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**National Fishing in Schools Program**

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### **UNA Offers Class to ‘Catch More Students’**

*Alabama Teachers invited to adopt “Fishing In Schools Program”*

(October 19, 2012) --- The University of North Alabama College of Education and Human Sciences announces the kick-off of The National Fishing in Schools Program (NFSP) to their Outdoor Education Curriculum to Alabama educators with the launch of a Level I Certification Class.

The National Fishing in Schools Program is currently deployed in more than a dozen states. NFSP’s current “Cast a Fly, Catch A Student” curriculum approved by various State Boards of Education across the U.S., enables middle school and high school students to earn education credits while learning to fly fish, tie knots, and explore aquatic entomology. Students also learn about the importance of water quality and habitat conservation. The National Fishing in Schools Program curriculum and activities correlate to National Academic Standards in Physical Education, Technology, Science and Language Arts.

***“Alabama’s most innovative teachers have recognized the value of outdoor educational programs for their students and UNA is committed to providing them with latest curriculums to foster success in the classroom, “ according to Dr. Thomas Coates, UNA Health, Physical Education and Recreation Chair. “In addition to hosting this class, we plan to implement the ‘Fishing in Schools’ into our core requirements as a complement to our efforts to convey the skills necessary to enjoy and conserve natural water resources through in-school programs.”***

The NFSP hopes to reach 500 schools across the U.S. and teach 225,000 youth by 2015, with support and funding from the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, The US Fish & Wildlife, a growing list of State Fish/Wildlife Agencies, private companies and individual donors. The one-day Teacher/Mentor training class will be held in Flowers Hall on November 3, 2012. Equipment will be provided and cost is \$50. Times are 8:00AM – 4:00PM. Registration at [www.flyfishinginschools.org](http://www.flyfishinginschools.org)

Additional information is also available on the National Fishing in Schools Program website: [www.flyfishinginschools.org](http://www.flyfishinginschools.org)