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HOOKED ON FISHING WITH TIM MASON

The sound of the leaves rustling, the sight of a rising sun melting away the fog over the water, the feel of a fresh worm squirming were all it took to hook consultant Tim Mason on what would become a lifelong passion for him – Bass Fishing. Tim, a professional fisherman, visited the Powder Horn course on day three to share his wisdom about taking youth fishing.

As a youth a fishing rod was never far from Tim Mason's hands. Tim fondly recalls many family gatherings around the water. His parents found solace in the solitude of being with nature – it was both a spiritual existential experience. The guidance of Tim's parents to place in his hands tools that captivated his young mind would serve as an escape from troublesome situations. Like many of today's teens, Tim

faced many opportunities to fall into trouble, but fishing was his escape.

As Tim spent hours at the lake he learned many important lessons such as patience, listening, and persistence; lessons that carried over into an early career in the US Army. He served our country valiantly as a combat engineer with a specialty in demolition. While serving in the armed forces he had the opportunity to travel throughout Germany. Not even the rigors of serving as a soldier could shake Tim from his passion for fishing, as a GI in Germany he was able to refine his craft in various lakes throughout the country.

After retiring from the military Tim's life took several twists and turns, but he kept on Fishing. In the spring of 2002 Tim's fishing career began to bloom. In Nashville, Tennessee, Bass Pro Shops opened a large

retail store and hired Tim to be the Fishing Department supervisor, and Lead Fishing Instructor. With the credentials of Bass Pro to his credit, Tim was able to fish in more prominent tournaments. His persistence and success caught the attention of the bass fishing community, and he was quickly offered several sponsorships. In February 2006, Tim's professional fishing career had taken off such that he was able to leave Bass Pro Shops to focus on fishing, and establishing a home based business selling exotic fruit drinks. Today Tim actively fishes the Bass Fishing League, and the Bassmaster's Series (as seen on ESPN).

The success that Tim enjoys today is the product of his deep religious faith and the values his family instilled in him, through fishing. Tim believes in giving back to society the blessings he has been given, and works with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

SCOUTING AROUND THE WORLD



The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is an international body composed of national Scout organizations. The "members" of the World Scout Organization are national Scout organizations, not individuals or Scout groups. There are 155 countries with internationally recognized national Scout organizations. These represent more than 28 million Scouts, young people and adults, male and female, in 216 countries and territories. Only one National Scout Organization is recognized in any country. In some countries, mainly in Europe, the official National Scout Organization is a federation composed of two or more National Scout Associations. These associations were accepted years ago on the basis of major cultural, and in particular religious, considerations which clearly justified the existence of separate associations. These associations are not based on differences in membership requirements, or styles of delivering the Scouting programme.

The World Scout Bureau is the secretariat, or permanent office of the World Organization. Its main office is in Geneva, Switzerland, and there are offices in the six World Scout regions. Visitors are welcome, but it is requested that groups give advance notice so that arrangements can be made. The Geneva office is open during normal working hours. Tours and briefings for groups are available if arranged in advance. Visitors can expect to find administrative offices, and a small Scout shop. There is no museum, or substantial collection of Scouting memorabilia. There are no hostel facilities.

World Scouting Resources

Youth Involvement Toolbox: http://worldnet.scout.org/resource_centre/YIToolbox

World Scouting Report: <http://www.scout.org/wsrc/wsr2006.shtml.en>

Countries Without Scouting:

Andorra, Republic of China
Cuba, North Korea
Laos, Myanmar

Did You Know?

Venturing has been featured as part of a series highlighting Promising Practices on Youth Involvement in Scouting.
<http://www.scout.org/strat/sp1en.shtml>

Source: <http://www.scout.org/satw>

FRIDAY PROGRAM

After a short introductory session, we will load two busses and drive to Vertical eXcape Climbing Gym where we will spend about 2 hours at a hands-on mountaineering session.

From Vertical eXcape, we will drive to Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve where we will participate in sessions on Conservation, Ecology, and Plants & Wildlife. While at Wesselman Woods, we will also eat lunch.

In the afternoon, half of our group will drive to Swonder Ice Arena for winter sports, while the other half heads to the YMCA indoor pool for SCUBA. Each group will switch programs halfway through the afternoon.

After both groups have had an opportunity to try winter sports and SCUBA, we will head back to the council office for dinner. During dinner, David Carter, who summited Mt. Everest with the NOVA team in 1997 will share pictures from his amazing trek.

After dinner, Central Region Venturing Chair Chris Szybisty will discuss the latest news from the Region and will offer insights into Teen Leader Councils. Central Region Associate Director for Venturing Joe Vollmer will also be available to answer questions.

Following the Central Region Venturing presentation, Chris will conduct a Venturing awards court of honor, where we will present one Outdoor Bronze Award, two Ranger Awards, and two Regional Venturing Leadership Awards.

We will then caravan from Evansville to Old Ben Scout Reservation

ON FLY FISHING WITH ROBERT AND JASON

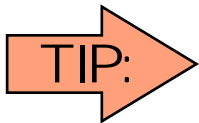


Teaching the art of tying flies and casting lines were two gentlemen from vastly different background that share a passion for teaching others of the majesty of the outdoors. One had learned the sport from their father as a child while the other sought out the tranquility of fly fishing while studying for the Bar Exam during law school. The inclusiveness of fly fishing found both men frequenting similar shops and crossing paths frequently when the idea struck them. Working together they could share their fly fishing craft and develop a business around it. Together, law school graduate and professional fly fishing instructor for L.L. Bean, Robert DeAngelis, when paired with economics graduate and lifelong fly tying artist, Jason Cebe could build on each others strengths to create a guiding business lead amateurs into the Big Sky Mountains of Montana.



When asked about intangible lessons that fly fishing teaches, together they agree that exposing youth to the outdoors teaches invaluable lessons about preserving our nation's natural resources.

If you have any questions, Robert can be reached via email at: rdeangelis@louisville-tile.com , and Jason at: jcebe@fbtlaw.com



Always check local laws and know who by law requires a fishing tag/license prior to any group fishing trip.

ON CATCHING MORE FISH: TIM MASON:



F+L+P=SUCCESS

F: know the Fish

L: Locate the fish

P: choose the correct Presentation for the bait



- ### DAY 4 ACTIVITIES
- Check in at Eyecamp Scout Center
 - Wilderness Survival
 - Winter Sports
 - Ecology/Conservation
 - Mountaineering
 - Caravan to Old Ben Scout Reservation
 - Central Region Venturing