



**“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10**

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**What:** Berean Christian School B.A.S.S. Nation Fishing Team for 2021-2022. (Fishing Club only consists of 2 outings. More information on the Club coming soon.)

**Why:** *To glorify God* and have fun through a variety of experiences for those who have a beginner’s interest in fishing to those who are experienced fishers and want to compete. “The B.A.S.S. Nation clubs foster leadership, problem solving and public speaking skills, promote environmental awareness and responsibility, as well as teach kids the fun of fishing. “ (Bassmasters.com)

**Who:** Any Berean Christian School 2nd-12th grade student (or Berean faculty member dependent grade 2-12):

HS Fishing Team= Club Members: Grades 8-12th (2 students+1 adult captain + boat)

JR. Fishing Team= Club Members: Grades 2nd-8th (2 students+1 adult captain + boat)

(8th graders must pick either Highschool or Junior Club, can not officially be apart of both)

**When/Where:** (Dates and location subject to change)

**Bass Pro Shops High School Tournament Series**

October 9, 2021 Cherokee Lake 25E	8am-2pm
November 6, 2021 South Holston, Obs Knob	8am-2pm
March 19, 2022 Fort Loudon, Canal	8am-2pm
April 16, 2022 Watts Barr, Rockwood	8am-2pm



Classic: May 21, 2022, Douglas

Tournaments: There is no minimum amount of tournament participation required. We are officially attending the Bass Pro High School Tournament Series.

Tournament prep meetings: There may be a brief team meeting one day after school the week of a tournament. This will be on a “as needed” basis.

Team/Club outings: Two outings, one Fall and one Spring. Dates TBD.

**★ Parent and student must sign the 2021-2022 Tennessee B.A.S.S. Nation High School Participation Form**

*\*\*\* Please note that there will be a greater expectation on the students, captains, & parents, as members of the Berean Christian School Fishing Team. As Christians, we all should maintain a Christ-like attitude and moral standing on and off the boat. We will have the opportunity to spread the Gospel by something as simple as wearing a team shirt or jersey. Just imagine what we could do to glorify God if we all show simple kindness, honesty, and sportsmanship at all times... We will be watched, our actions and words matter, even when we do not think anyone is paying attention, especially with our peers. Let us all be good examples and keep the same rules and regulations as all sports here at BCS, but actually let us be even better examples. “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men...” Matthew 4:19*



## Cost: Students anglers must have all 3 of the following memberships.

1. B.A.S.S. (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society) Membership = \$10.00, which includes 1-yr. Bassmaster Magazine and B.A.S.S. tournament eligibility. (go to [bassmaster.com](http://bassmaster.com) and pick to join student membership)
  2. B.A.S.S. Nation: Tournament Affiliate Membership= \$10.00, Due Sept. 1, 2021, but not before, as the new season starts Sept. 1, 2021. Must write a check to me, Melissa Claiborne or pay cash. I will pay one payment to B.A.S.S. Nation to have our team registered. This is the way they suggest and prefer, it is also the quickest.
  3. Tennessee B.A.S.S. Nation: Mandatory State Affiliate: Membership=\$10.00, we will be provided with information on how we are to pay this once we have our team's B.A.S.S. Nation memberships paid.
- Boaters Safety Course: Approximately \$10.00. All high school anglers and captains are supposed to complete the TWRA boater's safety course, which will give you a boater's license. Juniors do not have to take the test, but it is highly recommended that they participate in the training. Captains born before Jan. 1, 1989 are not required to have the certification. However, it is strongly recommended as it helps us all be on safer waters and helps to keep our children and teenagers safe. It will also help bring down the cost on certain boater's insurance, so I am told.
  - Each team's boat must be insured for \$300,000 liability insurance, which is not the typical \$100,000 most boaters have. This cost is dependent on your insurance of choice.
  - Cost of team jersey : We are updating jerseys this year. The cost is varied, but approximately \$50-\$70.00 range. We are reusing last year's jerseys. Can be mandatory depending.  
Optional :Cost of T-shirt= Varied but likely less than \$25.00, optional.
  - Cost of various Individual fishing supplies and local travel expenses as needed.



## Needs:

**\*\*\*\*\*Prayers please!!! (and patience)**

- ★ Everyone read the High School team rules and regulations @Bassmaster.com
- ★ Anyone interested in serving and providing education on various fishing skills or activities
- ★ Volunteer captains and boats (may need a background check)
- ★ Possible supply/food donations, as needed
- ★ Local fishing spots, possibly private that the team and/or club could practice catch and release
- ★ Keep us informed on discount information on fishing supplies
- ★ Join the Band App and request to join Berean Fishing Team
- ★ Join the fishing instagram page @bereanchristian\_fishing