

CHARITY HISTORY

On September 7 & 8, 2018, IUOE Local 148 will host its 31st Annual Charity Bass Tournament at Public Beach Area #2 at Lake of the Ozarks. For 30 years, a group of Local 148 volunteers, both active and retired members, have donated a weekend to raise money for organizations that battle childhood diseases. Since its inception at Sterett Creek on Truman Lake in 1989, this "one of a kind" tournament has raised over \$1.8 million dollars for Cystic Fibrosis, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Cardinal Glennon, and now Ronald McDonald House Charities® of St. Louis. The tournament was able to donate \$42,000 to Ronald McDonald House from the 2017 tourney!

The tournament is designed to allow your everyday non-tourney fishermen the opportunity to have a fun day of fishing along with helping out a good cause. Anglers that have earned over \$5,000 in tournament earnings (proceeding year) are not allowed to participate. Because of the desire to provide as many of the proceeds as possible to the charity, the top prize for the winning boat stringer is \$1000. However, there is a 10% total payout of prize money; last year's tourney saw 12 boats receive monies. In addition, there are three places paid for Big Bass and there is also a payout for a "Guys & Gals" winning stringer. One lucky fisherman will also win the grand attendance prize with a value of \$3,000; each registered entrant's name will be included in the grand prize drawing, but you must be in attendance to win.

On top of the prize payouts and grand attendance prize, the fishermen receive a lot of other "bang for their buck" \$75 entry fee (\$150 per two man boat). During Friday evening's pre-tourney check-in, there is a bratwurst dinner with beer, soda and chips. Following the weigh-in on Saturday afternoon, there is a pork steak dinner with beer and soda, and drawings for numerous attendance prizes. The fisherman will also have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction, live auction, and gun raffle to provide additional donations to Ronald McDonald House. Please join us on September 8th for a fun day and a worthy cause!

FYI FOR THE TOURNAMENT FISHERMEN

The tournament location is the Marina at Public Beach Area #2 and the tournament will kickoff with registration/check-in at 3:00PM on Friday, September 7th at the Marina. We will start serving brats, beer, soda, and chips at 5:00PM followed by a presentation regarding lake fishing conditions by local guides at 6:00PM.

We will send boats off from the Marina at Public Beach Area #2 starting at approximately 6:30AM on Saturday, September 8th (subject to local lake patrol approval). First flight is due in at 3:00PM with the weigh-in and pork steak dinner to follow. Reminder that wristbands are required for food and beverages.

Please see additional insert for recommended lodging in the area.

Thank you and good luck fishing!

