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Recap: 2023 Trout Contest for Kids

The 2023 edition of the SRSA Trout Contest for Kids was a big success on Saturday April 8th, with great weather, good fishing, and fun times for all! Participants and their families started arriving early on that cool morning, and the complimentary hot beverages and breakfast treats were ready and waiting for them.

SRSA President and Contest Chairman Greg Hueth gave a short introduction and pep talk before the opening guns went off at 8 AM, and it didn't take long for the fish to bite and the weigh-ins to begin at our scoring tent. That first 30 minutes was very busy at that tent and the scale got a great workout. The first few hours saw very decent fishing, and it actually got to the point where we ran out of room on the scoreboard and had to remove lower scoring fish to make room for new entries – that might very well be a first for this event in over 20 years! Each of the four age categories was full or nearly full of weigh-ins, and that is such a great measure of how this event appeals to all ranges of kids, young and old.

As always, the day offered much more than fishing. The Jersey Shore Pirates were once again on hand to provide face-painting for the kids, and Rizzo's Wildlife World had their gaggle of critters available for meet-and-greets with the crowd who filtered through. Certainly, our food tent was a popular place throughout the day, with donuts from Dunkin' Donuts, bagels from Baron's Bagels in Brick, and late morning hot dogs with chips on the side. Our friends at Pepsi made sure our visitors didn't go thirsty, and Ralph's Italian Ice truck offered a little something for the sweet tooth. As is tradition, the Goodwill Fire Company was on site with their truck to allow kids a chance to operate a real fire hose, and it was once again their siren that announced the end of our day of competition.

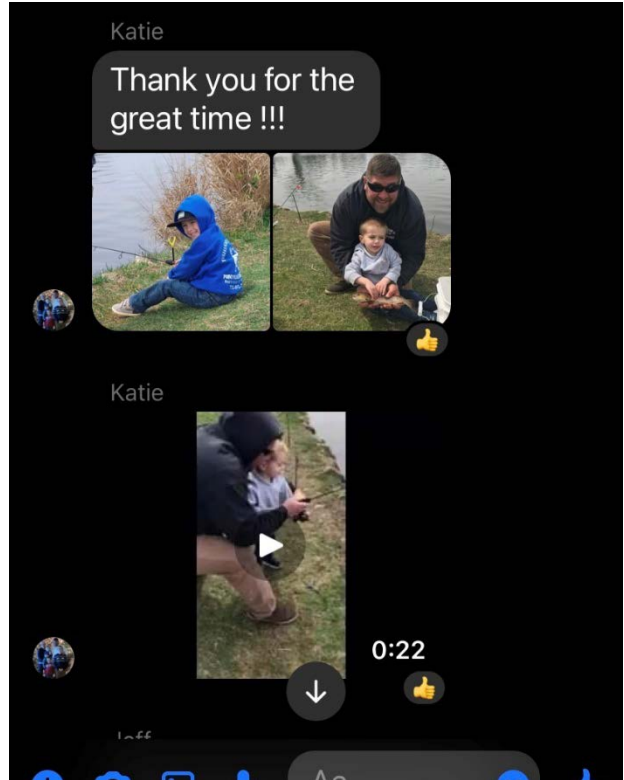
Our event history runs ever deeper with each passing year, and this one will likely go down as one of the best ever overall. We are deeply grateful to all of our participants and their families, and of course to our sponsors and contributors, who continue to make this a community highlight each and every year. Please read on to browse the summary of our winners, some of the social media feedback we have received, and a small sample of photo highlights. Thanks again, and we will see you in 2024!

Grand Prize Winner: Forrest Black, age 12, Brown Trout 6 lb 14 oz



Age 5 & Under				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Jessica Hayes	2	5 lb 5 oz	Rainbow
2	Nick Tennaro	4	4 lb 8 oz	Brown
3	Lance Sikorski	3	3 lb 6 oz	Rainbow
Age 6 to 9				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Joshua Leone	8	5 lb 14 oz	Brown
2	Scarlett Smida	8	4 lb 10 oz	Tiger
3	Kaia Stout	6	4 lb 2 oz	Rainbow
Age 10 to 12				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Justin Cook	10	6 lb 6 oz	Brown
2	Jackson DeSantis	12	5 lb 1 oz	Brown
3	Brady Kunisch	11	5 lb 0 oz	Brown
Age 13 to 15				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	Type of Trout
1	Evan Buckle	13	5 lb 6 oz	Brown
2	Rachel Pietras	14	5 lb 5 oz	Rainbow
3	Jeremy Metzler	14	5 lb 4 oz	Brown
Largest Golden Trout				
Place	Name	Age	Weight	
1	Shawn Bolinsky	5	3 lb 3 oz	

Feedback shared with us via social media:



< **SRSA Kids Trout Contest** ...
Darryl Zarichak · 3h · 📷

Mike Daly
Thank you! Another year of great memories!
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Seoung Won
You guys really outdid yourselves! Thanks again! Great job as usual!
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Roger Smith Jr.
You guys do a wonderful thing and a fantastic job. We love it!



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Kathleen Beck
Bravo! You guys are incredible! Thank you for a lovely day!

Kathleen Beck is with Nanci Burger Kowalsky and Thomas Kowalsky. ...
1h · 📷

What a WONDERFUL day thanks to the AWESOME team behind the SRSA Kids Trout Contest! Bravo to you all for putting on yet another incredible day of fishing for our kiddos! My little one gets excited every spring for this special contest with her Pop and Honey, who grew up right in town, fishing just like she does, so many years ago! A lovely tradition that is very special to our family! Keep up the amazing work and thank you again for bringing the community together! ❤️ 🎣 🐟 🧑🏻🎣 🧑🏻🎣



Michael Paul ...
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Awesome tournament once again. Thanks guys!!



Greg Burns is with Dan Royle and Robert Plath. ...
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Kids had a blast thank you for another great tournament

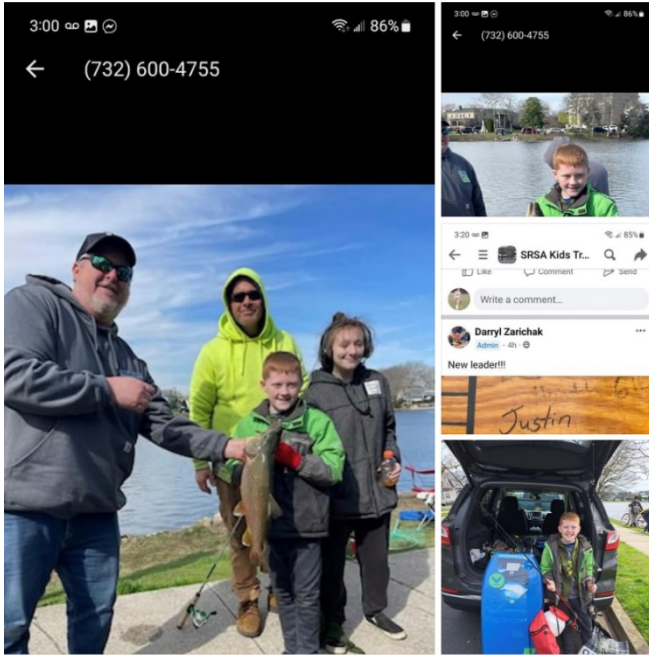




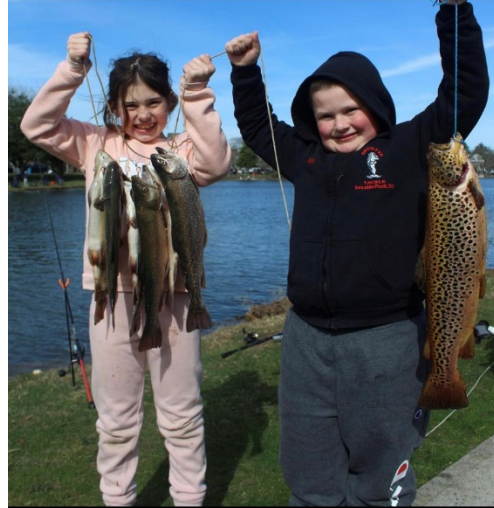
John Kohlmann

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What a wonderful day put on by SRSA!!! I've been doing this tournament for @18 years. First with my son and daughter (now 18 and 20 years old) and now with my niece and nephew. Thank you for all you do for the kids!



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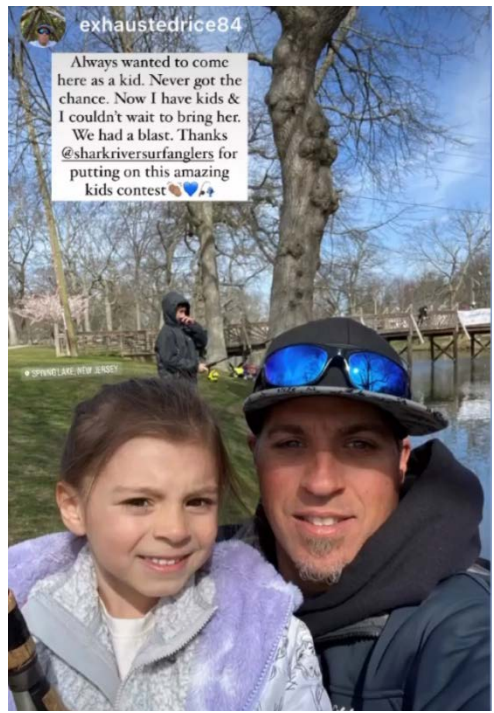
Liked by [billsurfrat](#) and 526 others
grumpys_tackle Team Grumpys represented in this years @sharkriversurfanglers Trout Tournament! Little Scarlett and Ray kicked butt placing in the tournament with Trout over 4lbs! We want to Thank the club for running this great event for the kids! You made a lot of kids smile today including ours!
#grumpystackle #trout #kidstournament #sharkriversurfanglers



Chris Prentiss

6h · 📷

Kids had a great time again. Thank you





Patty Anne

3h · 📷

Thx you for the memories!



Kathleen Zielinski Lara



I couldn't agree more! This was our first year attending. What a fantastic event. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and resources, so that the kids could have such a great time!

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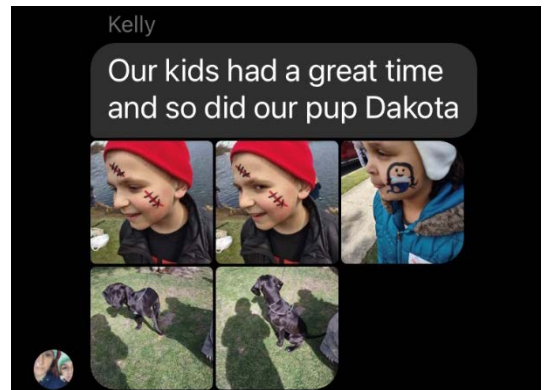
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Art Kunisch

Congrats , What A Great Day , THANK YOU , You Guys Did A Fantastic Day , All Your Hard Work Was Much Appreciate , Great Time Had By All 👍👍👍

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Kelly

Our kids had a great time and so did our pup Dakota



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Darryl Zarichak · 16h · 📷



Kathleen Beck

Bravo! You guys are incredible! Thank you for a lovely day!

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Nanci Burger Kowalsky

[Kathleen Beck](#) 🥰

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Nanci Burger Kowalsky

Thank you [2023 Trout Contest for Kids](#), for another "spectacular" day of fishing with our children. The memories that were made today will last a lifetime. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the hard-work, dedication and time spent in making this event so special for our kids!!! See you next year...

AWESOME



11h Like Reply



Kathleen Beck

[Nanci Burger Kowalsky](#) love this annual tradition! 🐟🎣



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