

Texas Fly Fishers-Houston

Fly Fishing Academy –Spring Class of 2010

Classes will run 7:00-9:00PM, at Bethany Christian Church, Tuesdays, 3223 Westheimer, (next to Lamar High School)

It is not necessary to purchase equipment prior to the course. We have rods which we will loan. After the course you will be better equipped to select the equipment to serve your need. To acquire a loaner rod, contact **Frank Schlicht** aged_sage@hotmail.com **He will need to know if you cast with the Right or Left hand and if you are interested in Fresh water or saltwater fishing.**

- March 16 Introduction: Discussion: body position, the grip, casting stroke, **loading** the rod, **STOPPING** the rod, developing **good loops**, practice. Video.
- March 23 Fly Lines are as important as the fly rod. Modern graphite fly rods. Bamboo and fiberglass rods.
- March 30 Fly Reels: function and types. Fly leaders: tapered leaders.
Knots: Learn to tie necessary knots, Assembly of an outfit
- April 6 Entomology: Life cycle of aquatic insects, nymphs, emergers, hatches. Additional fish food: minnows, and crayfish. Terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants, Saltwater: minnows, crabs, shrimp. Examples: Flies and fly Boxes. Basic fly types, and examples.
- April 13 Fishing Equipment / Strategies: A typical outfit (a review) Choosing a rod, reel, line, and associated equipment. Strategies; where the fish live and how to catch them: the environment (lakes, streams, rivers, saltwater), presentation of the fly, setting the hook, landing fish, releasing fish. Casting problems/ solutions, articles to help you learn.
- Further Study Club sponsored clinics: intermediate/ advanced casting classes (double haul, reach cast, mending line).
- Casting Practice: Saturday Morning 9:00- 11:00 AM, Meyer Park, on the water
- March 20 Learning to establish good loops, a foundation. Pick up and lay down cast.
- March 27 Curing faults (Tailing loops and associated wind Knots). Roll Cast.
- April 3 Practice extending the distance (shooting) and accuracy of the cast.
- April 10 Basic Double Haul, dealing with the wind.

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