

# Are you ready to get 'hooked' on fishing?



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Nearly 500 children ages 6 to 18 attend this yearly event, which utilizes 25 boats, hundreds of adult supervisors and volunteers.

Children are provided with rods, reels, life vests, snacks and training for the event.

Wil Warren of I'm Hooked, Inc began the non-profit in 1988 as a way to build relationships between adult mentors and children who need them most. The first year included 75 at-risk children from Portland. Following years expanded to include foster children and now the event offers registration to all children.

I'm Hooked, Inc. organizes this year event at the Lake as well as connecting with the right groups. In addition to the non-profit, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,



Portland Parks and Recreation, Hillsboro Parks and Recreation, the Association of Northwest Steelheaders, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Washington County Parks and Boy Scouts of America participate.

This event at Hagg Lake is just one of dozens of free fishing events around the state during the one weekend per year when licenses or tags are not required to fish. Licenses are otherwise required for anyone age 14 and older.



Registration can be made by visiting our website at [www.imhookedinc.org](http://www.imhookedinc.org) and using the Register tab. You can also Like us on Facebook!



I'm Hooked, Inc. continues to seek partners in its mission to reach urban youth and provide them with a variety of opportunities. If you are interested in partnering, please visit our website, [www.imhookedinc.org](http://www.imhookedinc.org) and use the Contact Us tab.

## Join Us!

Children of all ages are invited June 7th and 8th to attend the 25th anniversary of I'm Hooked, Inc., a Portland based non-profit. This free, two day event is held during the first weekend in June at Henry Hagg Lake near Gaston.



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