

FLY FISHING SCHOOL & FAIR

June 17-19, 2016

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, warmwater fly fishing, and fly fishing for trout will be on the schedule.

Beginning Fly Fishing School to include on-stream instruction. The instructors are Paul Drewry, Jen Klbunde 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 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 John Johnson, Jerry Regan, and Christopher Soule. On Friday afternoon a workshop with John Johnson is being offered starting at 1 p.m. John will teach tying his lunker Smallmouth flies: Deerhair Frog, Redlet Hopper, Jocko's Cray fish and the BN Zonker. Just bring basic tying tools, materials will be provided. Jerry's workshop is Saturday morning and it will be focused on tying with deer hair including his spinner series. In addition to basic tools, students should bring a hair stacker and black and white tying thread. Saturday afternoon's workshop features Christopher Soule who will be providing a program on tying Cul De Canard (CDC) patterns. Only basic tools will be needed. 6/0 and 8/0 thread in black is fine. 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 equipment). 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. This will be followed by An Introduction to Fly Casting Class also conducted by John Van Dalen on Friday afternoon. On Saturday Morning you can continue

to work on your casting at the Advanced Fly Casting Clinic and Fixing Simple Casting Errors with John. On Saturday afternoon, John Johnson & Staff will do a Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic. 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 Jon Stefanciw. This highly popular on-stream workshop will focus this year on streamer fishing tactics and will be geared to beginners and intermediate fly fishers. Jon will cover proper techniques, mending, casting indicators and nymph selection. He will discuss rod, reel, line, fly selection, and water types to look for. You will need fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses.

An On-stream Workshop will be conducted on Saturday morning by Herb Grenke. Herb will be teaching and demonstrating the Vibrant Euro-Nyming technique. You will learn a few new methods to catch fish on a nymph than how we typically set it up in the USA with a strick indicator. There two methods that have become Herb's favorites. You will provided with a Fczech sighter and French slinke. Most of the class will on the water learning the tight line techniques to keep flies in the feeding zone. The workshop begins in the classroom and than you will move to the Au Sable River for the on-stream portion. You don't need specialized equipment for the class. Bring the longest, lightest rod you have. Have some nymphs of choice to use on the river. Herb will have some 8 pound mono to construct leaders. You will need fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses.

An Introduction Speycasting Workshop will be conducted by Peter Humphreys, Bob Braendle and Sean Collins on Saturday afternoon. Peter and Bob will introduce you to Two Handed Casting on site. Rods will be provided or bring your own.

Digital Photography for the Fly Fisher will be a program Saturday morning by John Johnson. John will review basic digital techniques and cameras. He will discuss how to take pictures of your fish and the rivers and lakes where you caught them. Also covered will be the methods for taking pictures of adult and aquatic forms of aquatic insects, fish, and crustaceans, the use of Go Pro video camera to take movies and still pictures of you fishing experiences.

Auction/raffle and awards will take place Saturday afternoon. The auction will feature fishing equipment, boxes of flies and artwork. Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter will be the guest speaker.

FFF Casting Certification will be available on Saturday. John Van Dalen head up the certification team. You must register for the School AND register with the National office of FFF. Contact the national office at (406)222-9369 for information and registration

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 in all programs. 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 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 Fly Casting Instructors Workshop and the On Stream Workshops 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

Up to date information and registration materials are on the GLC website at www.fffglc.org.