



# DECEMBER

## LEARNING CHALLENGE

### ICE FISHING

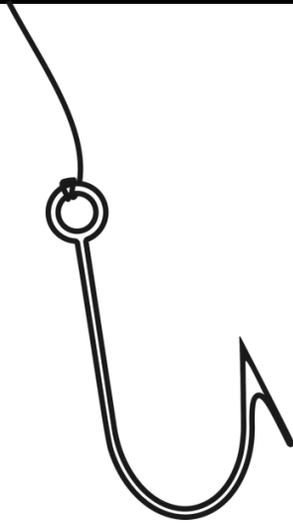
Ice fishing has long been one of Michigan's most popular winter activities. Native Americans were the first to ice fish in the region, relying on it as an important source of food during the harsh winter months. Early techniques included spearfishing with wooden spears tipped with stone or bone. Traps and woven nets were also used to catch fish in larger quantities. By the early 1900s, ice fishing began shifting from a survival necessity to a recreational pastime. As manufactured rods, reels, and augers became more available, anglers embraced the sport for enjoyment as well as sustenance.

If you plan to try ice fishing, always go with a knowledgeable adult. Ice conditions can change quickly, and safety should always come first when venturing onto frozen lakes.



Each month, participants who complete a Learning Challenge sheet and turn it in at the front desk are entered into a prize drawing. On the last day of December, we will draw one child winner and one adult winner from all completed entries. Each winner will receive a book, a sticker pack, and two museum passes.

Draw the fish you caught!



Name:

Age:

Email:

Phone: