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Annual Trout Derby set for Saturday, January 21 *Fishing tournament changes location to Frontier Park*

PROSPER (January 14, 2012) The annual Prosper Parks Trout Derby is set for Saturday, Jan. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. at a new location, according to Senior Parks and Recreation Planner Wade Harden.

“We’ve moved the Derby to the pond at Frontier Park which has a higher number of parking spots and is easily accessible from any part of town,” said Harden. Previous derbies were held at the pond at Whitley Place.

The trout are supplied by the Town’s Parks and Recreation Board with additional fish donated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and local business Pond Medics. Parks Board Chairman Chris Sanchez will serve as the derby’s master of ceremonies.

Even though the derby is being conducted within the Town limits, state fishing regulations concerning licenses and other rules apply nonetheless. A visit to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/> can clarify any questions.

“While there will be a majority of rainbow trout, also eligible for catching are coppernose bluegill, channel catfish, hybrid crappie, and largemouth bass,” he added. Even though the tournament is a catch-and-keep event for the trout, derby officials are encouraging catch-and-release for other species.

Among the major sponsors for the derby are Pond Medics, Superscapes, Academy Sports and Outdoors, and Sam’s Club. Other sponsors include SNC, The Mansions of Prosper and American Bank. Prosper’s Legacy Church will be providing coffee, hot chocolate, and serving doughnuts and kolaches. The church will also provide hot dogs at the end of the derby for those who remain after the derby ends.

“Prizes for various age groups will be awarded in various categories of fish catches, and we’ll also be holding raffles and door prizes throughout the morning like gift cards from Ernesto’s, Maggies and Destin Café, among others,” said Harden.

Registration is free and can be accomplished at the site on the morning of the derby.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 10,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”