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Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders proclaims Free Fishing Weekend June 12-14 with Family Fishing Derbies slated for June 13 for great amazing angling

From The Outdoor Wire

MAY 26, 2026 -Thanks to a proclamation by Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders presented during Thursday's Arkansas Game and Fish Commission meeting, June 12-14 is officially Free Fishing Weekend in Arkansas. Anyone may fish in Arkansas without a fishing license or trout stamp from noon, Friday, June 12, through midnight Sunday night, June 14.

An annual tradition sponsored by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and approved by Gov. Sanders, Free Fishing Weekend gives many people the opportunity to enjoy the amazing angling The Natural State has to offer.

According to the proclamation, read into record by Katherine Hindsley from the Governor's Office, sportfishing has a \$2.1 billion impact in Arkansas, contributing to more than 18,000 jobs.

"An Arkansas annual fishing license is only \$10.50 per year, making it one of the least expensive fishing licenses in the country," said AGFC Director Doug Schoenrock. "But for this special weekend, even that fee is waived, thanks to our governor's focus on increasing participation in the outdoors and outdoor recreation being the lifeblood of Arkansas's economy."

AGFC Deputy Director Ben Batten said many families plan reunions and fishing trips with out-of-state guests around Free Fishing Weekend, as it's a great time for people from other states to experience the incredible fishing that anglers in The Natural State enjoy year-round.

Some resident anglers also use the weekend as an opportunity to try trout fishing on one of Arkansas's world-famous trout tailwaters, as the additional trout stamp permit is not required during these three days.

All other regulations, including daily creel limits and length restrictions, remain in effect during



the weekend, and areas with special conditions for access, such as youth- and mobility-impaired-only fishing locations, remain restricted to anglers who don't meet their normal requirements.

The real treats during Free Fishing Weekend are the multitude of fishing derbies found throughout the state, as AGFC hatchery trucks will be running all week, stocking local ponds for community events. The agency's four warmwater hatcheries will also host massive fishing derbies in designated ponds at their facilities on Saturday, June 13, in the midst of the celebration.

"This is the only time a person

can go right where we grow the fish to catch them, and it's as close to a sure thing as we can give anglers who want to go out and have a great time," Jason Miller, assistant chief of fisheries for the AGFC, said. "The derbies are for youth 18 and under and their families, but you need to register ahead of time to make sure you have a spot. Our hatchery staff takes great pride in making these derbies fun for the whole family, and usually they'll add a few extra-large 'bonus' fish into the mix to create some additional excitement."

Fishing derbies will run from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anglers may catch and keep up to three cat-

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Visit the links below via AGFC website to register for one of the hatchery derbies:

- Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery (Lonoke) Fishing Derby
- Andrew Hulsey State Fish Hatchery (Hot Springs) Fishing Derby
- William H. Donham State Fish Hatchery (Corning) Fishing Derby
- Charlie Craig State Fish Hatchery (Centerton) Fishing Derby

Details for additional fishing derbies the AGFC supports are available at www.agfc.com/freefishing.

SAF files lawsuit challenging newly signed Maryland Glock ban

BELLEVUE, Wash. — May 26, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners have filed a lawsuit challenging Maryland's newly signed Glock ban. The filing comes in immediate response to Gov. Wes Moore signing the bill into law today.

Gov. Moore signed into law Senate Bill 334, which states a person "...may not manufacture, sell, offer for sale, purchase, receive, or transfer a machine gun convertible pistol." It further defines a "machine gun convertible pistol" as a firearm that contains a cruciform trigger bar. The ban goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2027.

"This Maryland law bans nearly every Glock and Glock-style handgun on the market today," said SAF Executive Adam Kraut. "These pistols are among the most popular on the market, chosen in overwhelming numbers by peaceable citizens for lawful purposes like self-defense. Maryland has now attempted to ban these firearms because a subset of criminals illegally modifies them, using conversion parts that are themselves illegal to possess, and then commit crimes with the modified handguns. Not only is this law as foolish as banning hops and barley to prevent drunk driving, but these commonly owned arms are clearly protected by the Second Amendment, the ratification of which takes certain policy choices – including this one – off the table."

SAF is joined in National Rifle Association v. Moore by the NRA and Firearms Policy Coalition.

"Bans like the one just signed in Maryland are the antithesis of good policy," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "This unconstitutional law does nothing more than punish peaceable gun owners in the state, and it cannot be allowed to stand. You can't stop criminal violence by broadening the law just to make everyone a criminal. That strategy never works."

For more information visit SAF.org.

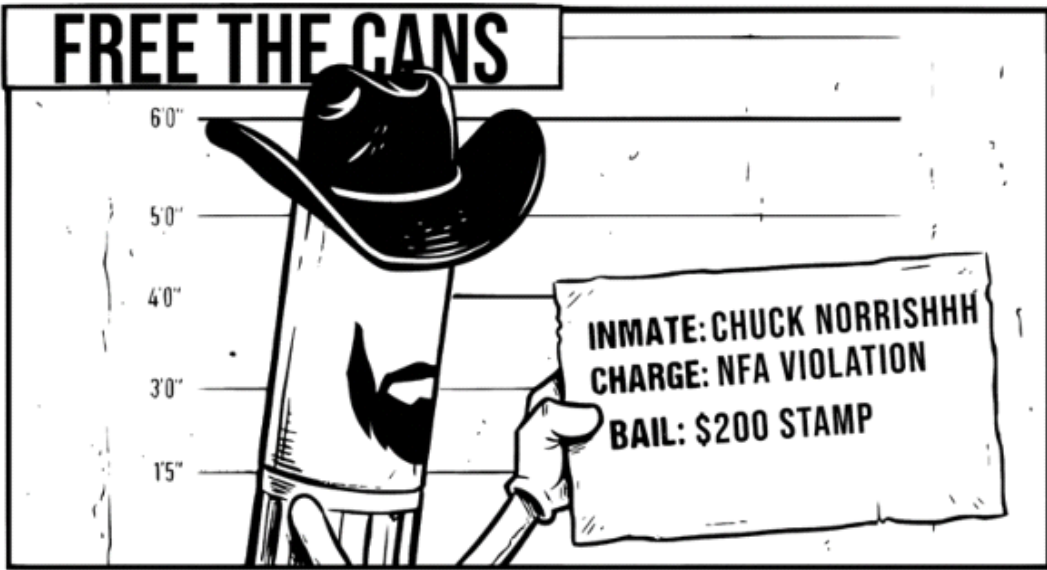
The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

SAF and leading patriotic lifestyle brand Nine Line Apparel partner with exclusive T-shirt collection

BELLEVUE, Wash. — May 22, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and Nine Line Apparel – a leading patriotic lifestyle clothing brand – have partnered to offer an exclusive T-Shirt collection.

The two brands collaborated to create a co-branded T-shirt collection that features signature products reflecting the more than 50 years the Second Amendment Foundation has been fighting to defend, secure and restore your Second Amendment rights. A portion of proceeds from each shirt sold will be donated back to SAF to help fund their current lawsuits seeking the removal of the remaining registration requirements for silencers and short barreled rifles in the National Firearms Act.

The exclusive collection features the design theme "Free the Cans," and each shirt is crafted with Nine Line Apparel's signature quality and prominently features the Nine Line logo on the sleeve. The collaboration showcases the shared values of both companies and their dedication to the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.



"SAF now is now supporting three separate cases aimed at removing the NFA's registration scheme for silencers and short-barreled rifles," said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. "This unique collaboration between SAF and Nine Line highlights our efforts to ensure all Americans can freely exercise their Second Amendment rights without having to seek the government's approval or put their name on an unconstitutional registry. We're excited about this partner-

ship, and this limited-edition shirt run is a distinctive way for people to show support for not only SAF, but our right to keep and bear arms."

Founded by veterans in Savannah, Ga., Nine Line Apparel has grown into a nationally recognized lifestyle brand that embodies patriotism, grit and community. Known for its bold designs and strong commitment to charitable initiatives, the company has become a symbol of American values and resilience.

Pre-order for the limited-edition collection is live now and ends on June 8, so be sure to get yours soon! For more information, and to order your exclusive shirt, visit saf.org.

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Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

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Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, FBI, Memphis Police Department, and U.S. Secret Service assisted in the investigation of the case. The U.S. Attor-

ney's Office is partnering with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to confront violent crimes committed by gang members and associates

through the enforcement of federal laws and use federal resources to prosecute the violent offenders and prevent further violence.

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