

HOMETOWN HERO IS FISHING FOR DREAMS



Ryan Butler, a member of Carroll Electric's engineering team, works Monday through Friday assisting contractors and members in getting electricity to new homes. On the weekends, Ryan is an avid fisherman. By avid, we mean serious, passionate and competitive. In December, he won the Toyota Bonus Bucks Bassmaster Team Championship Classic Fish-Off on Norfolk Lake near Mountain Home, Ark. This qualified him to advance to the GEICO Bassmaster Classic in March on Lake Hartwell, Greenville, S.C. This is the Super Bowl for anglers! Ryan is one of only 52 qualified for this tournament.

Ryan remembers learning to fish at an early age on Table Rock Lake. He



Ryan, son Luke and Mindy Butler

dreamed of someday fishing in tournaments, especially the Bassmaster Classic. Butler shared, "My dream has come true! I'm all-in when I think about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I've been blessed with tremendous support from family and friends, so my wife and I discussed how to make this bigger than just my dream. We want to use this as a platform to give back and make other people's dreams come true."

Ryan and his wife Mindy have chosen to partner with Catch-A-Dream Foundation, a charitable non-profit organization which grants hunting and fishing trips to families with children living with life-threatening or terminal illnesses. "It's the perfect partnership for us. Catch-A-Dream is an outdoor-enthusiast, dream-fulfilling organization that gives joy and hope to these struggling families. We set a goal of raising \$100,000. I am blessed that my dad and grandpa took me fishing and helped create my love for it. With the help of other fishing enthusiasts, I want to do the same for these kids and their families," explains Ryan.

It's not often an opportunity arises to be part of a higher calling with a

hometown hero. Ryan Butler is just the kind of man who won't mind sharing the spotlight with bass fishing fans who realize Catch-A-Dream Foundation will indeed make dreams come true for others.



Ryan stated, "I'm going to South Carolina to give it my all at catching fish. Some families give it their all everyday just to see their child make it through the day. I hope people will catch the vision of the joy it will bring these families when they are granted a dream hunting or fishing trip. It's so exciting just thinking of how the contributions of so many fishing fans will forever change lives. I really hope others will join me in fishing for dreams!"

For information on Catch-A-Dream and to help in reaching their goal, visit catchadream.org/ryanbutler. Donations go entirely toward the expense of dream trips. You can also text the keyword BASS to 71777 for more information and a link to make a tax-deductible contribution.