

# YOUTH DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Photo courtesy of David Herrera

From left: Monty Streigle, Jordan McMorris, Chase Rahm and Jerry Stevens before the 50-hour journey to Syracuse, N.Y.

## Double-decker trek to Syracuse, N.Y.

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Three boats, two pickups traveling 2,100 miles across the continental divide, the great plains and eight states into the rolling hills of the Northeast, destination Syracuse, N.Y. and the Junior World Championship.

Chase Rahm and Jordan McMorris, New Mexico's Junior State Champions from 2007, supported by Monty Streigle and Jerry Stevens with Cole Bingham and Seth Garrison providing driving relief, rolled into to Syracuse after 50 hours on the road.

Did you read the first sentence closely? That's right, three boats and two pickups.

Making its maiden voyage was the tandem boat trailer Monty Streigle purchased to reduce travel costs between fishing tournaments.

Even though the trailer seemed prone to making a few wrong turns, like the one into Bass Pro Shops in Springfield, Mo., the trip was smooth sailing.

With no off-limits for the junior contenders Monty and Jerry were determined to reduce the inequity experienced by our con-

tenders traveling long distances with no chance to learn the waters leaving the western contenders at a distinct disadvantage to those contenders with the ability to travel to the host lake prior to the tournament.

Through their support, our contenders were able to spend two and a half days on Lake Onondaga before Saturday's official prefish.

Saturday the official prefish day saw Chase Rahm representing New Mexico in the 15- to 18-year-old age agroup paired with pro Kevin Short and Jordan McMorris in the 11-14 age group paired with pro Yusuke Miyazaki from Japan.

After two days of torrential rain, the prefish day started with clear skies and the hope of a dry run down the lake.

Look for the results in the next issue of the BigMouth.

Regardless the outcome, with Chase Rahm and Jordan McMorris representing our Junior Bassmasters and Monty Streigle and Jerry Stevens representing the commitment, our state has made toward our youth we are winners.



## Congratulations to Jordan McMorris and Chase Rahm



**McMorris won the 11- to 14-year-old age division with 15 pounds, 3 ounces while Chase Rahm finished in third place with 15 pounds, 5 ounces in the 15- to 18-year-old age division at the Junior Bassmaster World Championship on Onondaga Lake.**

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