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Fishing derby a winner

The annual Plumas National Forest fishing derby was a great success with almost all of the 72 participating children catching three-quarter to one-pound rainbow trout.

The June 16 derby, coordinated by the Forest Fisheries Department, celebrates National Fishing and Boating week. Support at the event was provided by Trout Unlimited, the California Department of Fish and Game, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Feather River Coordinated Resource Management. Several local businesses donated prizes as well and supported the derby by providing supplies and materials. They include: Dunn's Coffee House, Quincy Hot Spot, Sportsmen's Den, Stoney's Country Burger, Polka Dot, Pizza Factory, Papa's Donuts, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Morning Thunder, Mill Creek Fish & Chips, Little People, Lawrence & Bradley, Sav Mor Foods, Quincy Natural Foods, Carey Candy Company, American Valley Hardware, All the Best Video, Chevron, Safeway, and Wal-Mart (Reno, Oroville, Susanville, and Chico).

Additional activities for children included: a fish tent with Web of Life costumes, fish-printing for budding artists, a macro-invertebrate station, and a visit from Smokey Bear. Prizes were awarded in three major categories: largest and smallest fish caught in different age groups, and for the farthest cast. All other participants left the derby with a prize for their tackle box or summer camping adventure.

Largest Fish: (0-7): Emily Detrick: .34 kg.
(8-15): Kareem Rowe: .408 kg.

Smallest Fish: (0-7): Elijah Mathison: .102 kg.
(8-15): Danice Smith: .324 kg.

Longest Cast: (0-7): Elijah Mathison: 9 ft.
(8-15): Josh Greene: 9 ft.

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