Meet Our Ambassadors

Cameron and Carter Wilkins are excited to welcome you to the Catch A Cure Bass Tournament! Like most brothers, these boys tackle life together - playing soccer, attending Boy Scouts and going to school. However, they also share a special bond that most siblings don’t have. Cameron and Carter have cystic fibrosis (CF).

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that mainly affects the respiratory and digestive systems. CF causes the mucus in the body to thicken and build up. This mucus prevents the pancreas from releasing digestive enzymes, which means persons with CF can’t get nutrition from food without taking external enzymes, makes it difficult to breathe, and causes lung infections.

Twice a day, Cameron and Carter spend 30 minutes or more doing chest therapy to clear their airways. They also take handfuls of pills each day to help their body digest and obtain nutrients from food. Malnutrition is a common issue for people with CF, so Cameron and Carter eat four high calorie meals a day with snacks in between to maintain a healthy body weight. They repeat this process all day, every day just to stay healthy.

When the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was founded in 1955, people with CF did not usually live to attend elementary school. Because of individuals like you, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has made great progress in finding a cure. Today, people with CF are living into their 30s, 40s, and beyond. The enzymes, antibiotics and other drugs that help Cameron and Carter were almost all made possible by the CF Foundation. Being part of the Catch A Cure Bass Tournament means you are helping to ensure that one day, Cameron and Carter, along with so many others, won’t have to deal with CF anymore. Thank you for making a difference!

Thank you for caring about us!

Cameron and Carter Wilkins
1. RULE CHANGES: The following rules will remain unchanged throughout all events unless State or local laws are in conflict. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final in all matters. It is at the Directors discretion to make changes where safety is a concern.

2. ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is for amateur anglers. If you have fished either side as an amateur/co-angler or pro in two or more of the Bass Elite Series or FLW Tour, tournaments in the previous 12 months we will considered you a Pro. If you consider yourself a professional fisherman, or if the majority of your annual income is received from prize money won in tournaments, income received from sponsors, and other fees and income derived from fishing, you are ineligible to fish this event. Contestants under 16 years of age must fish with a partner 18 years of age or older and possess written consent from their parent or legal guardian. All contestants must have a valid Arkansas fishing License.

3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS: At no time during the tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs, other than prescription, allowed in the boat or to be consumed while on the water or while in the weigh in line.

4. SPORTSMANSHIP: All teams are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any team who displays poor sportsmanship, or violates these rules, state or local laws, or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of Bass fishing will be disqualified.

5. BOATS AND MOTORS: There are no horsepower limits; however, no engine may exceed the B.I.A. horsepower rating for the boat, and all boats must meet Federal and State Regulations. All boats must have a live well large enough to sustain a tournament limit in releasable condition. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with a nozzle. All contestants must carry Liability insurance with coverage in reasonable amounts.

6. SAFETY: Boating safety must be observed at all times. A U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket must be on and securely fastened any time the combustible engine is in operation. A working ‘kill switch’ must be attached to the driver’s life jacket.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. No trolling is permitted. No live or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one rod may be used at a time, other rods may be in the boat for use; however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. Rods may not exceed eight feet (8’) in length.

8. PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the official closing of the scales.

9. POLYGRAPH: All contestants, winners, and non-winners are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to a polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test in conjunction with any Bass Tournament may not be eligible to compete.

10. SCORING FISH: Each team may weigh in five (5) fish per day with a minimum length of 12 inches for spotted bass and 14 inches for largemouth bass, measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed. Any team weighing a fish shorter than the legal tournament length will be assessed a one (1) lb. penalty plus the loss of the short fish. Any team bringing in more than five (5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. A penalty of .25 lbs. per dead fish will be deducted from the total weight. Only largemouth, spotted or smallmouth bass will be scored. Any team returning to the checkpoint late will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes no weight will be allowed.

11. BREAKDOWNS: Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. In the event of equipment failure, there shall be two permitted methods of returning to the check-in and weighing fish. (1) By both partners remaining in their boat and being towey by water, or (2) By one partner entering the boat of another contestant or staff member along with the days catch. Each team’s fish must be kept separate.

12. CULLING FISH: It is the responsibility of each team to keep no more than a maximum of five (5) fish in a live well. If more than five fish are present in the live well during the event you will be subject to disqualifications. No culling is allowed in check in area.

13. PERMITTED FISHING WATER: No fishing is allowed 25 yards upstream and downstream of Murry Park West Launch Ramp. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. No tube or wade fishing allowed. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of another anchored or tied tournament boat with trolling motor out of the water, without the anchored boat’s permission. Both team partners must fish from the same boat. Only contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall not be tolerated. Boats may not be trailed to weigh in during the tournament hours unless under the direction of the tournament director. Contestants must be able to get the boat onto the fishing area without getting out of the boat. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished during the tournament. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land a fish.

14. CONSERVATION: Adequate live wells are mandatory on each boat and must provide adequate aeration to maintain fish in good condition, as every effort will be made to release fish alive following the tournament.

15. OFF LIMITS: The Arkansas River is open for practice until sunset of the day before tournament.

16. TOURNAMENT HOURS: 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration begins on site at 5:15 a.m. Saturday July 29, 2017.

REGISTRATION:

Team entry to the Cystic Fibrosis River Tournament is made by completing and submitting the entry form below with a non-refundable donation of $150.00 to Arkansas Catch A Cure. The entry form along with the team donation must be received prior to midnight Thursday July 27, 2017. Any team entry after this date will require an additional $20.00 donation.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City/State/Zip: _______________________
Home Phone: ________________________
Email: ____________________________

Signature: __________________ Date: ___________

We have read and understand the rules of this tournament presented by the AR Catch A Cure and would like to enter the contest. In signing this application, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the hosts, sponsors and tournament officials from any claims of injury and/or damages which may be incurred in connection with this tournament. We further understand and agree that tournament officials reserve the right to refund this entry fee if for any reason they decide not to accept this application. We swear the above facts we have represented to be true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Signature: __________________ Date: ___________

Enclosed: $ __________

1 $150 Entry Fee
2 $20 Donation (if received after July 27, 2017)

Please Make Checks payable to:
AR Catch A Cure
9 Shore Point Rd
North Little Rock, AR 72116
Phone: (501) 580-4662

You can also Drop off entry forms at:
Southern Reel Outfitter
Fish N Stuff