



Pre-Meeting Check List

1. Schedule a meeting with your principal or superintendent, and try to find a faculty advisor prior to.
2. The process for school clubs tend to be easier for the principal when faculty advisors are involved.
3. Start finding other interested club members, and try to have a ballpark number of students prior to the meeting. Keep your numbers realistic; don't say there are 100 interested anglers only to find out there are seven. And remember female anglers make up about 15% of our membership nationwide!
4. Show the SAF introduction video at your meeting, a laptop or iPad work well. Here's the link to the video, http://youtu.be/YeAAW_frzeI. We made it to help you remember all the details of the program; be sure to use it!
5. Familiarize yourself with the Insurance coverage. It's important to have a good idea of how it works; refer to the FAQ sheet provided or call us with questions.
6. Strategize on how to raise money to support the club. Check out our sunglass fundraiser and think of ways to gain local sponsors to help support your club events, team jerseys, etc.
7. Highlight the educational components of the program. Your administrator needs to be assured the program is about promoting education through fishing. Here are a few keys:
 - It gives students a fun reason to go to school.
 - It could be the first time a student has to meet eligibility requirements.
 - SAF has a terrific online education program, which is FREE to all SAF members.
 - We have an Angler Testing component at our state and national tournaments.
 - SAF Scholarship opportunities are growing every day! Just check out our website!
8. Create a timeline of tentative events. Even if there's not an established trail in your area, your club can plan to run 3 or 4 events for its members, fish the SAF State Championship or SAF/FLW Opens and/or the High School Fishing World Finals.
9. Have a plan to find boat captains; it doesn't have to be concrete, but you still need a plan. Most come from family, friends, adult bass clubs and other volunteers.
10. Have a plan to handle volunteers. Most school volunteers go through a background check. Also, our tournament format is a two angler team with a boat captain; anglers don't fish alone with volunteers.
11. List some conservation or community service projects you plan to do. Also, if you plan to have a professional speaker (Pro angler, college coach or angler, etc.)
12. Subject to their approval, inform them you'd like to hold an informational meeting to gain and wage interest in the club, and that you'd also be willing to bring students to a board meeting if necessary.
13. Be sure to thank them for their time! Remember if the answer is no, clubs can always run as an after-school program just like the Boy/Girl Scouts do.