



**MAY 4, 2024**  
**GHSA BASS FISHING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**CLARKS HILL LAKE**

WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**WELCOME GHSA  
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Welcome to the 2024 GHSA Bass Fishing State Championships! Today's event is sure to be exciting as all of the schools represented are looking forward to their team achieving the title of "Champion". However, we all know that all of our teams are outstanding and are definitely winners. This has been an outstanding season and this year's championships will include familiar faces as well as teams that have worked hard and peaked at just the right time. Our congratulations are in order for all of the teams, coaches, administrators, students and parents who have supported the athletes through this year's journey to the state championships.

I would also like to thank you for your support of high school bass fishing throughout the season. Your support is integral to the success of high school athletics and for the team and anglers you are here to cheer on. Good sportsmanship is expected from our athletes, and I urge you to be positive in your support of all of our teams. Let's work together to make today's event a great experience for all involved.

To put on an event of this magnitude takes many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to provide a "first-class" event. The GHSA staff has been working for weeks as well to ensure a special event for all involved.

Finally, I would like to thank our corporate sponsors who make it possible to put on these championships. Their advertisements can be seen throughout this guide and I encourage you to support them whenever possible. The GHSA wants to thank these exemplary companies for their involvement, we appreciate their support.

Thank you for your support and I know you are going to enjoy the best high school bass fishing anywhere!

Dr. Robin Hines  
 Executive Director

**MAY 4, 2024 @ CLARKS HILL LAKE**

**6:30 AM - TAKEOFF  
 3 PM - WEIGH-IN BEGINS**

**Wildwood Park Ramp  
 3780 Dogwood Lane  
 Appling, GA 30802**



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# CLARKS HILL LAKE WELCOMES BACK CHAMPIONSHIP-HOPEFUL ANGLERS

BY HAYDEN GILBERT

The waters of Clarks Hill Lake – the state’s largest reservoir – is the stage where boats of anglers competing for the fourth-ever GHSA Bass Fishing state championship will trek upon Saturday.

The fifth and final tournament of the season will see 127 boats take to the waters of Clarks Hill Lake for the third-consecutive year. The lake, just up the Savannah River from Augusta, is over 15,000 acres bigger than the next biggest lake in the state.

## THE GREAT LAKE

The 71,100-acre lake is extremely diverse in its geography, from large flats that are like many South Georgia lakes such as Lake Seminole, to deep rocky ravines and ridges in the north of the lake that are similar to many piedmont and mountain lakes such as Lake Hartwell, West Point, and Oconee. The tournament will be based out of Wildwood Park Ramp in the far south of the lake, not far from the lake’s dam. The tournament will blast off from Wildwood Park at 6:30 a.m. in the morning. Anglers will then have eight-and-a-half hours to fish and get back to the launching ramp for weigh-ins at 3:00 p.m. back at Wildwood Park Ramp.

## TOP QUALIFIERS

The qualifying rounds for the tournament happened at four different lakes spread throughout nearly every corner of the state. The first tournament at Lake Seminole in far South Georgia on the Alabama and Florida state lines saw Hayden Reynolds and Caleb Logue from Bainbridge winning with a weight of 19

the shallow waters of the lake caused the winning weight to be much lower at 13 pounds, 10 ounces, won by Churchill Harris and Campbell Patterson from Oconee County. The tournament saw 32 other boats make the tournament from 24 different schools and punched their tickets to the state finals.

The next tournament was held at West Point Lake in west Georgia, which saw Rayne Melton and Cohen Blaschke from Trion dominate the tournament, weighing in a five-fish bag weighing 19 pounds, five ounces, the second-largest bag of the season, clearing the second-place bag by nearly seven pounds. West Point saw 34 other boats from 29 different schools qualify for the final tournament of the year.

The final tournament of the year at Lake Hartwell saw the most competitive tournament of the year at the lake that may be the most like Clarks Hill. The top four boats finished within a pound of each other, with the top two finishing within two ounces of each other. South Forsyth’s Reese Mutter and Charles Roberts weighed in a bag weighing 13 pounds, 13 ounces, edging out Greenbrier’s Braden Rustan and Evan Beard, who finished with a bag weighing 13 pounds, 10 ounces. Along with them, 28 other boats from 22 different schools made the state championship tournament at the last qualifying tournament of the year.

## PAST CHAMPIONS

2021 EVANS  
2022 BAINBRIDGE  
2023 LANIER

pounds, 10 ounces, the most of any bag weighed in the qualifying tournaments. Along with them, 29 other boats from 22 different schools qualified for the state championship tournament.

The second tournament at Lake Oconee, the smallest lake of the season, was a much tougher tournament. The cold weather of mid-February and

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## LAKE SEMINOLE

## SCHOOL

Appling County  
Bainbridge  
Brantley County  
Central-Carroll  
Coffee  
Colquitt County  
Colquitt County  
Dawson County  
Effingham County  
Houston County  
Houston County  
Lee County  
Lee County  
Lowndes  
Lowndes  
Mary Persons  
Northgate  
Peach County  
Perry  
Perry  
Pike County  
Richmond Hill  
Richmond Hill  
South Forsyth  
South Forsyth  
South Forsyth  
Temple  
Thomas Co. Central  
Veterans  
Wheeler County

## ANGLER

Fisher Carver  
Hayden Reynolds  
Benjamin Carter  
Levi Irby  
Jake Grantham  
Jake Wilkes  
Carl Brown Jr.  
Carter Cunningham  
Ty Griffin  
Conner Lopez  
Landon McKinley  
Dawson Nesbit  
Tripp Williams  
Jack Dowdy  
Fisher Ruff  
Trey Britt  
Clayton Laird  
Landon Latour  
James Wall  
Logan Kent  
Tristan O'Connell  
Branton Champion  
Owen Osden  
Chad Dupree  
Grady Williamson  
Jackson Letsch  
Chad Seagraves  
Nathan Henson  
Jacob Winnett  
Cohen Cravey

## ANGLER

Jack Reeves  
Caleb Logue  
Carter Steed  
Colton Huber  
Bodie Jackson  
Joseph Jackson  
CJ Bryant  
Landon Glander  
Andrew Greene  
Brenden Martin  
Garrett Berryhill  
Rigby Brown  
Dakota King  
Wyatt Galbraith  
Kyle Lynn  
Landon Ratliff  
Adam Campbell  
Dallan Spivey  
Caden Brett  
Jacob Burdine  
Tristen Sowell  
Jackson Behringer  
Aiden Pluff  
Roman Franks  
Maddox Ferrell  
Finley Edwards  
Kade Brown  
Gareth Joslin  
Jackson Lathrop  
Rhett Rodgers

## LAKE OCONEE

## SCHOOL

Alexander  
Appling County  
Buford  
Central-Carroll  
Coffee  
Colquitt County  
Colquitt County  
Fellowship Christian  
Fellowship Christian  
Greenbrier  
Houston County  
Jackson  
Jeff Davis  
Jefferson  
Jefferson  
Lee County  
Lee County  
Locust Grove  
Lowndes  
Mary Persons  
Newnan  
Oconee County  
Perry  
Perry  
Perry  
Rockmart  
South Forsyth  
Swainsboro  
Swainsboro  
Tift County  
Tift County  
Ware County

## ANGLER

Emma Wilson  
Taylor Mabry Fannin  
Carson Crowe  
Wyatt Harmon  
Hoyt English  
Hayden Hamm  
Canyon Cook  
Holden McClung  
Gavin Smith  
Matthew Johnson  
Carter Gray  
Cameron Sampson  
Tucker Rigdon  
Jacob Janning  
Wyatt Dunagan  
Tyler Henderson  
Reilly Marshall  
Zachary Kraemer  
Mason Kautzman  
Kelly Rollins  
Gage Smith  
Churchill Harris  
Tyler Williams  
Connor Law  
Nick Daniel  
Colby Fuqua  
Owen Temple  
Mitchell Roberson  
Colton Braswell  
Canton Moore  
Walton Slaven  
Grant Geiger

## ANGLER

Will Kimbrough  
Daniel De La Mora  
Carter Waycaster  
Jonah Yates  
Landon Patton  
John Davis Summerlin  
Braden Venet  
Robert Wade  
Clark Brasfield  
Tripp Tamasi  
Ashton Foiles  
Chase Skelton  
Konner Faught  
Ben Wilson  
Lucas Bennett  
Weston Anderson  
Zac Eubanks  
Brandon Rice  
Winston Sharpe  
Benjamin Morris  
Tayson Harrison  
Campbell Patterson  
Jack Aydelott  
Nolan Osborne  
Kaleb Payn  
Fischer Arnold  
Connor Finkelstein  
Jacob Fagler  
River Moxley  
Mason Lundy  
Sophie Guess  
Colt Cox

## WEST POINT LAKE

## SCHOOL

Benedictine  
Benedictine  
Brantley County  
Brantley County  
Brantley County  
Bryan County  
Buford  
Buford  
Callaway  
Clarke Central  
Coffee  
Colquitt County  
Columbus  
East Forsyth  
Effingham County  
Evans  
Fannin County  
Harris County  
Jackson  
Lakeside-Evans  
Lee County  
Loganville  
North Forsyth  
Peach County  
Perry  
Perry  
Pike County  
Richmond Hill  
Tift County  
Tift County  
Toombs County  
Toombs County  
Trinity Christian  
Trion  
West Forsyth  
West Laurens

## ANGLER

Stephen Sauers  
Christopher Templeton  
Matthew Carter  
Eli Crawford  
Saybree Niece  
Hunter Shuman  
Hudson Hyatt  
Austin Cheek  
Drake Bishop  
Bo Brodrick  
Charles Byrd  
Andrew Stanford  
Jacob Dzwik  
Nick Mapp  
Tripp Browher  
Davis Madden  
Phillip Kea  
Brayden Moss  
Carson Lamb  
Roper Putnam  
Sarah Land  
Jack Streetman  
Peyton Adams  
Madison Dougharty  
Macayla Castleberry  
Peyton Ward  
Carson Goode  
Cole McDaniel  
Kaylon Hill  
Gracie Landrum  
Leyy Martin  
Jackson Jones  
Rayne Melton  
Tyler Lavin  
Ryan Soles

## ANGLER

Jack McKenzie  
Connor Burnett  
Hunter Johns  
Weston Middleton  
Waylon Thomas  
Jackson Sims  
Jackson Ellis  
Brody Ammons  
Kaleb Garrett  
Luke Garofalo  
Jake Johns  
Haydyn Glass  
Laz Caddell  
Hayes Wood  
Grant Rutland  
Adyn Desjaden  
Lane Bittner  
Kason Goolsby  
Gage Greene  
Andrew Higgins  
Christal Rudd  
Maverick Nicolai  
Hunter Neighbours  
Ty Thompson  
Gracie Wilkes  
Cody Bowser  
Jackson Hopper  
Logan Cargle  
Cody Harper  
Carlie Richter  
Drew Woodruff  
Reid Briggs  
Cohen Blaschke  
Bode Windsor  
James Brooks

## LAKE HARTWELL

## SCHOOL

Alexander  
Buford  
Central-Carroll  
Central-Carroll  
Colquitt County  
Colquitt County  
Denmark  
East Forsyth  
Fellowship Christian  
Greenbrier  
Greenbrier  
Greenbrier  
Jackson  
Jackson  
Jefferson  
King's Ridge  
Lanier  
Loganville  
Lumpkin County  
Mary Persons  
North Forsyth  
North Forsyth  
Prince Avenue  
Prince Avenue  
Savannah Christian  
South Effingham  
South Forsyth  
South Forsyth  
Temple  
Toombs County

## ANGLER

Trent Hammock  
Gwendolyn Bruce  
Kyle Wood  
Sam Gibbs  
Walker Story  
Cole Thompson  
Diego Alea  
Allison Dykes  
Greyson Brock  
Braeden Rustan  
Landon Brazier  
Adrien Chavez  
Weston Raney  
Carson Smith  
Cole Griggs  
Jackson Thomas  
Lanier  
Caleb Bailey  
Audrey Gailey  
Jude McCoy  
Hayden Watson  
Anthony Tallarico  
Austin Head  
Luke Milner  
Luke Gunn  
Lake Chance  
Reese Mutter  
Sam String  
Jaylin Guevara  
AJ Bagby

## ANGLER

Pierce Gragg  
Caroline Laws  
Bradley Merritt  
Ian Baldassarri  
Brayden Bell  
Brayden Carter  
Carson Taylor  
Sophia Lee  
Liam Gibson  
Evan Beard  
Austin Fulghum  
Cameron Price  
Brayden Smith  
Hunter Dameron  
Sawyer Piascik  
Cole Bradley  
Bryson Dover  
James Coltrane  
Lyndsey Gailey  
Caden Price  
Colton Berner  
Jacob Miller  
Blaine Pittman  
Drew Williams  
Kade Edwards  
Landon Turner  
Charles Roberts  
Braeden Jones  
Rylan Daniell  
Clayton Williams