



# 2023 ANGLER PACKET

OCTOBER 14-15, 2023

LAKE DARDANELLE  
RUSSELLVILLE, AR



# WELCOME!

We're excited to bring you the **2023 AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open!** We're thrilled to have you compete in this action-packed event, hosted by the Russellville, Arkansas Tourism & Visitor's Center for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row! NO ENTRY OR MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED.

This is the second Bass Pro Shops Collegiate Bass Fishing Series event for the 2023-2024 season. The AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open is a two-day tournament, that offers a two-person team format. Thousands of dollars in prizes will be awarded!

Be sure to [register on-line](#) before the cutoff date of Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. This event features double points toward the coveted Bass Pro Shops School of the Year title presented by Abu Garcia.

See you at Lake Dardanelle!

- Association of Collegiate Anglers





# TOURNAMENT FORMAT

*Each Angler must read and abide by the official AFTCO Open Rules.*

Registration closes Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 6:00pm CST. [Register Here](#).

Two-day, team tournament. A team consists of two-anglers fishing from the same boat.

The first official practice day will be Thursday October 12, 2023.

Winners will be determined by the heaviest accumulated two-day weight per team. School of the Year points will be awarded to the top two (2) teams from each school.

All school clubs are allowed to register as many teams as they want.

Permission must be granted by the Tournament Director in order for any angler to fish alone.





# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Official Practice Days

- Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: Official practice, safe light to sundown.
- Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: Final official practice day, safe light to **3:00 pm**.

## October 13<sup>th</sup> Mandatory Angler Check-in & Meeting

- Location: Hughes Community Center
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- All anglers must turn in completed waivers on-site and be checked in by 6:00pm.
- Dinner will be served beginning at 5:00 pm.
- Mandatory Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

## October 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Tournament Days

- Location: Lake Dardanelle State Park
- **Take-off – Day 1 & 2: Begins at Safelight**
- **Weigh-in –**
  - **Day 1: Begins at 3:00 pm**
  - **Day 2: Begins at 1:00 pm**
- Angler Meal provided during each weigh-in.
- Awards following Day 2 weigh-in.



# ANGLER CHECK-IN & MEETING



## HUGHES COMMUNITY CENTER

1000 E. Parkway Ave.  
Russellville, AR 72801  
479-968-1272

## ANGLER CHECK-IN

4pm to 6pm

Bring your official Student ID.

Snack Bags handed out for Tournament Days.

## WELCOME & DINNER

5pm to 6pm

## TOURNAMENT MEETING

Begins at 6pm

Mandatory for all anglers.





# LAKE DARDANELLE STATE PARK

**Take-off and Weigh-in will  
be at Lake Dardanelle State  
Park each tournament day –  
October 14-15.**

**Located At:**  
100 State Park Drive.  
Russellville, AR 72802

A valid Arkansas fishing license is  
required for each angler.

For more information on  
Lake Dardanelle, please visit:  
[www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/  
/lake-dardanelle-state-park](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/lake-dardanelle-state-park)



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TOURNAMENT  
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WIN UP TO \$2,000



WIN UP TO \$1,000



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20% REBATE



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40% OFF PRODUCTS



50% OFF  
PRODUCTS



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PRODUCTS



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Share your pics from your travels, to practice, and tournament days using our #WeAreCollegiateBass tag so we can keep up with you and re-post!

It pays to tag us – you never know when we feel spontaneous and give away a prize for a post!





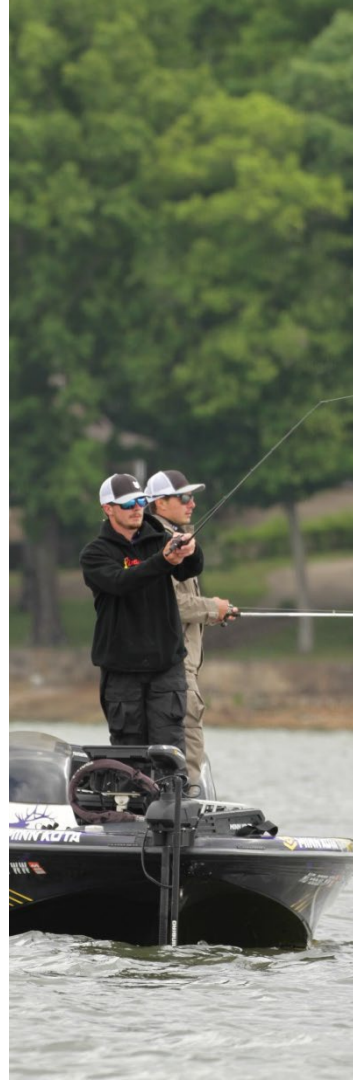
# PODCAST **#WEARECOLLEGIATEBASS**

The ACA's Rapala #WeAreCollegiateBass Podcast is going strong!

Leading up to and following the 2023 AFTCO Open, we will be sitting down with anglers, coaches, sponsors, parents, and Pros to talk about everything related to this epic event – which teams are favored, predictions on how many pounds it will take to win, what it will take to catch those big bass, school rivalries, and more!

Subscribe NOW and stay tuned!

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EP: 181 – Smith & Marbut from Auburn capture National Championship.

EP: 182 – Montevallo achieves history with 3<sup>rd</sup> straight Bass Pro Shops School of the Year Win.



EP: 183 – Drake Hemby from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ranked Carson-Newman University.



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# LODGING INFORMATION



Book your lodging early! There are other events happening in Russellville and hotels are booking fast! Below are a few recommended hotels, let them know that you are with the Collegiate Bass Fishing Series. Contact [college@carecotv.com](mailto:college@carecotv.com) if you have any questions.

## **LA QUINTA INN & SUITES RUSSELLVILLE**

111 E. Harrell Dr.  
Russellville, AR 72802  
479-967-2299



## **HAMPTON INN RUSSELLVILLE**

2304 N. Arkansas Ave.  
Russellville, AR 72802  
479-858-7199

## **FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT**

120 E Harrell Dr.  
Russellville, AR 72802  
479-967-9030



## **DAYS INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM**

109 E Harrell Dr.  
Russellville, AR 72802  
479-280-1940



# NATIONALLY TELEVISED



**Send us your video footage!** Be sure to document your travels to Lake Dardanelle, your preparations for the 2023 AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open, and points of interest on your campus. We'll accept all digital formats – with more television coverage than any other collegiate bass fishing trail, we may very well use your video footage in one of our shows or on-line video clips!

Please contact tournament staff for info on how to send in your footage at [college@carecotv.com](mailto:college@carecotv.com).





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