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# Recap: 2022 Trout Contest for Kids

After a 2-year involuntary hiatus, the beloved Trout Contest for Kids enjoyed a successful return to Spring Lake on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>. An early morning shower gave way to mixed sun and clouds and a hearty west wind, allowing families and their children to enjoy a splendid day just a few blocks off the Jersey coast. The hot chocolate and coffee were brewing early, and dozens of bagels and donuts were handed out to hungry young anglers eager to catch their prize.

Just before things got started, Spring Lake Mayor Jennifer Naughton took a moment to greet our crowd and share a brief tribute to Chris Hueth, who played such an instrumental role in this event over the years until he unexpectedly passed away a year ago. He is so deeply missed by the SRSA family and the shore community, but without question, he watched over this event with much pride. Shortly after she closed with Chris' notable "catch 'em up" phrase, the opening gun was fired and landing nets were hitting the water around the lake. Throughout the first hour, many trout were landed and brought to the scale, generating lots of smiles and anticipation for the afternoon's prize ceremony. The appetite of the fish slowed down as the day passed, but there was plenty of other activity to keep the anglers and their families busy.

The truck from the Musky Hatchery arrived around 11 AM to drop off another bunch of trout for the lake, and our kitchen crew started serving up the hot dogs and chips shortly thereafter. Our good friends at Jersey Shore Pirates had the face-painting in full swing, and the Ralph's Italian Ices truck was serving up plenty of treats to quench those sweet teeth. The trout weren't the only creatures involved in the day either, as Rizzo's Wildlife World was on scene to share hands-on experiences with crocodiles, toads, chinchillas and more. Meanwhile, our local heroes of the Goodwill Fire Company had their truck on site to allow folks to take their chance at shooting a live fire hose at a target.

In the end, it was a great day for all and a triumphant return for this 20-year-old tradition. Thanks once again to all our participants and their families, and especially to all our sponsors and contributors, without whom this event would not be possible. The following pages provide a summary of our prize winners, samples of the gracious compliments people have offered, and a few photo highlights. Can't wait to see you again in 2023!!

**Grand Prize Winner: Ryan Kehrney, age 13, 9 lb 14 oz Rainbow Trout**



Age 5 and Under				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Kaia Stout	5	5 lb 1 oz	Rainbow
2	Tiago Corticeiro	3	4 lb 12 oz	Rainbow
3	Kai Murtagh	5	4 lb 2 oz	Rainbow
Age 6 to 9				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Joshua Leone	7	6 lb 1 oz	Brown
2	Justin Cook	9	4 lb 9 oz	Rainbow
3	Chase Tucker	9	4 lb 7 oz	Rainbow
Age 10 to 12				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Justin Biedinger	11	5 lb 11 oz	Rainbow
2	Nicholas Mahanholmes	12	5 lb 3 oz	Rainbow
3	Connor Clark	11	4 lb 13 oz	Rainbow
Age 13 to 15				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Katie Doran	13	5 lb 12 oz	Rainbow
2	Christopher Milliken	15	5 lb 0 oz	Tiger
3	Jeremy Merler	13	4 lb 9 oz	Rainbow
Largest Golden Trout				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	
1	Isabella Rodriguez	14	2 lb 11 oz	

Feedback shared on the **SRSA Kids Trout Contest** Facebook page:

**SRSA Kids Trout Contest** · David Clayton · 47m · 📷

Thank you for great day SRSA kid trout tournament you all dis great job for kids



**Ilir Gjatollari** · 1d · 📷

Thank you guys for the best event, he looks forward to this so much every year, and it never disappoints.



**Marilyn Kelly Gibney** · 1d · 📷

We LOVE this event. thank you so much for all the hard work and we are excited to be here again! Hoping we don't go home empty handed for the fifth year 😊



**SRSA Kids Trout Contest** · **Rande KunDog** · 1d · 📷

Thank you SRSA for a great day! Class acts all around!

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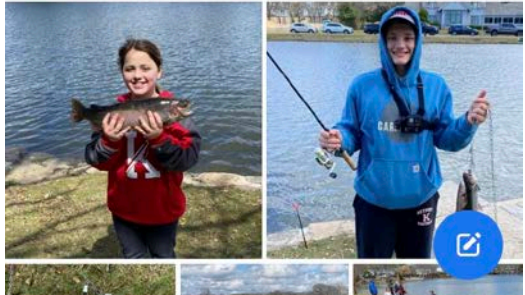
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**Greg Burns** · 1d · 📷

Thank you for another memorable contest can't wait for next year



 **Jennifer Tracy**  
1d · 📷

Thank you to everyone who made this event so special! The boys enjoyed fishing, seeing the animals, eating sweets, and making new friends! Good luck everyone!




 **Chris Prentiss**  
1d · 📷

Thank you Srsa fam for putting on a great event, kids had a blast.

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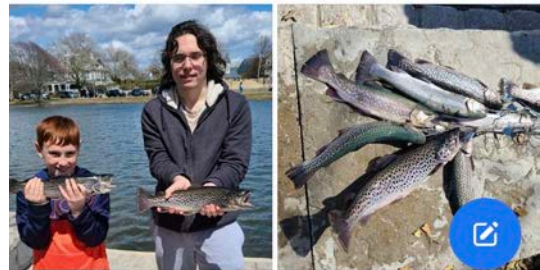
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 **Dan Royle**  
1d · 📷

Another great opening day...



 **Mike Pritsch**  
1d · 📷

Thanks SRSA for putting on such a great tournament for the kids. They had a awesome time and are already game planning for next year....



 **Brandon Matusiewicz**  
1d · 📷

Thank you to everyone, for all that you do for the kids!!!



**Peter Arcari** 11h · 📷

Fantastic tournament, thank you again to all who organize this!! We are already excited for next year!



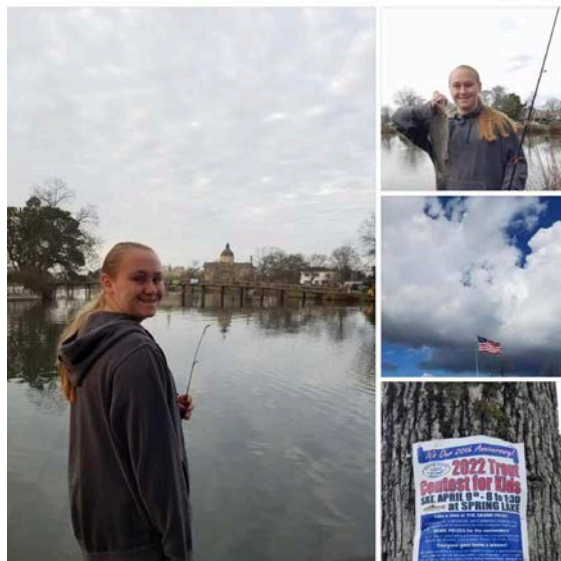
**Scott Roland** 1d · 📷

Roland boys ! Big thanks to Shark River Anglers for making the kids smile once again



**Bridget Krysinsky Mikuletzky** 11h · 📷

Rise & Shine!! Fish on! 🐟 We had a great time at this event! My girl Kodi ! Yall did a great job and Thank you for all your hard work! I saw so many smiles on kids!



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**Atlantic Randy** 🐟  
Thank you for a job well done and some great memories made for my family  
1d Like Reply 1 🍷

**Patty Anne**  
Great job wonderful day! Thx you!  
1d Like Reply 1 🍷

**Elizabeth Masterson** 🐟  
My husband and daughter had a great time, thank you for all of your hard work to make it happen!  
1d Like Reply 1 🍷

**Maria DeBruin**  
Thank you!! Great day!  
1d Like Reply 1 🍷

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 **Christine Mc** 4h · 📍

Thanks for the awesome memories made!




 **Jaclyn Nicole**  
Thank you! Kids had so much fun!  
1d Like Reply 1 👍

 **Ryan Hirce**  
Thank you guys we had a blast today  
1d Like Reply 1 👍

 **Kathleen Alise Neiman**  
Thank you  
23h Like Reply 1 👍

 **Mary Gatti**  
What a great day! Thank you for making this happen for our kids. These are memories my dad, son and I will carry with us always. 🎣💙  
12h Like Reply 1 👍

 **Mary Gatti**  
... even if this is all he caught this year. 😂😂



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