

Kids Fishing in Lake Joe

Equipment:

Spinning or closed-faced reel with a 5-6' medium action rod and 8-12 pound line



Medium sized hook



Sinkers



Rigging:

- A sliding sinker is preferred and should be tied immediately above the hook
- If using a non sliding sinker attach about 10 inches above the hook
- Minimize size of sinker, use just enough weight to cast 30-50 feet
- Make sure to tie a good knot and set the drag properly

Helpful Hints:

- Use readily available baits such as hot dogs, smoked sausage, slim jims, or shrimp and cut into pieces ½ to 1 inch long
- Early or late in the day is best
- BE PATIENT, catfish feed by smell and need time to find your bait
- Be careful while handling catfish, they have 3 bony spines – 1 on top and 1 on each side
- If the hook is swallowed do not try to force out, just cut the line as short as possible and release
- Bring bug spray, sunscreen, cold drinks, camera, and a small towel to wipe off hands