

## **Second Annual Fishing For a Cure for Fragile X Syndrome Fishing Tournament**

Where: Hilton Head South Carolina, home base and accommodations will be my home located at 130 Dune Lane on Hilton Head Island , you can view it at <http://www.vacationcompany.com/hilton-head-rentals/properties/130-dune-lane-forest-beach/>.

When: October 15-22, 2016

Why. As most of you know, my son Mitchell has a genetic condition called Fragile X Syndrome (“FRX”) which causes a variety of problems (primarily cognitive deficits and sensory integration problems), my wife and mother-in-law are carriers of FRX and are at risk for Fragile X Ataxia Syndrome (similar in effect to Parkinson’s Syndrome). FRX is the only known cause of Autism and those of you who have met Mitch, he is in the Autism spectrum as are most males with FRX. Thus, I am devoted to raising awareness and money to cure Mitch and all the Fragile X related disorders.

Instead of a traditional fund raising event where I ask you for a donation, I am going to offer the first 9 RSVP’s to join me at my home for 6 days of fishing, golf, tennis, swimming, beach combing (our house is about 75 feet to the beach), zip lining, biking or whatever you enjoy that the Island has to offer. I will even do some of the cooking (we will also eat out as there are many great restaurants on the Island). Everyone will pay for their own fishing, golf and food (we will all chip in for staples at the house along with some dinners and the bar). Your RSVP check includes a 1/2 day of guided fishing either “in-shore” (which is around the Island in the Sounds and within a few miles of shore) or on a lagoon network and covers the cost of the basic food and beverage supply at the house as well as the cleaning fee at the end of the week (in 2014, we also had enough left in the account for a dinner cruise for everyone -every nickel of the \$400 is spent on stuff for the guests), and it guarantees you a spot in the order checks are received. If there is overwhelming turnout, we may rent a neighbors home if I can get a deal and we would all chip in, that cost would not exceed \$100/head. If you don’t want to fish (or if you are one of the invitees that owns your own place on the Island), call me and we will adjust your contribution, but if you wont fish at all, you will automatically be assigned to the losing fishing boat and have to contribute toward the winning team’s dinner out!

Hilton Head is a barrier island and has some fantastic in-shore and near shore fishing, there is also Gulf Stream offshore (quite far) fishing available for those of you that hearty and don’t mind spending some real cash. There is also a unique salt water lagoon system on the Island that has a very healthy red fish and growing tarpon population, ESPN has produced a fishing show there and it is ideal for anyone with motion sickness since it is always flat [see it at <http://www.palmettolagooncharters.com/>.]

Cost. RSVP check is \$400 and made out to Christoff Trust Account and mailed to my home 11225 Dell Loch Way Ft. Wayne IN 46814. This covers a ½ day guided fishing charter (all rods, bait and gear provided by the captains/outfitters, tip is extra as you see fit), food and alcohol at the house, the cleaning fee to the management company at the end of our stay. Additional ½ day in-shore or lagoon guided fishing is \$450 plus tip for the boat which can comfortably hold 2-4 fishermen plus the captain. Golf greens fees range from \$50 to \$275 on the Island. Let me know when you RSVP about how many days of fishing you may want so I can get boats and captains lined up.

Logistics. Hilton Head is approximately 860 miles from Fort Wayne and is about 14 hours of drive time. I will leave 10/15/16 at 7:30 a.m. to drive and I can comfortably take 1-3 passengers. Flights can be

either into Savannah as early as Saturday afternoon where multiple airlines provide service or onto the Island which is only US Air via a connection in Charlotte. There also direct flights on Allegiant Air from Indianapolis to Savannah each Monday and Friday for approximately \$90 one way (published as low at \$46 but with taxes and all the add on fees, plan on doubling it). The Savannah airport is a 40 minute drive and a 1 way shuttle costs \$60 (in the event I am unable to pick you up or drop you off). We would leave the house by 10 a.m. on Saturday October 22, 2016.

Fragile X. At the end of the week, I hope you will make a donation to the National Fragile X Foundation 2100 M St., NW Ste.170 Box 302 Washington, DC 20037-1233. Phone: 800-688-8765;Fax: 202-747-6208. Email: [natlfx@fragilex.org](mailto:natlfx@fragilex.org) ; You can learn more about Fragile X related disorders or donate online at [www.fragilex.org](http://www.fragilex.org).

I hope you will join me.

Sincerely,

*Joey Christoff*