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Meridian Waste's Tri-Corners Landfill Hooks Community Fun & Environmental Education at 3rd Annual Fishing Rodeo

Liberty, N.C. (May 18, 2026) – Meridian Waste's Tri-Corners Landfill proudly welcomed more than 400 guests to its 3rd Annual Tri-Corners Landfill Fishing Rodeo held Saturday, May 16, 2026, bringing together local families for a day of outdoor recreation, environmental education, and community engagement in Alamance County, NC.

The popular annual event featured approximately 150 youth fishermen and fisherwomen competing in two age divisions: ages 8 and under and ages 9–15. Participants eagerly cast their lines throughout the morning for a chance to win prizes for the largest and smallest fish caught during the rodeo.

Largest Fish Winners:

- Ages 8 & Under: Reagan G.
- Ages 9–15: Jayden M.

Smallest Fish Winners:

- Ages 8 & Under: Carter M.
- Ages 9–15: Charles S.

In addition to the fishing competition, families enjoyed a wide range of free activities and attractions designed to entertain while educating guests about landfill operations and environmental stewardship. Event highlights included inflatable attractions featuring a kid-friendly mechanical bull, a hands-on Construction Corner (sponsored by New Atlantic Contracting) where children built planter boxes, and the opportunity to virtually operate landfill equipment through Caterpillar Inc.'s mobile training simulator. Guests also enjoyed Meridian Waste's always-popular Touch-A-Truck experience, field games, craft tables, raffles, and guided hayride landfill tours. Other event items were donated by Tire Solutions, Sponge Buddy, the Alamance County Sheriff's Department and the E.M. Holt Fire Company.

Each guest received complimentary lunch and a themed gift bag filled with Swedish Fish candy, Sour Patch Worms, planting seeds, and a coloring sheet. The first fifty fishing rodeo registrants received a free fishing pole compliments of Couch Oil. Additionally, Meridian Waste accepted donated food or cash in exchange for raffle tickets to benefit the E.M. Holt Elementary School's Backpack Program. The Backpack Program provides weekend meals to students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches to help ensure the children have nutritious food over the weekend and to return to school each Monday mornings ready to learn.

"It's important for us to open our doors and invite the community into our facilities so they can better understand the critical role landfills play in protecting public health and the environment," said Josh Gustaf, Landfill Manager for Tri-Corners Landfill. "Events like our Fishing Rodeo help demonstrate how solid waste can be managed safely, responsibly, and in full environmental compliance while also showing that a landfill can be a strong and engaged community partner. We were especially honored to welcome Alamance County Chairman

Kelly Allen and provide a firsthand look at how Tri-Corners Landfill serves as both vital infrastructure and a good neighbor to the community.”

Guests participating in the landfill hayride tours had the opportunity to see active landfill operations up close and learn more about environmental protections, engineering systems, and the day-to-day management required to safely operate a modern disposal facility.

Meridian Waste encourages the community to mark their calendars for Tri-Corners Landfill’s next family-friendly event, the annual A-MAZE-ing Pumpkin Patch, scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2026.

For more information about Meridian Waste and its community initiatives, please visit MeridianWaste.com.

Image 1: Meridian Waste Logo



Image 2: Every Rodeo Needs A Bull!



Image 3: Big Catch!



Image 4: Fishing Rodeo Friends Forever.



Image 5: Focused on Fishing.



About Meridian Waste

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., St. Louis, Mo., Raleigh, N.C and the greater Triad Region of NC., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Huntsville, AL, Central AL, North & South MS, Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va., servicing more than 583,800 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 32 hauling companies, thirteen transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and four C&D landfills in which 1,803,500 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.

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