



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

2026

ONEIDA LAKE

SFD BASS TOURNAMENT

JOIN THE BROTHERS OF SYRACUSE AND OTHER NY STATE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE 20th ANNUAL SFD BASS TOURNAMENT.

CASH PRIZES FOR

-TOP 5 BASS/BOAT -LUNKER BASS - LARGEST WALLEYE

DRAWINGS FOR MANY GREAT DOOR PRIZES

ENTRY FEE IS \$50/PERSON AND INCLUDES:

-2026 EVENT T-SHIRT

-BBQ DINNER CATERED AT THE ARROWHEAD LODGE

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Venmo- SMI-Jay (include all last names in the note)

SEARCH FOR "SYRACUSE BASS" ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES

You are officially invited to participate in the Syracuse FD 2026 Bass Tournament to be held on Oneida Lake, just north of Syracuse, NY. This event is restricted to NY professional firefighters, both active and retired, and their friends and family members. Each boat must have at least one professional firefighter to participate, and each person is required to register. You may enter the top 5 bass caught in your boat only. The weigh-in will be conducted at Oneida Shores County Park boat launch.

<http://www.onondagacountyparks.com/oneida>

To preserve the resources of our waters, catch and release is encouraged. A penalty of 2oz for each “dead” fish entered will be deducted off the total weight. However, it is your choice if you decide to keep your fish for consumption after the weigh in.

Live or artificial bait may be used. Remember that you must keep your receipt for any live baitfish. NYS DEC will request proof of purchase if your boat is inspected.

Oneida Lake has many mid-lake shoals, so be cautious while navigating this lake. A topographic map can be purchased to help you locate any dangerous areas.

Fishing begins when you get on the water, and ends at 2pm. Weigh-in will begin at 2pm and will be conducted at Oneida Shores boat launch.

The boundaries for this event are restricted to Oneida Lake and the Seneca River, up to the first barrier.

Awards/Dinner:

Immediately following the start of the weigh-in, there will be a gathering at the Arrowhead Lodge which is located at Oneida Shores Park. Abbott's Catering will serve a catered BBQ dinner to include iced tea and lemonade. You can bring any other beverages that you wish to consume. Door prizes will also be drawn at this time. You must be present to collect the door prizes. The winners of each category will also be announced, but prizes can be collected immediately following the weigh-in. This is in case participants can't stay for the dinner. The cash prizes will be related to the number of entries. The more entries there are, the higher the prizes will be. Cash was paid to the top 8 teams last year.

Accommodations:

There are several hotels within a few miles of Oneida Shores County Park, which is located in Brewerton, NY. The Days Inn is located in a very convenient location, just down the road from the launch and the Arrowhead Lodge. The Days Inn Brewerton offers a room with 2 beds, a continental breakfast, and electric outlets to charge your batteries. Parking also allows for a truck/boat to remain connected. You can then launch your boat for \$10 at Oneida Shores. You can call the Days Inn at 315-277-3396.

Oneida Shores County Park offers camper and tents sites which are available. Tent sites are offered for \$25/night. Camper sites are offered for \$35/night and include 30 or 50

amp electric and water. Launch fees are included when staying at the campground. Call 315-676-7366 to reserve sites.

Entry Fee:

Please mail the completed entry form with a check for each participant to the following address. 8242 US Rte. 20 Manlius, NY 13104. Make checks payable to Jay Smithers. Please write SFD Bass in the "Memo" section of your check.

As a courtesy and to make it easier to make arrangements with the caterer and for the shirts, please try to mail your fees and application by May 27.

New this year you can VENMO me at SMI-Jay In the note, please add last names of each team member so I can update the leader board.

Pre-event Gathering:

On June 16, everyone is welcome to meet and socialize at The Wildhorse Bar and Grill addressed at 720 County Rte 37, Central Square, NY 13036. It is located only a few miles from Oneida Shores and is accessible by car or boat. They offer food and drinks, as well as an outdoor deck overlooking the Oneida River. (it's a Tuesday, kitchen may close early).

Department being represented: _____

Team Captain: _____ Phone #: _____

Remainder of Team (last name): _____

Shirt Sizes: _____

Department being represented: _____

Team Captain: _____ Phone #: _____

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