



# Walnut Springs Middle School

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## Hoover Fishing Seminar XXII

To our loyal supporters:

Saturday February 29, 2020 marks the 22nd Annual Hoover Fishing Seminar. This seminar, attended by over 350 angling enthusiasts, sells out each year and provides information regarding fishing our local waters. A copy of this year's program is available, as well as, a fact sheet about the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club, which was established in 1974. This club is the longest running youth fishing club in the United States. 100 percent of the proceeds directly benefit the youth club.

We are striving to make the 2020 Hoover Fishing Seminar the best ever and asking you to consider a donation of merchandise or services as raffle prizes or door prizes. As previously mentioned, well over 300 people attend the seminar, providing many new potential customers for your business. On behalf of the young anglers, we thank you for your help in making the 2020 Hoover Fishing Seminar a fantastic event. Donations can be sent to:

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Thank you once again for your help in enhancing the future of our young people through fishing.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Dill

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**Mission:** Our mission is to prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live.

**Values:** Respect, Inclusiveness, Community, Communication, Collaboration, Innovation, Nurturing, Trust, Accountability

# **Hartley's Hawgs Bio**

## **Goal**

*Hartley's Hawgs main goal is to allow the young fisherman graduating from Walnut Springs Fishing Club and other High School aged bass fishermen or fisherwomen to learn and keep a passion for angling for bass and understand that it can be a calming, peaceful and competitive sport.*

## **History**

*Hartley's Hawgs was formed several years ago by a father and son team of Robert and Dustin Evans to further the fishing efforts of youth in central Ohio that had no other venues to bass fish competitively. The club was named after Charlie Hartley who is a graduate and founder of the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club and professional bass fisherman / Classic contender.*

*Charlie is kept informed of the events of the club as well as attending some of the events of Walnut Springs fishing club for instructional purposes also taking anglers fishing at state level.*

*Hartley's Hawgs is currently being run by advisor Karl Guegold and co-advisor Vic Buzard.*

*We boast State Champions for the OhioBass Nation for youth and highschool anglers.*

*We help with public events including open houses at Cabela's. Generally holding a casting even to help young anglers learn to cast and fishing awareness.*

*In 2018 and in the past Hartley's Hawgs had members from Westerville North, Westerville South, Westerville Central, Hilliard Darby, Grove City, Johnstown, Johnathan Alder, Big Walnut, Delaware, Olentangy, South Bloomfield, Haytts ,Hamilton Local, Bexley ,Granville and Willoughby city schools .*

*Spring of 2016 Hartley's anglers participated in Ohio Bass Federation (TBF) and Ohio BassNation State Highschool tournaments.*

*One team finished runners up in both of these tournaments and moved on with the best finish being an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Bassmasters Highschool Championship in August at Kentucky Lake, out of 175 teams from across the nation.*

*2018 boasts State Champion Youth and runners up in the youth division qualifying or the trip to Carrol County 1000 acre lake in Tennessee.*

*Also*

*state runners up in the Student Angler Federation and they moved on to the SAF National Championship/ World Finals on Pickwick Lake Alabama.*

*And*

*Ohio Bass Federation youth State champions and High School Runners up from Rocky Fork Lake Oh.*

*And*

*We boast the 2019 BASSMASTER YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONS winning on Carrol County 1000 acre lake in Tennessee!*

*Braden McNamara and Mike Abbott*

*Adult host club is Columbus BassMasters.*

*More Information can be found on our website*

*The website address is:*

*Hartleyshawgs.com*

*or see us on Facebook:*

<https://www.facebook.com/HartleysHawgs/>

# WALNUT SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FISHING CLUB

**888 E. Walnut Street, Westerville, Ohio 43081**

Founded in 1974, the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club is one of, if not the longest running youth fishing club in the United States. The club's rich history includes (3) B.A.S.S. National titles as best youth club in the United States, (10) B.A.S.S. and FLW/TBF Regional titles for best youth club in a nine -state and Canada region, as well as a host of state and local recognitions.

The youth club prides itself in not only teaching fishing fundamentals, providing and encouraging environmental and conservation awareness and practices, but involvement in local community service projects. The program, part of Westerville's D.A.R.E. program, has long been involved and continues to be involved in programs such as the Central Ohio Fishing Has No Boundaries program, Columbus Metro Parks and Recreation family outdoor fishing events, Genoa Township family outdoor fishing events (baiting hooks and teaching children how to cast and catch fish), and picking up trash and helping keep community lakes and ponds clean. In recent years, the club has also been part of the Otterbein Lake Restoration Project and partnering with local park and recreation programs to stock fish and develop better fish habitats.

In addition, the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club often partners with Cabela's (Columbus, Ohio) The US Sportsman's Alliance, and Field and Stream (Columbus, Ohio) in providing youth casting kids events a couple of times each year, during the stores' fishing and outdoors promotion weekends.

When it comes to fishing, the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club is not lacking. Youth club members who are taught fishing fundamentals, proper equipment and tackle use, lure presentation, and safety, during winter classes, enjoy many fishing opportunities. In recent years, Walnut Springs has produced several B.A.S.S. and FLW/TBF national and regional competitors, competing in tournaments in North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Arkansas, South Carolina and Georgia. In addition, the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club competes each year in the Ohio Junior Bass Federation State Tournament and proudly recognizes a number of its participants finishing in the top ten, against a field of over 100 youth anglers, ages 11-18 years old. In order to qualify to compete at the national, regional, and state levels, Walnut Springs anglers must first compete in 8-12 seasonal tournaments at the local level.

Each year, the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club relies on funds generated by the annual Hoover Fishing Seminar to provide its youth anglers with equipment and competitive opportunities for advancing their fishing knowledge and skills. This fundraiser, a one-day event, allows over 300 anglers who enjoy the local fishing at Hoover Reservoir in Westerville, as well as other Central Ohio lakes, the opportunity to hear experienced guest speakers share their knowledge about fishing a variety of fish species, found in the local fisheries.

For more information about the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club, contact club advisor Dwight Back at [backd@wctsoh.org](mailto:backd@wctsoh.org) or phone at 614-406-6061.