

# Fishing at Camp Josh

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At the beginning of summer, Camp Josh needed major pond/dam work, and we weren't certain that we'd be able to host events this year, but the pond and dam were repaired and bolstered nicely, and we refilled the pond in short order. Then the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Hatchery in Pequaming graciously donated 300 rainbow trout in the 13-16 inch range. And voila, we were ready for business.

Camp Josh is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing outdoor opportunities for anyone with a disability, physical or cognitive, focusing on hunting and fishing. In recent years, the fishing pond has been our showcase offering.

The Regional Inclusive Community Coalition (RICC) joined us for two events this summer and fall. See attached photos. We also hosted an event for ISD kids, and one for veterans.

Camp Josh has 13 hard-working board members now, and the Camp and Grounds are in excellent condition. Located on the Big Cranberry River, Camp Josh is planning a busy future, with one more event yet this season, on October 22 for ISD kids. We're hoping they'll catch the remaining fish.

We also have volunteers who help with the events. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact our Event Coordinator, Eugene Lewis, at 906-390-2345.