

Coachman Challenge Program

Beginner- Learning the Basics

Goal – to learn basic fly fishing techniques and be comfortable on the water including rigging or replacing gear without the assistance of others. To understand fishing ethics and general conservation practices.

Topic	Description	Criteria	Who/ When /Where
Knots	Demonstrate 2 basic knots needed to rig your rod	Successfully demonstrates an improved clinch and double surgeons knot	101 Class/Social Tim Landrus
Rod set-up	Rig a rod from the end of the fly line to the fly	Assemble rod, seat reel, connect leader to fly line with loop to loop connection, use surgeon's knot to attach tippet, clinch to attach fly	101 Class/Social Tim Landrus
ID Flies	Identify at least 4 types of flies and explain their use	Can differentiate between a dry , nymph, wet fly, emerger, streamer and terrestrial	101 Class/ Social Ken Davis
Casting	Show basic casting techniques	Roll cast Closed loop cast 30 feet	Before General Meeting Summer Social Sam Yee/ Forrest Oldham/Ken Giesser Ron Rabun/Chuck Honeycutt
Fishing	Explain the difference between a hatchery and wild salmonid, wild vs native, Identify the parts of a fish Identify at least 3 different local fish, safe handling and releasing techniques	Attend class 10 question quiz	Tech Thursday Dave Lentz
Participation	Attend Club Events	Attend 2 General Meetings plus at least one Tech Thursday and/or Social, annual barbecue or dinner	Paul Wisheropp Carl Lang Laurie Banks/Meloney Welborn
Community Service/ Education	Participate in a CFFU program	For example: Fish in the Classroom egg delivery, Parkway clean-up, Arcade Creek clean-up, Hagan Park or Fulton/El Camino Park fishing derbies etc.	Directors send list to Paul Wisheropp for Coachman recording
Entomology	Has a general understanding of aquatic invertebrate life stages.	Can tell a nymph (larva) from an adult mayfly, caddis, stonefly	Social and Tech Thursday Ken Davis