

SteppingUP Gone Fishing



SteppingUP sport fishes with LA Rod and Reel Club

Waking up at 4 am during your summer vacation does not seem like a lot of fun to most students, but for 36 SteppingUP participants it was a chance to do something special and they were not going to miss it! During the summer, our organization was lucky enough to partner with the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club and Foundation for two days of sport fishing. All of our students were able to experience firsts. It was either their first time on a boat, picking up a fishing rod, or touching a live fish. Each student was paired up with a volunteer from L.A. Rod and Reel Club and Foundation who showed them the in's and out's of catching a fish. Students were taught how to bait their hooks, cast their lines, and reel them in. Everyone caught at least one fish though most caught more. At the end of the morning the boat captain had the fish filleted and put on ice for our students to take home with them. It had been a long morning, but it was a great exercise in patience, perseverance, and teamwork. On our way home we asked our students if they would wake up that early to go fishing again and the answer was a resounding "YES!"



Students pictured with volunteers from the L.A. Rod and Reel Club and Foundation.

