

PARTICIPANT WAIVER & RELEASE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST READ & SIGN

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she understands that participation in any recreational activity associated with Western Kentucky University is purely voluntary, and that such participation is not a requirement of the academic curriculum of the University.

In consideration of the University cooperating in making the program available and/or making any equipment or facilities available to the participants, clubs, teams, groups, and/or the undersigned while participating in recreational activities, the undersigned hereby releases Western Kentucky University, its successors, assigns, officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever in any way growing out of or resulting from the undersigned's voluntary and informed participation in recreational activities.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she has investigated and obtained information concerning the possible risks and hazards of his/her participation. The undersigned acknowledges and understands that recreational activities involve substantial risk of bodily injury, including possible death.

It is expressly understood by the undersigned that he/she is solely responsible for any costs arising out of any bodily or property damage sustained through his/her participation in recreational activities. The undersigned acknowledges that it is his/her responsibility to obtain a physical examination before participating in any recreational activity that requires physical exertion and to obtain adequate bodily injury and property damage insurance coverage.

If the undersigned is married and/or a minor, then the signature of the spouse, parent, or guardian appearing in the space indicated below signifies acceptance by said spouse, parent, or guardian that the terms and conditions hereof shall be binding upon them and shall constitute a release by them of any and all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever which they or any of them may have against Western Kentucky University, its successors, assigns, officers, agents, and employees as a result of the undersigned's participation in the activities described. The undersigned also understands and consents to having their photograph taken and used for promotional materials by the University.

I agree to abide by the tournament rules as set forth by the tournament committee. I accept that any interpretation of the tournament rules and/or any disagreements or questions about the rules will be decided by the tournament committee and I will accept that the committee's decision is final. I understand that my entry fee only entitles me to the opportunity to participate in the tournament. I understand and agree that all decisions made by the tournament committee are final.

*** I have completely read and understand clearly the provisions stated in this release and agree to be bound thereby. All minors signatures must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.**

Signature Date

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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entry fee is \$35 per person, or \$60 team (limit 2 anglers per boat).
2. Pre-registration is encouraged. Boats will start the tournament according to the order of entry. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse any/all entries.
3. Pre-registration will be from 6 to 8pm on Friday, April 18, 2008 at Ranger Bob's Bait & Tackle.
4. Check-in and onsite registration will be from 4:30-6:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Ranger Bob's Bait and Tackle.
5. Tournament hours will be 7a.m. until 1p.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2008.
6. Awards ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Ranger Bob's Bait and Tackle.
7. **Scales open at 7am and close at 1pm.** Participants must check in with a member of the weigh-in committee to weigh a fish at the end of the tournament.
8. All fish must be brought to the scales alive. No dead fish will be weighed. Each team may weigh only **one fish per hour.**
9. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Kentucky Bass are allowed to be weighed.
10. Once a fish is handed to the weigh master, it becomes property of the tournament committee and will be released after it is weighed.
11. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed will be the winner.
12. No live bait allowed. Artificial lures only. Pork or pork type strips are permitted. Maximum rod length will be 7 ½ feet. Trolling will not be permitted.
13. Maximum of 2 persons per boat. You may fish alone. A boat is considered a team.
14. Life jackets must be worn any time the gas motor is running.
15. Any protests will be handled by a committee of three contestants appointed by the weigh master. Their decision will be final. The weigh master reserves the right to require a polygraph.
16. All participants must read and sign the official registration form and waiver and release acknowledgement forms.
17. Drugs, other than prescription in their approved container, and alcohol will not be permitted.
18. Only one prize per team per hour.
19. All participating boats must have an operating livewell and operational kill switch.
20. All boats must have current liability insurance coverage.
21. No fishing within 100 yards of the weigh station.



Benefiting the Dream Factory

Your name could be here!! Please contact us if you'd like the opportunity to be our corporate sponsor.

Saturday April 19, 2008

**7am - 1pm
Barren River Lake, KY**

**Hosted by
Western Kentucky University's
Recreation Administration Program**

**Special thanks to
Ranger Bob's Bait & Tackle
and the many sponsors who help
make this event possible**

RECREATION

ON-SITE REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

Where: Ranger Bob's Bait and Tackle
4171 Barren River Dam Road
Scottsville, KY 42164

When: **Friday, April 18th 6-8 p.m.**
Saturday, April 19th 4:30-6:30 a.m.

- \$35 individual, or \$60 team entry fee (limit 2 anglers per boat)
- All registration fees must be paid before participants receive a blast-off number
- No entries accepted at the boat ramp
- Make checks payable to:
WKU Foundation / Hilltopper Classic
- **All participants must register and check in at Ranger Bob's Bait and Tackle**
- All entrants who check in on Friday night will be entered into a drawing for a rod and reel, courtesy of Ranger Bob's Bait and Tackle!

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Early registration is encouraged. All registration forms and fees **MUST** be postmarked by 4/4/08. Any postmarked after this date will be returned. On-site registration will be required for all others. **Blast off order will be determined by postmark date or on-site registration time.**

Recreation Administration



Western Kentucky University's Recreation Administration program offers a comprehensive curriculum preparing students to become future leaders in outdoor, campus, church, community, and municipal recreation. The program's students are dedicated to being civically-engaged members of the community by sponsoring events like the Hilltopper Black Bag Classic Bass Tournament.

The Dream Factory

The Dream Factory is dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of chronically ill and critically ill children. Each summer they send ten children to Camp Rainbow located at Land Between the Lakes to swim and fish. The local chapter serves the ten county Barren River Area Development District. For more information visit their website at www.dreamfactorybg.org.



PRIZES

Big fish each hour:

1st \$300
2nd \$200
3rd \$100

Door prizes will be given away.

Big fish of the day:
\$500

Awards Ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Port Oliver Recreation Area. Concessions will be available.

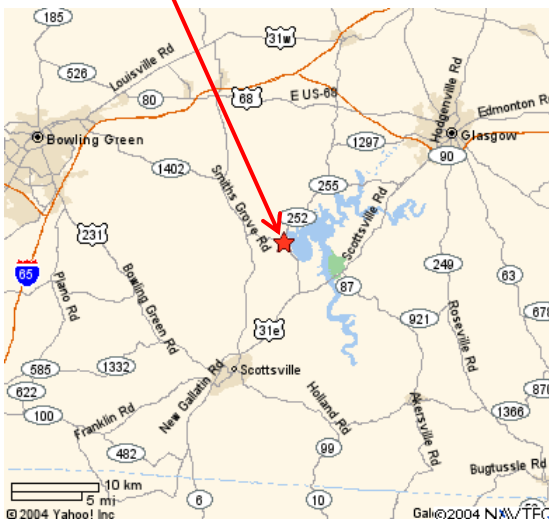
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

(270) 745-3591 (M-F 8am-4pm CST)

www.wku.edu/hilltopperclassic

Driving Directions

Ranger Bob's Bait & Tackle
4171 Barren River Dam Road
Scottsville, KY 42164



Hilltopper Black Bag Classic

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

(Cut & Send)

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

DONATION OPTIONS:

* \$5 \$20
 \$10 Other

please do not send cash *credit cards not accepted

*make checks payable to: **WKU Foundation / Hilltopper Classic**

For Office Use Only:

Postmark Date: _____

Boat Number: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION & FEE

Recreation Administration-Hilltopper Classic
2032 Diddle Arena
1906 College Heights Blvd # 21090
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1090

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