# 2024/25 FAN SEASON OPENER – OCT 5TH ON LAKE BELTON (BLORA)

We are excited to launch the 2024/25 season on Lake Belton October 5, 2024, brought to you by Kistler Rods and Hosted by BLORA. The tournament will be held on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at BLORA on Belton Lake. Qualifying event #1 will set the stage for the 2024/25 Championship with over \$15,000 in scholarships and prizes.

### THIS WILL BE A TRAILERING EVENT.

This means you are free to launch at the ramp of your choice. There are several boat ramps available to avoid larger groups and lines at any one ramp.

There will not be a physical check-in location that morning – we will be using GroupMe.

Morning Check In: All FAN Anglers must be registered in the FAN GroupMe App and check-in with messages when prompted by FAN on the morning of the tournament.

Example for the check-in message on GroupMe (Boat #, 1st anglers last name, 2nd anglers last name)

Register for GroupMe here.

YOU CANNOT LEAVE THE LAUNCH AREA UNTIL 6AM. PLEASE BE SAFE!

First Cast at 7:00am – Last Cast at 2pm

Scales will open at 12pm, YOU MUST BE CHECKED AT THE HOLDING TANKS IN BY 3pm.

Please be mindful of the time required to get boats on trailers and get to the weigh-in location.

ALL ANGLERS MUST CHECK IN AT WEIGH-IN REGARDLESS IF THEY ARE WEIGHING FISH OR NOT. FAILURE TO CHECK IN WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF TOURNAMENT/AOY POINTS. FAN NEEDS TO KNOW EVERYONE IS SAFE AND OFF THE WATER.

EVERYONE MUST PHYSICALLY CHECK IN AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

YOU MUST HAVE AN ADULT CAPTAIN AND TWO QUALIFIED STUDENTS OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Only Captains and student anglers are allowed on the boat during the tournament. FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

We will send notifications through GroupMe for last-minute changes as well as updates on the FAN Facebook page.

## WHERE:

Tournament Host Site Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA Live Oak Pavilion Parking Area) **7999 Sparta Rd. Belton, TX** 76513

Google Map

### WHEN:

October 5,2024

## Who is eligible?

Registration is open to all 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th-grade students. The entry fee for each tournament is \$65 per boat with two team members and a qualified captain. Each team member must be a FAN member. Contestants must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the liability form of the online membership registration. Each team must consist of two eligible student contestants and one adult boat captain.

Weigh in – YOU MUST BE checked in by 3pm. If you are not weighing in fish, you still need to check in to indicate you are off the lake or you will not be awarded points.

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Registration- All teams must register by Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> by 9PM CST. The registration deadline is the Wednesday prior to the tournament via online registration and online payment only. Late registrations may be considered on Saturday for complete teams only and will be added to the bottom of the boat launch sequence. Please contact info@faithanglernetwork.com with any questions regarding registration or if you will register late.

### About the lake:

Belton Lake sits in central Texas near Temple, Texas, in Bell and Coryell Counties. It covers a surface area of 12,385 acres, with 136 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 124 feet. Belton Lake is a popular lake for hybrid striped bass and can also be a good largemouth bass lake at certain times of the year. Boat ramps, bank fishing access,

picnicking and camping are available at Corps of Engineers parks located around the lake. Courtesy docks are provided at most boat ramps. Three marinas offer basic supplies and fuel. Day use fees are charged at most parks.

# **Championship Eligibility:**

To be eligible for the championship, the angler must have fished at least 3 of the 4 qualifying tournaments in either division.

- · Top 10% of Qualifying Events per division.
- The top 50% of qualifying anglers based on their total points per division.

**Angler-of-the-Year Scholarship Awards**: A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the highest-finishing angler. Plus, a custom FAN AOY Jersey, presented by OT Wear – Official Fishing Jersey for FAN.

The FAN "OT Wear Team of the Year" Awards: The highest finishing team wearing OT Wear fishing jerseys will receive a \$700 scholarship award.

# Captain Incentives- (Must be present to win)

Captains will be recognized with the **Captains Awards** including a \$50 **gift card** for the winning Captain and another \$50 **gift card** in a random Captains drawing.

Championship Scholarships – This season we will award \$12,000 in scholarships and award the top 5 places at the Championship Tournament.

- 1st Place \$4,000
- 2nd Place \$3,000
- 3rd Place \$2,500
- 4th Place \$1,500
- 5th Place \$1,000