

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 3 basic knots needed to rig your rod	Successfully demonstrates an improved clinch , double surgeon's knot and surgeon's loop	101 class/Social	
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	
ID Flies	Identify 3 types of flies and explain their use	Can differentiate the between a dry , nymph, and streamer	101 class/ Social	
Casting	Show basic casting techniques	Roll cast Closed loop cast 30 feet	Casting Clinics or Before General Meeting	
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	Research on own or attend class	Tech Thursday/Social	
Participation	Attend Club Events	Attend 2 General Meetings plus at least one Tech Thursday and/ or Social, Annual Barbecue or Dinner	General Meeting	
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 ,scouts etc.	Event/Community Service Lead	
Entomology	Has a general understanding of aquatic invertebrate life stages.	Can tell a nymph (larva) from an adult mayfly, caddis, stonefly	Social/Tech Thursday	