

# FLY FISHING SCHOOL & FAIR

June 15-17, 2018

## JOIN US TO LEARN, HAVE FUN AND FEDERATE

The GLC FLY FISHING SCHOOL & FAIR is held at the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center located on the north side of Higgins Lake near Roscommon and Grayling, Michigan. Adjacent to the Center is one of Michigan's most popular parks, N. Higgins Lake State Park.

Educational programs will be offered for aspiring fly anglers as well as those experienced in the sport. Simultaneous programs and workshops for beginners, intermediate and advance anglers will be offered Friday starting at 12:30 p.m. and all-day Saturday. Programs and workshops on casting and fly fishing for trout will be on the schedule.

Beginning Fly Fishing School to include on-stream instruction. The instructors are Paul Drewy, Jenn Klabunde and Dorothy Schramm. You will learn about equipment and gear, knots, casting, entomology, fly selection, reading the water, on-stream tactics, and fly fishing etiquette. Saturday will be spent on the river with the instructors. Box lunch is provided. Students will need, all species fishing license, waders, rod, reel and line, nail nippers, and sunglasses. The beginning school starts at 12:30 pm Friday afternoon with classroom instruction and Saturday's instruction will be on the South Branch of the Au Sable River. Some loaner rod and reel set ups are available. Call Terry Greiner, 517-694-5358 or email [tlgreiner@comcast.net](mailto:tlgreiner@comcast.net) to reserve a rod and reel setup.

Fly Tying Workshops will be offered Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. **These workshops are for tyers with at least some experience in tying.** The instructors will be David Staley, Jake McMillon and Tim Neal.. On Friday afternoon a workshop with David Staley is being offered starting at 1 p.m. David will teach tying the Bufflehead Fly. Jake's workshop is Saturday morning and it will be focused on tying Pike and Smallmouth flies. Saturday afternoon's workshop features Tim Neal who will be providing a program on tying Au Sable classics. While there is no charge for tying with at the workshops we do ask you to pre-register so we know how many tyers to have hooks and materials for (bring your own vise and tools). You are also welcome to just come and watch.

A Teaching Someone to Fly Cast Workshop will be conducted by John Van Dalen on Friday afternoon at 1 pm. This is a non-certification class to train those that are interested in assisting with the teaching of fly casting. An Introduction to Fly Casting Class will be conducted by Terry Tatarchuk and staff at 2 pm on Friday afternoon. On Saturday Morning you can continue to work on your casting at the Fly Casting Clinic with Terry and Fixing Simple Casting Errors with John. Rods are provided or bring your own. This year we are asking that you pre-register for the casting workshops (no charge) so we can insure we have sufficient instructors available.

An On-stream Workshop will be conducted on Saturday morning by Herb Grenke. Herb will be teaching and demonstrating Czeeck Nymphing. While fishing with the members of the national team; (John Saxton on the Truckee and Brown Hobson, “Orvis guide of the year”, in the Smokies); Herb learned the tight line tactics that enabled the UD team to achieve their highest finish in International Competition. Students will receive a leader, “sighter”, that will enable you to guide multiple flies in the feeding zone. After a short classroom introduction and rigging; you will spend most of the time on the water learning presentations that catch fish. We will also learn recent innovations in tight line nymphing. Equipment: Bring the longest, lightest rod you have. Check with local fly shops to select flies that are hot. You will need fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses.

Youth Program - To celebrate Father’s Day weekend, a youth Fly fishing school is being offered with an emphasis on fly tying, casting and catching. Participants will arrive Friday to tie flies for Saturdays catching. Saturday will begin with the basics of casting so anglers will have success reaching their quarry. After the morning casting lessons, anglers will travel with their lunches for an afternoon of fishing with their parent and instructor. The fee for the youth program includes registration for the youth and adult. Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to participate as to help nurture the tying and casting process when the weekend ends. All rods, reels and tying equipment will be provided. Hats and protective eye wear will be required for every angler. A parent or legal guardian is expected to attend to ensure a safe learning environment. Special dietary needs will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian

Au Sable Fly Fishing will be a program Saturday morning by Jerry Regan. Jerry will cover fly fishing the Au Sable and the flies to use.

Touring the Au Sable will be the program presented Friday evening by Wayne Pope.

Auction/raffle and awards will take place Saturday afternoon. The auction will feature fishing equipment, boxes of flies and artwork. A Michigan DNR Fisheries Division representative will be the guest speaker.

The raffle & auction display will be ongoing in the hallway of the Au Sable Classroom in the Education Building on Friday and Saturday.

Fishing opportunities in the area include not only the famous Au Sable and Manistee River and their tributaries but also float tubing on nearby Wakely Lake, a catch and release lake with outstanding fishing for Bass, Bluegill, and even Northern Pike.

Youth are welcome to participate. Youth under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great opportunity for a learning experience for father/son or daughter; mother/son or daughter or grandparents/grandchildren.

Registration is open to anyone. Registration costs for Federation members is \$35 for individuals and \$45 for families. Add \$10 to these costs for nonmembers. Special package rates are available (\$210 [per person] double occupancy and \$260 single occupancy) which include registration, two night lodging, Friday dinner, breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast

Sunday. **LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NOON ON FRIDAY. YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE FRIDAY LUNCH UNLESS YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR ONE OF THE SPECIAL PACKAGES.** See the registration form for special rates for spouses and children. The beginning fly fishing class cost is \$170 and the On Stream Workshop will cost \$60.00. The remaining programs and workshops are free with registration.

Lodging accommodations are provided at the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center located at the north end of Higgins Lake, with sandy beaches and activities for the entire family. Adjacent to the MacMullan Center is the popular North Higgins Lakes State Park which boasts shaded campsites and a sandy beach. Other lodging is also available and information on private campgrounds and nearby motels will be provided upon request. Reservations for the MacMullan Center will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are not staying at the Center, you can still register for meals at the Center. **Advanced registration for meals is required to be guaranteed availability.**

Questions can be directed to Jim Schramm (231) 869-5487 or (231) 740-7278, e-mail [jdschramm@oceana.net](mailto:jdschramm@oceana.net)

Up to date information and registration materials are on the GLC website at [www.ffiglc.org](http://www.ffiglc.org).