



## Module 3: Where to Get Help

If you're a Scout leader, parent, or organizer, finding help can be a challenge when it comes to developing a fishing program or activity. Module 3 is designed to provide some useful tips and suggestions that will help you get started.

### **Books/Magazines/Periodicals/Internet**

The greatest source of help in finding information about fishing comes from books, magazines, periodicals, and the Internet. The Boy Scouts of America also has two great fishing resources: the *Fishing* and *Fly-Fishing* merit badge pamphlets.

### **Council**

Contact your council program director. In most cases, he or she will know a Scouter in the council who is a fisherman who will be more than happy to lend their experience in this area.

### **Community**

Your local department of natural resources or state or local parks are also excellent sources of information. Don't forget your local sporting goods stores such as Orvis, Bass Pro, Gander Mountain, Cabela's, and others that have fishing departments. Their experts will be more than happy to help you with your fishing program or activity.

### **Organizations**

You can find fishing organizations in all 50 states, and seeking them out is very simple if you have a computer. One of the best sites for finding organizations that help with fishing is [www.fishing-organizations.webs.com/](http://www.fishing-organizations.webs.com/).

The organizations on this site are mostly national, but there are some state/regional clubs listed also. These associations are listed alphabetically first by category of interest, then by fish species. Some organizations may appear in two different categories.

Any organizations pertaining to a subspecies of fish will be listed in the main species category. For example, if you were searching for smallmouth bass fishing clubs, you would look under the bass category. If you were searching for king salmon organizations, you would look in the salmon category.

They have included the names of the organizations along with the links to them. The site tries to maintain a current list of sites and their respective links. However, sites change links and sometimes close altogether. If one of the links on this site is dead or leads to a site other than the one it represents, you may still be able to locate the site by using a search engine.

Enjoy your fishing organization exploration.

Headings and or categories include the following:

- General Fishing Organizations
- General Fishing Organizations
- Conservation Organizations
- Conservation Resources
- Saltwater Fishing Organizations
- Saltwater Fishing Resources
- Fly Fishing Organizations
- Fly Fishing Resources
- Ice Fishing Organizations
- Bow Fishing Organizations
- Spear Fishing Organizations
- Spear Fishing Resources
- Hand-line Fishing Organizations
- Kite Fishing Organizations
- Commercial Fishing Organizations
- Commercial Fishing Resources
- Fishing Trade Organizations
- Women's Fishing Organizations
- Women's Fishing Resources
- Christian Fishing Organization
- Christian Fishing Resources

- Youth Fishing Organizations
- Albacore Fishing
- Bass Fishing
- Bass Fishing-Striped Bass
- Bass Fishing-Striped Bass Resources
- Billfish Fishing
- Bluegill Fishing Resources
- Bone Fishing
- Bone Fishing Resources
- Bowfin Fishing
- Bream Fishing
- Burbot (Eelpout)
- Carp Fishing
- Catfish Fishing
- Catfish Fishing Resources
- Char Fishing
- Chub Fishing
- Crappie Fishing
- Croaker Fishing
- Drum Fishing
- Eel Fishing
- Eelpout (Burbot) Fishing
- Gar Fishing
- Grayling Fishing
- Grunion Fishing
- Hake Fishing
- Herring Fishing
- Killifish Fishing
- Kingfish Fishing
- Mackerel Fishing
- Manta Fishing
- Menhaden Fishing
- Mullet Fishing
- Muskellunge Fishing
- Ocean Sunfish Fishing
- Pike Fishing
- Redfish Fishing
- Sailfish Fishing
- Salmon Fishing
- Sardine Fishing

- Shad Fishing
- Shark Fishing
- Skip Jack Fishing
- Snook Fishing
- Squid Fishing
- Stickleback Fishing
- Sturgeon Fishing
- Swordfish Fishing
- Tarpon Fishing
- Trout Fishing
- Trout Fishing – Steel Head
- Tuna Fishing
- Walleye Fishing
- Whitebait Fishing
- Whiting Fishing

In Scouting, I find that if you just ask, someone will be more than happy to help you.