

From the RISAA MAIL BOX



FOUNDATION THANKS



To: RI Saltwater Anglers Foundation

Thank you so much for the grant from the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Foundation to The Nature Conservancy. Your contribution will help to secure a better future for land and water in Rhode Island. This support is essential to get great conservation work done in and from Rhode Island for today and for future generations.

We will use these funds to modify fish ladders and passageways in the Saugatucket River in South Kingstown. We look forward to sharing the progress of this project with you over the next year.

Thank you again for your contribution. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference here and for all of nature.

John Torgan
State Director

YOUTH FISHING CAMP THANKS

My son Carlos loved it! Thank you so much for y'all did for the children!

Tammy Mendoza
Providence, RI

Thank you to everyone who made this possible. My son Jason had a blast both days!

Jill Motta
West Warwick, RI

A huge thank you to everyone that was involved in running this. My 11 year old son Cory had a blast and learned so much.

You all are amazing!
Cory Arno, Sr.
Pawtucket, RI

At the end of Fishing Camp, 10 year old **Faith Blasi** of Warwick, gave a handmade thank-you card to each of her Green Group leaders that she made the night before. Each card was different.

At right is the card she gave to Steve Medeiros who was camp director.

Not sure who was happier, Faith or the group leaders who received a card.



TAKE-A-KID FISHING DAY THANKS

I want to congratulate Steve Medeiros and the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association for another fantastic Take-A-Kid Fishing Day. Everyone had a great time and all the kids were smiling. The two girls on my boat had a ball reeling in at least a dozen little bluefish each. My mate Walter did a great job too. The shore crew fed all the people quickly and with awesome service. I am so happy to be a small part of it.

Armand Tetreault
Rhode Island Popper

Take-A-Kid Fishing Day was a great day. Congrats to the committee who makes this happen year after year.

I had two great kids and their chaperone on the boat. They caught a bunch of fish and were very interested in how the boat works and the navigation system.

On the way back I was telling them about the barbecue lunch and I mentioned there will be an ice cream truck. Their eyes lit up then one said, "**But we don't have any money.**"

I told them everything was free today, you don't need any money today. She then asked who pays for all this, and I explained that the RISAA takes care of everything. She responded with a big "wow".

They wanted to make a reservation for my boat next year, but I had to tell them that wasn't possible.

Brian Beltrami
Gansett Ranger

SCHOLARSHIP THANKS

Dear RI Saltwater Anglers Assoc. Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much! I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of your scholarship! Your generosity will allow me to pursue my nursing degree at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 2018.

Because of your hard work and dedication to today's youth and to higher education, students like me are better able to thrive at the collegiate level. You make a difference.

Thank you.

Delaney Wilkinson
(daughter of member **Robert Wilkinson**)

YOUTH FISHING CAMP THANKS

I wanted to personally thank you for providing my son Jacob Green with a fun and educational experience. He really learned a lot and had an amazing time! Thank you again for having this amazing Fishing Camp.

Sarah Lynn Sherman