



Walleye Cup: Lures anglers for two-day tournament

The Qu'Appelle Valley with its host of beautiful and bountiful lakes is a fitting setting for one of the largest fishing tournaments in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Each Labor Day weekend up to 300 fishermen from throughout the province and beyond descend onto Katepwa, Mission, Echo and Pasqua Lakes to take part in the Qu'Appelle Valley Walleye Cup International Tournament.

With \$30,000 in cash plus merchandise prizes it's one of the most popular tournaments around. Prizes are given for the largest walleye as well as the heaviest two-day catch.

For 2009 the 21st annual Walleye Cup International will be held Saturday, Sept. 5 and Sunday, Sept. 6. During the two-day tournament fishermen will test their skills on all four lakes.

Registration for the tournament is set for Friday, Sept. 4 at the Country Squire Inn at 7 p.m. At 5 p.m., however, all fishing boats will meet at the Rexentre and parade

down Broadway Street to begin this full weekend of fishing. All entrants are encouraged to enter their crafts in this very-popular kick-off to the tournament.

The Walleye Cup is part of a Walleye Trail tournament circuit that's grown over the years. Fishermen, both professionals and novices, have made it a point to compete in the Qu'Appelle Valley version. The Town of Fort Qu'Appelle comes alive with sportsmen who pit their skill and knowledge to capture the tournament title.

While there's a competitive nature to the event that doesn't mean the spirit of camaraderie is absent. In fact the friendliness of the competitors, the exchange of stories and fishing tips, keeps bringing competitors back year after year.

So end the summer with a bang and join the fun at the Walleye Cup. For more information about the tournament call Kelly Morrell at Hillcrest Outfitters at 306-332-5634. Or on the web at <http://walleyecup.ca>.



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