

## 2011 NATIONAL GUARD JR. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



Hot days of summer were definitely with us in Arkansas during the event from the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. Our own two Missouri qualifiers arrived in Arkansas with their families for Registration on Thursday evening.

Friday was up early and head for Lake DeGray. All anglers were excited and ready to go fishing. There were 41 states participating in this tournament with a total of 82 anglers. They were all ready to come off the water at 1:30 as the temperature was over 100 degrees. Andrew Guilliams, our 15-18 year old angler weighed in fish and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Central division. Bryce Soske, our 11-14 year old angler also weighed fish and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Central division. Sorry to say they didn't make the cut for Saturday.

All anglers and families attended a pizza party provided by the National Guard on Friday evening and had a great time.

On Saturday, the final 12 anglers hit the water to see who would take home the Championship. It was a different day to fish being a little cloudy but with temps still over 100 degrees. Rain came within the last hour of fishing time and the fish turned on for the anglers.

The Championship trophies were taken home by Derek Davis (11-14 age group) from Clinton, Utah and Nicholas Deering (15-18 age group) from Portland, Maine. From here all the anglers met in Hot Springs at the Convention Center and walked across the stage introducing themselves in advance of the FLW weigh-in.

Congratulations to all the anglers participating in this NGJWC as they are each State Champions before attending this prestigious event.

See Youth Angler Spotlight page for more photos.