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n Wednesday, August 7, 2024, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission education staff provided the first Introduction to Fishing program for the Deaf community at North Park, Allegheny County. The program was held for the Deaf crew of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps, based at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps is a partnership between CorpsTHAT, located in Baltimore, MD, and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Program participants learned the principles of being a S.M.A.R.T. angler (Safety, Manners, Appreciate, Release, Teach); casting and knot tying skills; fishing regulations; and basic tackle and rigging for bait fishing. Following the education portion of the program, participants had the opportunity to fish at Marshall Lake.

## **Videos:**



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Despite the muddy water from recent rains, nearly all anglers caught fish.

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