



HOOKED ON FUN: TRI-CORNER LANDFILL'S FISHING RODEO REELS IN BIG SMILES AND BIG CATCHES!

Alamance County, NC — May 19, 2025 — Who says landfills can't be a splash of excitement? Meridian Waste North Carolina, LLC, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, proved otherwise with its second annual Fishing Rodeo, turning the Tri-Corners Landfill into a lively lake of laughter, competition, and community spirit. Over 400 neighbors, kids, and families cast their lines into the fun on Saturday, May 17th — and they didn't leave empty-handed!

This isn't your average fishing event. It's a celebration of community, outdoor adventure, and giving back — all wrapped up in a day full of surprises, games, bounce houses, and even a mechanical bull! Kids competed for the title of the biggest and tiniest fish while also helping a great cause: supporting the E.M. Holt Elementary School's Backpack Program, which ensures kids have food for the weekend without embarrassment or stigma.

And the winners are...

AGE 8 & UNDER:

- Longest Fish: Jamie McKinney Guggio-Boyd with a 19.2-inch beauty!
- Smallest Fish: Vera Grace with a tiny 1.55-inch catch!

AGES 9-15:

- Longest Fish: Sophia Rice with a 13.15-inch whopper!
- Smallest Fish: Devin Campbell, reeling in a 4.25-inch prize!

PRIZES GALORE:

A handcrafted Meridian Waste fishing pole for the biggest catch, a shiny Meridian Waste model truck for the smallest, plus raffle prizes like bikes, a PlayStation 5, Yeti coolers, and stylish Meridian Waste hats. Every donation to the Backpack Program earned guests a raffle ticket — making every fish and every contribution a win for local kids in need.

WHY IT MATTERS:

"Seeing the smiles on these young fisher girls & boys warms my heart," said Josh Gustaf, Tri-Corner Landfill's General Manager. "No matter the size of the fish, catching one just makes their day! And of course, catching the BIG one? That's the real splash!"

Looking ahead, Meridian Waste is already planning its next big event: the a-MAZE-ing Pumpkin Patch this October! Expect a thrilling corn maze, inflatables, free lunch, Touch-A-Truck yard and hayride

landfill tours — all for free! Stay tuned by following Meridian Waste on Facebook for updates and fall festivities.

Who knew landfills could be so fun? Come join the wave of community, conservation, and good old-fashioned fishing — because here at Tri-Corner Landfill, we're making a big splash for a good cause!



IMAGE 1: THE BIG WINNER!



IMAGE 2: SMALL BUT MIGHTY.

IMAGE 3: PROUD COMPETITOR.



IMAGE 4: MEASURING A CATCH WITH THE JUDGE.



IMAGE 5: BICYCLE RAFFLE WINNER.



IMAGE 6: GIRLS LIKE TRUCKS, TOO!



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 530,900 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 30 hauling companies, nine transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and four C&D landfills in which 1,326,954 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.

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