

STUDENT NAME:

CLASS:

DATE:

Greetings, boating safety officer!

We thank you so much for helping our family plan the best fishing trip ever. We are a funny bunch who loves spending time in the outdoors. And one of the top things we've always listed on our summer bucket list is to go fishing. Only problem is ... we don't know a thing about fishing!

But we are so eager to give it a try. That's why we are asking for your help in planning our one-day family adventure. Your expertise on boater and water safety can ensure our family's safe return. And if all goes according to plan, we will discover the thrill of catching our first fish and make some happy memories!

We look forward to seeing what journey you suggest!

Kind regards,

The Rodriguez Family

The Rodriguez Family needs your help! Your mission is to collaborate with your fellow team members to plan a safe, fun, and rewarding fishing trip for the family.

First, your larger team will need to choose a popular gamefish species the family can fish for. Consider picking a freshwater fish that is fun or easy for novices to catch.

Fish species to catch: _____

Now, research how the Rodriguez Family can stay safe on the water. Consider the following:

- Potential weather and water conditions at destination
- Ways to keep track of weather while fishing
- PFDs and their importance
- How to survive in cold water
- Other boating safety equipment to have on board
- Appropriate clothing and protection from elements
- In case you get lost or stranded, what gear should you bring?
- Boat navigation rules
- Float Plans
- Importance of boater safety education

Then, discuss your findings with your teammates. As a group, develop a useful fishing trip plan for the Rodriguez family. Together, you will create a binder for the family that tells them about the trip you have planned. Your plan should be typed in a Word document and include your supporting research. For example, your plan may include:

- Cover: Title, student names, artwork
- Short bio on fish species
- Destination Info: map, fish and wildlife species, environment, weather
- Ideal fishing spot pictures (for family's use)
- Schedule/Itinerary: include short descriptions of fishing activities
- Guide to buying a fishing license
- List of clothing and gear family should pack
- Boating and water safety rules or checklist
- Rules and regulations for fishing
- Catch and Release procedures
- Paragraph on what the family will experience or gain from this trip

Once complete, decide on one or two team members to present your family fishing trip to the class. And remember, your trip will be judged on how safely planned and rewarding your trip is. So have fun and be creative with your use of media (photos, artwork, clipart)! And don't forget to adorn your binder covers with artwork to make it stand out. Now go plan an awesome fishing adventure for the family!