

# NWMSU Bearcat Open

## April 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

Northwest Missouri State University will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bearcat Open April 7<sup>th</sup> on Mozingo Lake, Maryville, MO.

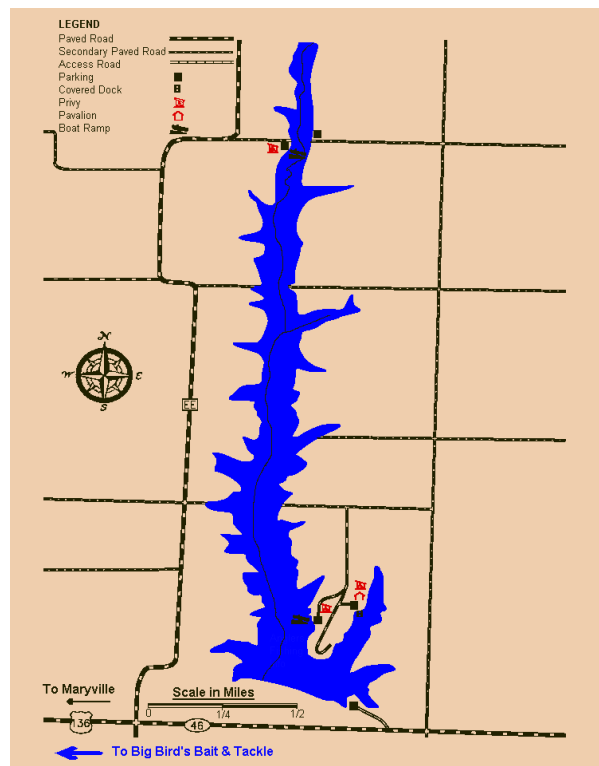


Registration is available through: [www.collegiatebasschampionship.com](http://www.collegiatebasschampionship.com). The cost to enter the tournament will be \$50 per boat if you sign up by March 15<sup>th</sup>, and \$60 if you sign up after. There is no limit to the number of teams your school can bring.. There will also be an optional side pot for Big Bass of \$10 per person.

The Open will blast off at 7 am. Boats need to be to the Main Boat Ramp by 6:15 am to attend the pre-tournament meeting. The tournament weigh-in will be at 3:00 pm. Boats may have five 15" bass to weigh in. Payout will be based on the number of boats in the tournament.

Friday night before the tournament at 6 pm, we will have an angler social where the fisherman can confirm registrations, pay balances, eat, and chat with each other. Location is TBA.

Volunteer boat drivers are allowed in this event, but may not, in any way, participate beyond driving the boat for the student anglers.



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## **Registration & Tournament Location:**

### **Saturday, April 7, 2012**

Mozingo Lake - Main Boat Ramp, Maryville, MO.

Pre-tournament meeting at 6:15 am

Blast off is at 7:00 am

Weigh in is at 3:00 pm

Prizes and Big Bass Pot will be done immediately following the weigh-in, must be present to win.

### **Entry Fee:**

The entry fee for the Bearcat Open is \$50.00 per team; an optional Big Bass pot will be available as well for \$10.00 per person. A late entry fee of an additional \$10 will be placed on entries received after March 15, 2012.

## **Recommended Lodging: Special Discount for College Bass Teams**

### **Super 8 Motel**

222 Summit Dr.

Maryville, MO 64468

660.582.8088

There is a special for College Bass teams that is \$53.89 per night for 2 queen beds, and free continental breakfast.

Call early and make reservations to get this special

### **Comfort Inn**

2817 S. Main St.

Maryville, MO 64468

660.562.2002.

There is no special at this hotel.

### **America's Best Inns**

1700 East First St.

Maryville, MO 64468

660.562.3111

\$64 for 2 people.

\$69 for 4 people.

## **License Requirements:**

A valid Missouri fishing license is required for fishing in all Missouri waters.

Missouri Department of Conservation Online License Sales:

<http://mdc.mo.gov/permits>

Licenses can also be purchased at the Maryville Wal-Mart or at:

Big Birds Bait

216 N. Main St.

Maryville, MO 64468

A daily license cost is \$7

**OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES:**

Participation in the 2012 Northwest Missouri State University Bearcat Open constitutes each contestant's understanding of and full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules. Contestants must obey all State, Federal and local fishing and safety laws. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any contestant that is determined to be in violation of any term contained in these Official Rules. The Tournament Director's decision not to enforce a specific provision of the Official Rules does not constitute a waiver of that provision or of the Official Rules generally. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. Decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. At the sole discretion of the Tournament Director, entry may be refused to any individual or university fishing club/team. Protests must be made in writing within 15 minutes of the official check-in time of the final flight.

- Teams are defined as two collegiate anglers per boat.
- 5 fish limit per day
- Winners will be determined by tournament officials based on the highest weight
- Only largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass can be weighed
- Size Limits: 15-inch minimum for all species
- There will be a one pound penalty for each "short" fish brought to the scales
- There will be an 1/2 pound penalty for each dead fish brought to the scales
- Late Penalty: one pound per each minute late
  - No more than 15 minutes late your day's weight will be forfeited.
- Only artificial lures may be used; trolling is not permitted
- If two teams tie at the weigh-in, the winner will be determined by the largest fish, and if that is a tie, then it will be determined by a coin toss.
- All boats must be equipped with a Coast Guard approved kill switch.
- The horsepower of the outboard must not exceed the max horsepower capacity for the boat
- Boats must contain a properly aerated live well space to maintain a live a limit catch of bass
- A live well inspection must be completed in the morning
- All boats must pass boat inspection before taking off each day
- Boat drivers will be allowed as a third person, but cannot participate or assist the team
- Coast Guard approved PFD must be worn when engine is running
- The use of drugs/alcohol is prohibited
- All decisions of tournament directors are final

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**Participation / Eligibility:**

Participation is open to college students who are enrolled full time in an accredited NCAA college or university and are members in good standing of that college or university's institutionally recognized fishing club. All participants will be required to show a current student ID and a state issued photo ID upon request.

Each team must provide its own equipment including, without limitation, fishing equipment, and a boat, all subject to the restrictions contained in these Official Rules.

All contestants must have in their possession a valid Missouri fishing license.

**Restrictions:**

The Pump House Cove is off limits and anywhere else “NO BOAT” buoys are floating.

- This is the cove just west of the ramp where the buoys are set up.

There is no official practice time for this tournament.

**Registration & Pre-Tournament Meeting:**

Each contestant must check in or register in person at the designated site during the official registration hours. All contestants must be present during the pre-tournament meeting unless authorized by the Tournament Director.

**Sportsmanship:**

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, their school, event sponsors, the sport of fishing and the Association of Collegiate Anglers. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of or failure to comply with any of the official rules for the Tournament.
- Consumption and/or possession of any alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind altering substance during registration, the pre-tournament meeting or during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in are strictly prohibited.
- Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months.
- Suspension/disqualification from any fishing tournament or organization.

In other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, or which fail to comply with the standards set forth in this paragraph.

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, the Tournament Director shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application, by returning the registration of a previously accepted application to disqualify a contestant.

**Permitted Fishing Methods:**

- All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner.
- All bass must be hooked inside the mouth when caught by sight fishing.
- Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork rinds.
- Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at a time.
- Trolling as a method of fishing is not allowed.