

## “An Invitation to the Metro-West Steelheaders”

The Metro-West Steelheaders (MWS) is a 170+ member “Family Fun” oriented fishing club. MWS goal is to promote sportfishing, sharing of fishing information to those wanting to learn and educate young people through participation in fishing events throughout the Great Lakes region.

MWS holds roughly sixty (60) events a year, which include fishing, socializing, environmental education, community outreach, and fund raising. The club holds fishing events on Lake Eric, Huron and Michigan for walleye, salmon and trout. There is a river group that will fish river systems in Michigan as well as “Steelhead alley” in Ohio. A kayak & small boat group has numerous events in Lake Michigan ports and multiple inland lakes. Lastly, there is pier-beach group that will fish several ports annually. MWS also holds an annual Swap Meet in April. There are three social events (Summer Picnic, Kids Fish & Christmas Party) and two fund raisers (Comedy for a Cause & Annual Sportsman’s Banquet).

MWS participates in Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) Policy Board meetings and serves on the MUCC Fisheries Committee as well as the MDNR Lake Michigan & Lake Erie Citizens Fishery Advisory Committees. MWS also participates with MUCC and other conservation groups in three annual river clean ups on the Clinton and Manistee Rivers

MWS sponsors an annual “Kids Fish” at Kensington Metro-Park for up to 100 kids. Each child receives a new pre-rigged fishing rod, bait and instruction by MWS volunteers throughout the morning. MWS also supports six (6) Salmon In the Classroom project by providing equipment for the schools.

MWS holds (11) general membership meetings per year. These meetings are open to the public with expert speakers related to fishing topics as well as MDNR officials and biologists. When able to meet in person each meeting promotes social interaction and the exchange of information through time set aside for social interaction and networking. There are also 50/50 and tackle raffles, event updates and fishing reports.

Other fun activities include “Captain & Crewperson of the year” contests as well as River, Kayak, Small Boat, Beach and Pier “Anglers of the Year” contests. There are also “Big Fish” and “Warm Water Challenge” annual fishing contests.

MWS Fundraisers annually support sending area children to the MUCC Kids Camp, the Annual Kids Fish at Kensington Metro Park, (6) classrooms in the MDNR “Salmon in the Classroom” program & donations to fisheries related special programs like the “Clinton River Watershed Council” and the Lake Superior State University Atlantic Salmon project.

MWS is always looking for new members welcome anyone interested in fishing or learning more about sportfishing. **Please feel free to come join us at one of the general meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Meetings are currently held at the Livonia Senior Center located at 15218 Farmington Rd, MI. 48154.**

For more information visit the MWS Website at [www.metroweststeelheaders.org](http://www.metroweststeelheaders.org) or contact Henry Nabors-Membership at [hfnabors@gmail.com](mailto:hfnabors@gmail.com).