

Opening Day Trout Derby to Benefit Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park Scheduled for April 1

Bank of America Sponsors \$500 Award for Largest Brown Trout

Thousands of anglers are expected in Powder Mills Park on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 for the opening of trout season and hundreds will participate in the **11th annual Riedman Foundation Opening Day Trout Derby to benefit the Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park**. The all-ages derby runs from 7 a.m. until noon and is open to the public for a \$5 fee. For the fourth year in a row, the Bank of America Angler Award will be awarded to the contestant weighing in the largest brown trout.

In addition to a \$500 prize, the Bank of America Angler Award recipient will have his or her name inscribed on a commemorative plaque on permanent view at the fish hatchery building on Park Road. Past Bank of America Angler Award recipients have ranged in age from 14 to 44.

Instilling a love of fishing and respect for nature spans the age spectrum. To encourage wide-ranging participation, the Riedman Foundation Opening Day Trout Derby awards prizes in several age categories, including age eight and younger. Applications for the derby are available at www.fishpowdermill.org; at the Fish Hatchery, 115 Park Road in Pittsford; and at most derby sponsor locations. You must be registered to participate in the Riedman Foundation Opening Day Trout Derby. While advanced registration is preferred, contestants may also register at Powder Horn Lodge between 6 and 7:30 a.m. on the day of the event. Those interested in participating may call 585-586-1670 for more information.

Fishing will take place between 7 a.m. and noon in designated areas of Irondequoit Creek within the boundaries of Powder Mills Park. Powder Horn Lodge serves as the official derby headquarters and weigh station. Prizes for largest catch will be awarded there just after noon. Prize sponsors include Bank of America, Fish-On Charters-Inc., Hallett Bait and Tackle, Potter's Custom Taxidermy, Bayside Boat and Tackle, LL Bean, The Outdoor Store, Lake Timber Tackle, S&R Bait and Tackle, Jay-Ve Fishing Tackle Co. Inc., Avon Anglers Unlimited, and B-E Fishing Tackle. Other supporting sponsors of the derby include the Monroe County Parks Department, Eric Kukla, WHAM-TV, Fox Rochester, the CW Rochester, and *Rochester Business Journal*.

The Derby will be conducted in accordance with New York State Law. Participants 16 years of age and older must have a valid fishing permit and must abide by State Fish and Game laws.

Media interest in covering the event should contact Suzanne Seldes at 585-766-7409.

Editor's Note: On Saturday, March 8, the Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park is hosting a free fly-tying demonstration and casting clinic from 9 a.m. until noon. All ages are welcome to join hatchery staff in shaking off the winter blues as we look toward spring and the start of trout season.