

FISHING WITH FRANK

The future of fishing: **Share it with a child**



I have four children, ranging in age from 19 to 7 years old. They've been fishing with me since the oldest was in diapers. Two of my kids are pretty good at it, but I'm even more proud to say that all four of them love to fish. Here are a few tips I've learned as both a pro fisherman and a dad about taking children fishing.

Keep it simple. All you are packing for this outing is a fishing rod for the child and some food. Don't give them an overly-complicated rod that's hard for them to use. A simple cane pole and bobber are OK.

You read that right - no fishing rod for you. This trip is not your trip. It's their trip, their experience. They're not coming with you to watch you fish. That's boring for a kid. Without a rod, you can give them your undivided attention.

Have some fun. Make it an adventure that is so much fun they want to go fishing again and again. Little ones have short attention spans and will probably not want to fish for very long. When they get bored, put the rods down and go catch crayfish, hunt frogs or go swimming. If they have a lot of fun fishing with you when they're little, they'll beg to go when they're older.

Good Fishing! *Frank*

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