

NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife's Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program will host its 2nd annual statewide Youth Fishing Challenge (YFC) on Saturday, June 10th. The goal of this program is to redirect youth from the temptation of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco by engaging them in socially positive activities like kayak fishing, learning about the value of clean water, and supporting community-service by doing stream clean-ups and planting trees.

This year's event goal is to have at least one host location in each of the 21 counties across the state. If you are interested in hosting a youth event, please visit www.youthfishingchallenge.nj.gov. This event is **free** and will be held rain or shine. Participants should consider pre-registering with a host site. The Hooked On Fishing-Not On Drugs Youth Fishing Challenge targets participants age 20 and younger, who are eligible to win prizes for the fish they catch.

For information, including event locations and registration information, visit: www.youthfishingchallenge.nj.gov. To learn more about the Hooked On Fishing – Not On Drugs Program in New Jersey, visit: www.njfishandwildlife.com/hofnodnj.htm