

Fun with Fishing

Within the past ten years or so technology has taken a huge turn and everything is becoming hand-held. So for the newer generation of children out there getting them away from their handheld devices is getting harder and harder. When asking most children now-a-days if they would like to go outside or go fishing the most common response is of course "no". So how do we get them outside? Tie them up and throw them in the back of the truck could work, but most of them will have a cell phone hidden on them and you will most likely be stopped at some point.

So what is the appropriate way to handle these sunlight deprived, technology addicted children? First step is convincing them to leave the house and get into the car. If this seems like a huge step, I would suggest dangling a cell phone or another fancy doodad from a string with a long stick, and lead them to the car or truck with it. If this can be done a little easier please let me know. Second thing to do is to try and convince them that fishing in real life is more fun then doing it on the computer. Now sometimes we adults can hate the sound of fishing just as much as the rest of you, so you really need to sell it BIG! Tell them that fighting a fish on your line in real life is so much more fun and give them the, "the fish was this big" speech with your arms stretched as wide as possible. Sometimes that can really get the kids adrenaline going or if you have to, bribe the kid. I've had my dishes done several times for a mere five dollars before. So anything is possible.

Now if your finally all packed and ready for the either short trip to the local fishing spot, or the long trip, you will probably be bothered about just the idea of fishing by this child. Also I am being very vague about what to call these kids too because well lets be honest we all have different names for these kids today. I'm just trying to keep things PG. Anyways, back to the topic at hand. The trip itself is going to be stressful. I feel for you, I really do. I have been there. Kids screaming, jumping, either excited about going or just kicking the seat in utter disgust at the prospect of fishing, but hang in there at some point you will arrive at your destination and be able to hear some piece and quiet when walking from your door to the back doors to let them out, even if it is for 3 seconds or less, enjoy this time.

You have arrived! Now whether the trip was ten minutes or six hours we all are excited about finally arriving so we can finally make some

