# WHAT IS C.A.S.T

Catch A Special Thrill (C.A.S.T.) for Kids is a non-profit foundation. It was founded in 1991 to join volunteers who love to fish, with disabled and disadvantaged children for a day of fishing and fun. For some kids, this is their first experience fishing, or even spending the day on the water!

Young anglers are educated about boating safety, angler ethics, and the importance of natural resources.

During C.A.S.T. for Kids events, children learn a fantastic skill they can use for the rest of their lives, parents learn what their children can do, and volunteers get the opportunity to experience the phenomenal fulfillment of giving back to their community.



'This was a wonderful event! All event staff couldn't have been more friendly or understanding! My son had the best time, our Captain Mike was so gracious! Couldn't ask for better or more! THANK YOU" Parent, Lake Pleasant

# C.A.S.T. For Kids Foundation

### Purpose

To provide disabled and disadvantaged children the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing.

## Goals

- Expose children, who may not otherwise get the opportunity, to the sport of fishing and the enjoyment of the outdoors.
- Encourage continued participation in fishing by developing skills in the children along with their parents.
- Provide education and understanding to children about fish as a natural resource.
- Increase the awareness of all participants; parents, sportsmen, and volunteers to the capabilities of children with disabilities.
- Broaden angling programs to offer opportunities to a greater number of disabled and disadvantaged children.

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SPECIAL PEOPLE HELPING SPECIAL KIDS Lake Pleasant, AZ March 24, 2018 Registration is <u>limited</u> to 45 spots, please register online as soon as possible at:

https://www.eventsforce.net/cast/84/register Questions: Call Jorge 623-773-6243

www.castforkids.org

### **Program Benefits**

**C.A.S.T. for Kids** events are responsive to the disabled and disadvantaged in their communities.

*C.A.S.T. for Kids* foundation provides the opportunity for sponsorship of a positive and successful youth program involving more than 5,000 children and parents every year.

**C.A.S.T. for Kids** provides a positive public image for its contributors and volunteers through well-organized and highly visible community events.

**C.A.S.T. for Kids** has developed a program that addresses the needs of families and children with disabilities. It also addresses the needs of kids who are at-risk due to family dysfunction and financial hardships.



"My sons and I came away with a wonderful experience and a sense of belonging." Parent, Yakima WA

CATCH A SPECIAL THRIL When I saw my guys there with their fishing poles, tackle boxes, and lifevests on.... I broke down and cried. I have never seen such a well organized effort to help disabled kids get a real taste of life." Parent, Austin TX

# **Area and Population Served**

C.A.S.T. for Kids events are held across the country. In 2010, 54 events were held in 22 states and each year it expands.

C.A.S.T. for Kids enhances the quality of life for disabled and disadvantaged youth ages 5

- 18, by giving them the opportunity to experience fishing and to learn about renewable natural resources and the environment. This year C.A.S.T. will serve over 2,000 disabled or disadvantaged youth as well as their siblings as they participate in C.A.S.T. events.

The C.A.S.T. For Kids Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, in partnership with organizations such as the Bureau of Reclamation, the State of California, Department of Water Resources, State Bass Federations, and State Parks Departments, matches expert anglers with disabled children from Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, the Shriner's Hospitals, the Special Olympics, and the Parks Department's Special Populations Programs.

For most of these children, it is their first and sometimes only, opportunity to fish. Most have had little opportunity to be involved in any outdoor recreation, much less go boating and fishing.



#### People Like You Make This Possible

Whether you donate the use of your boat, volunteer your Saturday, or send us a check, it is people like you, from companies like yours, which make this special experience happen.

National, regional, and local sponsors donate boating equipment, tackle, and supplies for each special C.A.S.T. for Kids event.

Volunteers from several states, including federal, state, and local government agencies donate their time to organize and support these rewarding experience for the kids.

After a long day of excitement, the children left shining with pride, self-esteem, and a great sense of accomplishment. - Coordinator, Shasta Lake CA