

**THE TEXOMA STRIPER CHALLENGE ON OCTOBER 19
WILL BENEFIT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF DENISON**

The second annual Texoma Striper Challenge will combine the fun of fishing on beautiful Lake Texoma with support for the character-building programs of the Boys and Girls Club of Denison.

“We will have 88 people fishing four-to-a-boat in 22 boats with guides,” Harry Lemming, the Challenge chair, said.

“That’s an increase of more than 50 percent over the numbers for the inaugural Challenge last year.”

The Challenge begins at 6 a.m. October 19 as the boats depart the launch site, Highpoint Marina and Resort, about 15 miles northwest of Denison, Texas.

Each guide has his own favorite fishing spot in the vast lake, the 12th largest man-made lake in the country. At 89,000 acres, the lake is more than five times as large as the nearby town of Denison.

The striper is a member of the bass family, with an average weight at maturity of about five pounds.

The Texoma Striper Challenge follows this format:

- Boats leave the marina at 6 a.m. and return at Noon.
- The four people on each boat select their five best fish to be weighed and entered in the Challenge.
- The four-person crew with the package of five fish with the largest weight wins the Challenge.

Each team, consisting of up to 4 fishermen, pays an entry fee of \$500, which is a donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Denison.

The four people on the first-place team will receive gift certificates for \$150 each. Gift certifications are \$125 each for the second-place team and \$100 each for the third-place team.

Guides from the boats finishing first, second and third receive gift certificates of \$300, \$200 and \$100.

“Although the Challenge takes place on Monday morning, some contestants will be out on the lake all weekend,” Lemming said. “We have an excellent marina, boat rentals, guides and overnight lodging.”

Lemming said the Boys and Girls Club of Denison is grateful for the many generous sponsorships, including the marina, food suppliers, and discounts from guides.

A complete list of sponsors and donors will be posted on the event’s web site, www.texomastriperchallenge.com. For reservations and questions, contact Lemming at 337.254.2126 or hlemming@texomastriperchallenge.com.

To learn more about the programs of the Boys and Girls Club of Denison, visit www.boysandgirlsclubofdenison.org.

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