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## **NATIONS TOP GRASSROOTS ANGLERS CAN PACK THEIR BAGS AND HEAD TO LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MO. FOR THE 2023 TBF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **BIGGER PRIZES FOR GRASSROOTS ANGLERS TO HELP MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE!**

PONCA CITY, OK. (November 4, 2022) – The Bass Federation (TBF) announced today that the nation’s top grassroots anglers will get their chance to “Live Their Dream” at the 2023 TBF Federation National Championship to be held on Missouri’s Lake of the Ozarks, March 29-31, 2023.

“The Federation Championship has been held on many storied bodies of water over the decades and 2023 will be no exception. Lake of the Ozarks has always been an angler favorite; in fact, I love to fish it myself. It has come up on our surveys many times, so we are excited to partner with the Tri-County Lodging Association to make it happen.” Stated Robert Cartlidge, TBF Federation National President. “Lake of the Ozarks is a destination lake that consistently produces, and has lots of things for everyone and their families to do while in the area.”

The March time frame on Lake of the Ozarks will be pre-spawn, and it should take a solid limit every day to do well there. The impoundment has a plethora of things to fish and will fit any fishing style. TBF anglers competing in the “no entry fee” event will also enjoy stellar payouts where the prize purse will push \$400,000.00 in cash and prizes due to the growth and success of the Federation’s close-to-home low cost TBF National Semi-Finals program that qualified all the anglers to get here.



“The Lake of the Ozarks is excited to welcome the 2023 TBF Federation National Championship and SAF Missouri High School State Championship in 2023.” Stated Lagina Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, Central Missouri’s Tri-County Lodging Association. “This is a new partnership, and we look forward to a successful event and many more collaborations in the future. We know the anglers will enjoy fishing in our little piece of paradise and anxiously await their arrival in spring of 2023!”

Competitors have qualified at 21 close-to-home district competitions in the TBF’s National Semi-Final system that span the traditional seven TBF geographical divisions. The framework is designed to make it easier for TBF

anglers to fish premier events by minimizing travel time and expenses. As noted because of the success of the new TBF National Semi-finals program, payout to the membership continues to climb annually.

All fifty-one boaters and fifty-one co-anglers competing in the National Championship will fish the first two days of the event and only the 7 Division Champion boaters and 7 Division Champion co-anglers will compete on the third and final day for the *Living Your Dream* Prize packages and the National Champion boater and co-angler titles. In addition to the cash prizes, all anglers will receive a hotel room stipend from TBF for the actual event days as a part of their qualifying prize. Additionally, all Boaters will receive a cash fuel stipend to help offset their boat costs. All 14 finalists can earn a *Living YOUR Dream* prize package of various sizes, and can advance to the 2023 BFL All-American if they are qualified.

The National champions and overall winners will leave with the coveted TBF National Champion Boater and National Champion Co-angler Titles and a *Living Your Dream* (LYD) package. The boater National Champion's LYD package is valued in excess of a whopping \$125,000 in cash and prizes including a brand-new Ranger Z520 powered by Mercury 250HP outboard engine, Lowrance Electronics and MinnKota Trolling Motor rigged out and all their own to KEEP! PLUS, a significant CASH prize, paid entry fee stipend into whatever they want to fish and much more!

The Federation strongly believes in the value of co-anglers, so the 2023 National Champion Co-Angler LYD package will be worth over \$30,000, including 20K cash PLUS set paid entry stipends into the circuit of choice, and more!

Coverage of the TBF National Championship will be broadcasted in high-definition in the Federation Angler TV block on the Pursuit Channel, on Outdoor Action TV and streamed live from the Lake of the Ozarks event daily on [bassfederation.com](http://bassfederation.com).

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#### About TBF

The Bass Federation Inc. is the oldest and largest, organized grassroots angling organization in America and a member of the fresh water fishing hall of fame. TBF is 100 percent owned by those it serves and is dedicated to the sport of fishing. TBF affiliated state federations and their member clubs conduct more than 20,000 fishing, youth and conservation events at the local level each year, and have provided the foundation for the entire bass fishing industry for 50 years. The Bass Federation is proud "Partners in Fishing" with industry-leading companies including Ranger Boats, Lowrance, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Humminbird, MinnKota, Berkley, T-H Marine, MLF, Power Pole, Lew's, Strike King and FacultyOffFishing.com. For more information about The Bass Federation, visit [bassfederation.com](http://bassfederation.com), or call 580-765-9031. Look for TBF on facebook at [Facebook.com/thebassfederation](https://Facebook.com/thebassfederation) and on twitter at [Twitter.com/bassfederation](https://Twitter.com/bassfederation).