



**“A Great Day on the Water”
July 08’ Picture of the Month
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It was going to be a great day on the water, I said to myself, as my alarm clock was going off at 4 am. This would be the first time I had been to a C.A.S.T. event where there was on-shore fishing. I was amazed to hear that the New Melones event was expecting 136 kids to enjoy a day of fishing.

As I began to meet the participants and their families, a boy named Tyler seemed to steal the attention of all those present. Tyler is an eleven year old boy, whom I would characterize as the “energizer bunny”. He uses a walker to assist himself in getting around, and as I sat there with his grandparents, we agreed that he needed racing stripes on his walker. It seemed as though he was constantly running a race, never stopping. His face was bright as the sun as he experienced his first C.A.S.T. event, from the boat ride to the on-shore activities. It was a marvelous day in the eyes of Tyler and his family. It was a marvelous day in my eyes, what a fun filled day of laughter, and smiles. All I could think about was that I had been a part of ‘Today’s Adventure and watching everyone create Tomorrow’s Memories’. Tyler’s smile and enthusiasm would forever be in my heart and mind.

This truly was a day to remember and another opportunity for all involved to “Catch A Special Thrill”