



A Wolf Goes Fishing

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A Wolf Goes Fishing teaches you the basics of fishing and then takes you out to try it. You'll learn about fish, bait, casting, and staying safe near water. Be patient, because the waiting is part of the fun.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/a-wolf-goes-fishing/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

☐ **1** Identify the type of water you will fish in and what kinds of fish live there

Tip: Ask at a bait shop or park office which fish live in the lake or pond you'll visit.

Example: Your water might be a park pond. The park office or your state's fishing website may tell you it has bluegill, largemouth bass, and catfish. Draw a picture of each one.

☐ **2** Learn about the different kinds of bait used to attract fish

Tip: Look at worms, lures, and other bait. Talk about which fish might like each kind.

Example: Compare live bait and lures: worms for sunfish, a small spinner for bass, dough bait for catfish. Talk about why each one might look or smell like food to a fish.

☐ **3** Demonstrate a proper cast with the pole or rod you are using

Tip: Practice casting in the yard with a weight instead of a hook until it feels smooth.

Example: Practice with your adult: look behind you, hold the button, bring the rod back over your shoulder, and swing it forward toward a hula hoop lying on the lawn.

☐ **4** Learn the rules for fishing safely

Tip: Learn to watch where your hook is, stay back from the edge, and always fish with an adult.

Example: Your safety rules might be: always fish with an adult, look behind you before casting, leave space between you and the next person, and stay back from the edge.

☐ **5** Go fishing with your den, pack, or family

Tip: Bring snacks and patience. Fish with your den or family and let an adult help with hooks.