

Media Advisory

What: Annual Fishing Derby for 800-900 disabled children.

Who: Participants from all over Utah County with mental and physical needs. Sponsors include: Sportsman For Fish & Wildlife, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, United States Forest Service, Albertson's, Salem City, Sportsman's Warehouse, Utah Jazz, MVP Sports, and others.

Where: Salem Pond (Salem is located between the towns of Spanish Fork and Payson) Directions: From I-15, take Spanish Fork exit (exit found immediately south of "Price/Manti" hwy 6 eastbound exit). You will turn left (south) onto Sp. Fork Main Street and will be driving southward on Main until you pass through Sp. Fork. Continue on this road southward until you come to the town of Salem. This road (main street) will begin to curve toward the west (toward Payson). About a mile or so after the road curves westward, you will actually drive over a portion of Salem Pond. Take your first left and drive south to the 2nd stop sign. Take another left and drive eastward. You will see the pond, park and festivities (law enforcement will help you find a place to park).

When: Tuesday, May 8th from 9:00 a.m. until about 1:00 p.m. (Jazz Bear will make appearance at about 11:00 a.m. until noon (great photo opps!). Lunch is graciously being provided to all people at the event (including media) by Albertsons (Feeding over 2000 people!).

Why: To introduce many disabled children to the joys of fishing! Children that have done this in the past look forward earnestly all year long for this annual event. Others have never caught a fish and this event Volunteers from many organizations will be on hand to help children catch fish.

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