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REEL in some FUN at the 18th Annual Youth Fishing Derby at Flatlanders Lake

Lakeland, GA... The 18th annual youth fishing derby will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Flatlanders Lake in Lakeland, Georgia. Children ages 3-15 are invited to join the festivities of fishing, snacks, and a raffle! Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and fishing will take place from 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. First, second, and third place prices will be awarded for longest fish and most fish to each age group. This event is hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Banks Lake Outdoors, Okefenokee Wildlife League, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Lakeland.

There will be a raffle with prizes that are donated by event supporters. Raffles will begin at 10:30 a.m. All activities will be in accordance with the National Fishing and Boating Week which is being celebrated June 2nd-9th with "Georgia Free Fishing Days" June 2nd and June 9th. During the Free Fishing Days, Georgia residents 16 years and older, do not need a fishing license. All other fishing regulations apply. For more information about the fishing derby, please contact the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center located at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge at 912-496-7836 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this event for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, close captioning, or other accommodation needs to Susan Heisey, 912-496-7366 ex 233, susan_heisey@fws.gov, TTY 800-877-8339 with your request by close of business May 31, 2018.

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