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Join in on the family fun of fishing

Grab your family and your poles, get away from daily life stresses, hook a memory, and don't let go. The memories are always bigger than the fish!

Here's a few tips for a fantastic fishing weekend.

- Invite a friend or neighbor to come along – Oh the joy of watching someone reel in their first fish.
- Attend a free, hands-on fishing event to help get your family started. Check our [fishing calendar](#) for a list of this weekend's fishing events.
- Find a list of stocked lakes and ponds that are easily accessible in neighborhood parks and along trails on our [interactive Iowa Community Fisheries Atlas](#).
- Get tips for taking kids fishing and catching crappie, bluegills and yellow bass on our [Fishing Tips website](#).
- Keep the fun going all summer long – buy your [fishing license](#) today!

Catch a memory when your favorite young angler hooks their first fish!

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