2012 Outdoor Programs Proudly Presents



FISHING CAMP SCHOOL

Designed to help you retain and recruit membership



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This special three day conference is designed to focus on improving a council's 12 month

fishing programs. Fishing is very popular with our Scouts as verified by a recent Boys' Life survey. This survey revealed that among Scouts, fishing is their fourth most popular outdoor activity at 61% participating. Fishing is only surpassed by camping,

swimming and cycling. Nationally more Americans fish than play golf and tennis combined.

The Angling Merit Badge was introduced 102 years ago and was one of the original

57. Nearly two million Scouts have earned the Angling or Fishing Merit Badge. Over 40,000 Scouts participated in the fishing

venue at the past National Jamboree, fishing was again one of the top attractions.

This conference is designed for instruction focused on fly fishing since it is a newer Merit Badge and is not offered in most camp offerings. Fly fishing has great appeal for

Scouts and they need the opportunity to learn to fly fish within their Scouting experience. Conference attendees will earn the BSA Certified Angler Instructor recognition.







Fishing is a gateway activity

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS TRAINING?

Please select one or two individuals who can be your current fishing champion(s). Your representative should be willing and able to bring a dedication toward improving fishing opportunities for your Scouts through quality instruction and to improve the Council's fishing venues. Your representative should be someone who is able to influence your fishing programs, a volunteer or professional. We are able to offer scholarships while they last for the cost of the training (\$150.00) through a grant from the RBFF, so don't delay in signing up. Attendees are limited to 30 so sign up early to ensure your spot for this outstanding opportunity.

Cost of course: \$150 per person

What is covered:
Housing, food, materials, training
and FUN!!!

We have limited number of full scholarships available so don't wait to signup.



A BAKER'S DOZEN REASONS TO ATTEND

Presentations will include how to:

- 1) Improve fishing and fly fishing in your summer camp programs;
- 2)Improve fishing opportunities with your Cub Scout Day Camp programs, Boy Scout and Varsity programs;
- 3) Develop High Adventure fishing trips

two.

- 8) Participate in discussion groups sharing how other councils offer fishing programs and what obstacles they have encountered.
- 9) Receive conference booklet containing Merit Badge Counselor Guides for Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish & Wildlife MB:
- 10) Learn about the new Certified Angler



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http://www.takemefishing.org/general/about-rbff

for Venturing units;

- 4) Improve your camp fishery waters by improving the resource;
- 5) Acquire your necessary fishing program supplies and fly fishing tackle at very special prices;
- 6) Use the RBFF's (Recreational Boating & Fishing Federation) "Take Me Fishing" Programs to support all your fishing events. (Unit-District & Council);
- 7) Hands on learning on how to Fly fish, learn to tie your own fly, tie knots and have an opportunity to catch a fish or

<u>Award</u> for Scouts and the <u>Certified Angler Instructors</u> recognition for qualified fishing instructors to support all your fishing programs, including at camps.

- 11) Visit a camp that demonstrates fishing as a featured activity.
- 12) All conference participants will receive an offer for a tackle package including free equipment and special pricing for councils attending this conference
- 13) A limited number of conference fee scholarships are available. (2 per council)

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[] YES, our council will participate in the Fishing Camp School by sending the following Scouter(s)

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Send reservations to: Curt Palmer, Outdoor Programs, Boy Scouts of America email (preferred) curt.palmer@scouting.org or Fax to 972-580-2430.