



## EMPLOYEES CLUB OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA

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Chipper Wade, President

Dear Sponsor,

The Employees Club of the City of Wewahitchka along local search and rescue units will be hosting the **13th Annual Florida Catfish Classic** on **Sep 23 & 24, 2011** and the **7th Annual Gaskin Park Flathead Tournament** on **Jun 24 & 25, 2011**. Your company can help us raise money for scholarships with a sponsorship so local students can reach their educational goals. We would like to provide you with some information on our previous tournaments.

The first Florida Catfish Classic was held on the third Friday in August of 1999 and hosted by Wewahitchka Search & Rescue. The event hosted 169 participants in 80 boats. A year later 208 fisherman in 112 boats joined us for the second annual Catfish Classic. The third Catfish Classic boasted 277 fishermen in 169 boats.

For 2006, we started a second tournament: In August, the annual Gaskin Park Flathead Tournament with 71 fishermen in 43 boats and weighing in 902.52 pounds of flathead catfish. The annual Florida Catfish Classic, held in October, boasted 270 fisherpersons (217 men; 27 women; 26 kids including 3 girls) in 128 boats bringing in 691.18 pounds of flathead catfish and 205.22 pounds of channel catfish. Our tournaments continue to grow, and we've become the largest catfish tournament in the area. With your help, we anticipate this year's tournament to be the largest ever.

Through these tournaments, we have raised substantial funds to help our students take the next step to reaching their goals. We would like to again offer your company the opportunity to help us help them.

Please contact Don Minchew, Tournament Director, for any additional information at 850-639-2605, 850-814-3180, or [citywewa@fairpoint.net](mailto:citywewa@fairpoint.net). The official website for the tournament is [www.FloridaCatfishClassic.com](http://www.FloridaCatfishClassic.com).

Cordially,

EMPLOYEES CLUB OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA

*Donald J. Minchew*

Donald J. Minchew, Tournament Chairman

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