

Coachman Challenge

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	Instruction/Class/Event Approved	
Knots	Demonstrate 2 basic knots needed to rig your rod	Successfully demonstrates an improved clinch and double surgeons knot	101 class/Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Casting	Show basic casting techniques	Roll cast Closed loop cast 30 feet	Before General Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Tech Thursday/Social	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participation	Attend Club Events	Attend 2 General Meetings plus at least one Tech Thursday and/or Social, annual barbecue or dinner	General Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	Event/Community Service Lead	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entomology	Has a general understanding of aquatic invertebrate life stages.	Can tell a nymph (larva) from an adult mayfly, caddis, stonefly	Social/Tech Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>