



PAA members Randy Yarnall and Rex Johnsonbaugh host USSA/Child's Wish Raystown Lake, PA

District 4 Pa. Bass Federation, Chairman Bob Stiver

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Hosted by:

Randy and Kathy Yarnall

Rex and Melinda Johnsonbaugh

"The mission of USSA/Child's Wish is to grant critically ill, disabled, and challenged youths the outdoor adventure of their dreams; and to promote and protect the rights of all Americans to participate and enjoy our national outdoor heritage".

USSA is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit charity, and although donations are greatly appreciated, all donations earmarked for an event are given back, 100%, to that event. USSA/Child's Wish asks us to raise revenue for only what we need to cover expenses, (motel stay, food, fees for facilities, paraphernalia for the children and their families). All people involved are to help on a volunteer basis, only. This event is not to be exploited, in any manner, for self-serving purposes.

Local businesses and folks have been phenomenal with their out-pouring of generosity and help for the event.

Stepping back in time, Dalton Bobo and I had been teamed together at the first PAA Toyota Texas Classic at Lake Fork in 2006. Dalton mentioned he was looking for some volunteers to help with a 2007 event in Alabama, so I volunteered.

I was so moved by the impact of the event, my wife, Kathy, and I volunteered to donate our time the next year, 2008, in Alabama with Dalton and his wife.

After that second occasion, my wife and I, along with my team partner, Rex, and his wife, discussed the possibility of hosting an event at Canoe Creek State Park in Oct. 2008. After much mentoring with Dalton, and undaunted guidance from Brigid, the founder of Child's Wish, we knew we had the resources to help families in Pa, and surrounding states. Therefore, with only one month to work with, we hosted our first event.

This year, Dalton and his wife are hosting an event as well in Alabama, and although we would have loved to go back, we knew we had to work hard to make ours a success as well, and with far more time to work by.

We pray for the families who attend, to give them a place to relax, and allow them peace of mind even if only for a day or two

Rex and I feel there is a whole lot more to being a professional fisherman, than just tournament fishing; although, we love to do that as well. We love to give back, and teach, to others; that, which we have been blessed with; and anticipate on doing this for a long time to come.