the driver can't see you.**
- Slow-moving farm machinery traveling less than 25 miles per hour should display a slow moving vehicle emblem on the back of the equipment. This is a quickly identifiable sign to other motorists.
- Machinery that is half on the road and half on the shoulder may suddenly move completely onto the road
- Extra-wide farm machinery may take up more than one lane to avoid hitting obstacles such as mailboxes and road signs.
- Before passing farm machinery:
  1. Check to be sure the machinery is not turning left. Look for left turn lights or hand signals. If machinery slows and pulls toward the right side of the road, the operator is likely preparing to make a wide left turn. Likewise, sometimes to make a right turn with wide equipment, the driver must fade to the left.
  2. Determine if the road is wide enough for you and the machinery to safely share.
  3. Look for roadside obstacles such as mailboxes, bridges, or road signs that may cause the machinery to move to the center of the road.
  4. Be sure there is adequate distance for you to safely pass.
  5. Rural road rage can be negated if everyone takes the responsibility to have extra patience, careful driving habits, and use high-visibility markings and lighting.

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## Scenes from the Stillwater Education Float

September 2nd was a gorgeous day to be on the river. True, it was a hot one and more than once, the group of 48 canoers had to carry their boats over more shallow areas, but it didn't seem to diminish the good time had by all.

This group of canoers, as always, was a great mix of people, made up of Newton High School students, home-schoolers, young professionals and even retired individuals who just wanted to be out on the water.

Before the group set out, Linda with the Miami Soil and Water Conservation District prepared them for the day by presenting the ODNR Smart Start Safety Talk on canoe safety. Then the fun began, including having fun learning! Joe, Mary and Hugh with the Southwest office of the Ohio EPA were invited to do some Stream Quality Monitoring of the river, and at lunch time they showed the many different kinds of macro-invertebrates that call the Stillwater, a State Scenic River, home. Tests like these provide indicators as to how the river keeps changing as well as ascertaining its general health. Also on hand, the Miami County Park District provided photo sheets containing pictures identifying animals the group might see on their trip. Tama with the Park District spoke at lunchtime speaking about the wildlife along and in the river as well as upcoming events for the Park District.



Special thanks must be extended to the Miami County Park District for adding the use of their canoes to the Miami SWCD's eight canoes that were purchased through a grant from ODNR Division of Watercraft. This float was the last of the season, but we'll offer this opportunity again in June and again next September, so keep your eyes open!

## EDUCATION!



Speaking of education, remember that Linda Raterman, Information/Public Relations Specialist with the Miami SWCD is available to speak at your business and club meetings as well as assisting the educator in achieving curriculum standards and natural resources education goals. She holds certificates in Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Wet, Science and Civics, Food, Land and People, Aldo Leopold Project and others. All programs and presentations are free and can cover a wide range of natural resources topics adhering to current curriculum standards on earth and physical sciences, especially rocks minerals and soils and the physical earth. Programs for pre-school to 12th grade in soils and soils formation, observations of nature, earth's resources, earth's surface, energy, geology, wildlife, habitat, forestry, civics and even weather can be created specifically for and presented to your students, or Scouts group. Linda would also be happy to

speaking on water conservation and conservation practices such as rain gardens, rain barrels, pervious concrete and more. Please don't hesitate to contact her at 335-7666, ext 230 or LRaterman@miamiswcd.org to arrange your presentation!

