



ECO Russ Ritzel welcomes young participants

In August of 2011, the 1st annual Old Forge Youth Fishing Day was conducted at Old Forge Pond in the Herkimer County Town of Webb. The event was organized by ECO Russell Ritzel of Region 6 for the Town of Webb's summer recreation program. Russ was assisted by ECO Jim Kerns and Region 6 Fisheries staff in putting on this event.



The event was sponsored by the New York Conservation Officers Association with a financial donation to the Town of Webb.



ECO Russ Ritzel presents a check from NYCOA to Town Recreation Supervisor Holly Armedola and Town of Webb Supervisor Robert Moore

A total of 43 youngsters participated in the event. Each child was given a fishing rod and they fished off of the new dock on Old Forge Pond. The youngsters were coached and guided by the ECOs and fisheries personnel in all aspects of fishing and fish identification. A total of 27 fish were caught and released. A great time was had by all.

Thanks to Russ Ritzel, Jim Kerns and everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make this event a great success.