

Youngsters compete in statewide BASS tourney

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Federation Nation and Lake Lanier's Six Mile Bass Club hosted a youth fishing tournament on April 10 for more than 20 youngsters ranging in age from 11-18 years old. They had qualified for fishing the tourney through regional club tournaments from throughout the state; participants and their families came to Lake Lanier from Dalton, Warner Robins, Augusta, Albany and Douglasville.

The Lake Lanier overall winner was Jake Mims with four fish weighing in at 7.1 pounds.

For the tournament, two youngsters, one from each of two age groups: 11-14 and 15-18, were paired in each host boat with driver provided by Six Mile Bass Club.

The kids provided their own rods, reels and tackle, tying on all their own lures, choosing fishing locations and handling any fish that

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Participants in the youth fishing tournament pose for a group shot during the event last month.

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were caught.

"The sponsor adults were not allowed to assist in any way, so the kids really were doing just about everything other than piloting the boat," said Roy Mims, youth director of the Georgia BASS Federation Nation.

Throughout the year, there will be other tournaments hosted throughout the state by Georgia Bass

Federation Nation as the kids try and qualify for the Georgia State Youth Tournament and Southern Divisional. The goal is to win and represent the Southeast at the National BASS Federation Championship sponsored by BASS.

Following the tournament, Six Mile Bass Club sponsored a cookout for all of the participants and their families.