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

It is 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.

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 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday, April 27, 2012 at Red Roof BBQ, 898 Moutardier Road, Leitchfield, KY.
4. Check-in and on-site registration will be from 4:00am - 6:00am on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Red Roof BBQ, 898 Moutardier Road, Leitchfield, KY.
5. Tournament hours will be 7:00am - 1:00pm on Saturday, April 28, 2012.
6. Awards ceremony will begin at 1:30pm at the Picnic Shelter located next to the Moutadier Launch Ramp.
7. Scales open at 7:00am and close at 1:00pm. 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 of any winners.
16. All participants must read and sign the official registration form and waiver and release acknowledgement forms.
17. Drugs and alcohol will not be permitted.
18. Only one prize per team per hour.
19. All participating boats must have an operating live well and operational kill switch.
20. All boats must have current liability insurance coverage.
21. No fishing within 100 yards of the weigh station.
**TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**

**Mail-In Registration**
- Must be post marked by 4/18/12
- All forms signed and completed
- Check or money order included with registration

**On-site Registration**
- Where: Red Roof BBQ
  - 898 Moutardier Rd.
  - Leitchfield, KY 42754
- When: Friday, April 27th 6:00-9:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, April 28th 4:00-6:00 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 Recreation and Sports Majors Club

All participants must register and check in at Red Roof BBQ prior to tournament start.

Early registration is encouraged. Blast off order will be determined by 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.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky**

Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with trusted mentors who promote self-esteem, expand their awareness of life's opportunities, and give guidance and support. Big Brothers Big Sisters is proven to increase children's odds of succeeding in school, behaving nonviolently, avoiding drugs and alcohol, and breaking negative cycles. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been impacting lives in South Central Kentucky for the past 38 years and serves matched children ages 6 to 18 in Warren, Allen, and Barren counties.

http://www.bbbbsky.com/

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**PRIZES**

**Big fish each hour:**

- **1st:** 8% (Up to $300)
- **2nd:** 5% (Up to $200)
- **3rd:** 3% (Up to $100)

% of total entry fees received

**Big fish of the day:**

$500

Door prizes will be given away!

Awards Ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Moutardier Picnic Shelter near the launch ramp.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

(270) 745-5794 (M-F 9am-6pm CST)

http://www.wku.edu/hilltopperclassic

Scan Image to the left with your smart phone to visit our website.

**Driving Directions**

From Nashville on I-65, take exit 28 at Bowling Green. Turn north on US 31W, 12 to 15 miles, turn left onto KY 101. At a town named Rhoda, KY 101 merges with KY 259. Follow KY 259 North to Moutardier Road/KY 2067. Turn right onto Moutardier Road/KY 2067.

From Louisville on I-65, exit onto the Western Kentucky Parkway at Elizabethtown. Follow the Western Kentucky Parkway to Leitchfield exit (107) onto KY 259 South. Follow KY 259 South for 12 miles to Moutardier Road/KY 2067. Turn left onto Moutardier/KY 2067.

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**Hilltopper Black Bag Classic**

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT**

(Cut & Send)

- Name
- Address
- City State Zip
- E-mail Address
- Phone
- Signature

**DONATION OPTIONS:**

- ___ $5
- ___ $10
- ___ $20
- ___ Other Amt.

*please do not send cash  credit cards not accepted  make checks payable to:
  - WKU Recreation and Sports Club

**MAIL REGISTRATION & FEE**

Recreation Administration-Hilltopper Classic

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

**For Office Use Only:**

Postmark Date: ______/________/___________  Boat Number: ____________________________

**You name could be here!!**

Please contact us if you’d like the opportunity to be a corporate sponsor.