

**FLY FISHING SCHOOL  
&  
CONCLAVE**

**June 18-20, 2010**

**JOIN US TO LEARN, HAVE FUN AND FEDERATE**

The GLC FLY FISHING SCHOOL & CONCLAVE 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 instructor is Rich Knoles, assisted by members of Flygirls of Michigan. 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 Rich Knoles at 734-625-0882 or email [rknoles@gmail.com](mailto:rknoles@gmail.com) 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 Dennis Potter, Jim Reed and Gerry Worden. On Friday afternoon a workshop with Jim Reed is being offered starting at 1 p.m. The theme for Jim's workshop is tying with hair. There will be a discussion on tools, correct tread, using the right hair for various applications and what to look for when purchasing hair. Various techniques for use in applying deer hair including thread and thread control, spinning vs. stacking hair, and trimming hair will be discussed. You will be tying Roberts Yellow Drake and Muddler Minnows and an exercise in applying multiple colors of deer hair in forming deer hair flies. Dennis's workshop is Saturday morning and he is doing a Patterns and Techniques Class featuring the Fry Bugger, Opal Wulff and Syn-Wing Borchers Parachute. Saturday afternoon's workshop features Gerry Worden tying beautiful, flowing hackle Spey Flies for Steelhead fishing. The patterns that will be presented are updated, colorful and use commonly available materials. Gerry's flies use fox tail fur dyed brilliant colors for wings and they are hackled with waterfowl flank feathers. Attendees will observe the tying of a Spey Fly and then tie the fly with the instructor. Two different patterns will be demonstrated and tied. Materials and hooks will be provided. Tyers need to have white or olive 6/0 thread, 8/0 black or brown thread, and a hair stacker. While there is no charge for tying 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 Introduction to Fly Casting Class will be conducted by Rich Knoles and Staff on Friday afternoon. On Saturday Morning you can continue to work on your casting at the Fly Casting Clinic with Arnell Hodges & Staff. On Saturday afternoon, Arnell Hodges & Staff will do a Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic. Rods are provided or bring your own.

A On-stream Workshop will be conducted on Saturday by John Ray. This highly popular on-stream workshop will focus this year on streamer fishing tactics. You will need fishing license, waders, flyrod & reel, and sunglasses.

Fly Fishing for Warm Water Fish will be a three hour workshop on Saturday morning conducted by John Johnson. John will cover the equipment flies and methods required to fly fish for smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, panfish and northern pike. Methods will be illustrated using numerous photographs and computer generated graphics. The workshop is based on an extensive data base that has been maintained over a 15 year period. Variables that effect fly selection such as water clarity, weather, water temperature, time of day , time of year will be discussed

Fly Fishing Western Blue-Ribbon Trout Streams will be a one hour program at 11 am Saturday morning by John Johnson. This Program provides a tour of some of some of the West's finest trout streams. It will cover the Madison, the South Fork of the Flathead, The Greene, The Big Hole, the Big Horn, The Teton, and the Gallatin. In addition to pictures it will cover equipment, flies and methods that were used to catch trout on these great streams.

Don Sawyer and Rich Knoles on Friday evening will do a special program AThe Imaginary Salmond of Scotland and Fishing the River Don@. This along with the usual refreshment orientation will make your evening if you want something to do besides fishing..

Auction/raffle and awards will take place Saturday afternoon. Glen Blackwood will be our auctioneer and the auction will feature fishing equipment, boxes of flies and artwork. Kelley Smith, Fisheries Chief, Michigan DNR will be the guest speaker.

FFF Casting Certification will be available on Saturday. John VanDalen heads 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. John will also teach a Fly Casting Instructors Workshop on Friday afternoon for advanced casters. This workshop is open to anyone interested in teaching casting and is not a requirement for the certification test on Saturday. It is a good prep for taking the certification test and provides a good opportunity to pick up tips from a great casting instructor.

Fly tying demonstrations and federating along with the raffle & auction display will be ongoing in the Lower 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. A special program will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday on where to fish and to match you up with a fishing partner if you desire.

Registration is open to anyone. Registration costs for Federation members is \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families. Add \$10 to these costs for nonmembers. Special package rates are available (\$200 double occupancy and \$250 single occupancy) which include registration, two night lodging, Friday dinner, breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. **NEW THIS YEAR 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 \$160 and The Fly Casting Instructors Workshop and the On Stream Workshop for Streamer Fishing Tactics will cost \$50.00. 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](mailto:jdschramm@oceana.net) .

Up to date information and registration materials are on the GLC website at [www.fffglc.org](http://www.fffglc.org).