

## March 2014 Newsletter



Dedicated to the Memory of Calvin Chin

## President's Message

Members,

Calvin Chen passed in on February 28, 2014. Calvin was a real gentleman and was a huge asset to our club. He fished Yellowstone, for a month, for 25 years straight and hosted any club member that wished to come and stay with him. He gave willingly, freely and would show you any thing he knew about fishing and where to fish.

His wife Rose passed on in December and it took a lot out of him as he loved her dearly. He is survived by his son Brian. His legacy will be missed. Gene Kaczmarek perhaps knew him best. He has written the following memorial to the memory of Calvin.

Dean

### **Calvin “*Suey Keu*” Chen July 28, 1914 – February 28, 2014**

Calvin, I will miss you.

I learned more about Fly Fishing and how to enjoy the time “Fishing” from you the master himself.

I will always remember your humorous stories about you in boarding school in China and scoring the first “Touchdown” on the first American style football game played in China and your first car, the one you had to dig out of the snow after you paid for it. Then there were the war years.

Your stories of moving the medical supplies to the “Normandy” beach. The dispersing of the large store of Europe’s finest liquors found in Norway, then the stories of drinking nothing but champagne in the officers club.

Most never heard about your days working for the City of San Francisco and your helping create the computer programs to pay the city employees.

Reminiscing in your old photo album about past fishing trips and who was there and the great fishing we had. There was the Trinity, the American, the Yuba, and the years fishing Yellowstone Park.

I will always remember our friendships with Sylvester Nemes and Merlin Johnson. I felt honored to be able to associate with them because of you. They were two of the finest gentlemen I have had the honor to meet.

Fishing became more than a way to catch fish; it became a way for you to spend time learning how to “Fish”. Showing me and anyone else the “spot” you need stand in to catch fish on any of the rivers you called home.

In my early days in the club we would go fishing and I would just watch, not taking my rod on the water at first. You taught me the pleasure of the “wet fly swing”.

I have said many a time “when I grow up I want to be like Calvin, 95 and still fishing”.

Good bye old friend, the world will not be the same without you, and I will miss you.

Your friend  
Gene Kaczmarek

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## March 2014 Club Meeting

**PLACE:** Silliman Community Activity Center  
6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560  
510- 742-4400

**DATE:** **Wednesday, March 26th** (Note day and date)

**TIME:** 6:30 **pm**

**PROGRAM :** Photography with Ken Hanley

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\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING FUTURE EVENT \*\*\*\* *Annual Installation Dinner* on [January 31st 2015](#)

### Upcoming Events

- Wed. Mar. 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Wed. Mar. 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM  
Wed. Mar. 19 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont  
Thurs. Mar. 20 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Mar. 26 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center
- Fri. Mar. 28 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. April 2 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont  
Wed. April 2 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Wed. April 2 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Fri. April 11 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
Fri. April 11 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Oakland, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Sat. April 12 **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM
- Wed. April 16 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Wed. April 16 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM  
Wed. April 16 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont  
Thurs. April 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. April 23 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center  
Fri. April 25 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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## 2014 OFFICERS

President	<b>Dean Lewis</b>	Board Member	Ron Smith	1/2014
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Fly Casting	<b>Open</b>	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	
	<b>Open</b>	Boy Scouts	Jeff Lorelli	
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Library	Dave Heyes	Picnic	<b>Open</b>	
Programs	Ron Smith	Raffle Chairman	Dave Heyes	
Video Library	Santiago Jimenez	Trout Bum Award	Craig Gittings	
Web Master	Ray Gauthier	Fukumoto Award	Mitch Matsumoto	
Trout in the classroom	Ed Huff	Fly Fishing Volunteers	Ken Brunskill	

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**MPFA Web Site**     <http://www.missionpeakflyanglers.org/index.shtml>

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### E-mail address list

The club is compiling an e-mail address list for the use of club members. If you want your address included or wish to have a copy of the list, send an e-mail to Craig Gittings.

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## Notice

### Members

The Newsletter will be coming out on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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## *Annual Trout Bum Award*

### **Starts Jan 1, 2014**

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

### **Requirements:**

Candidate must have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (no private pay to play waters). Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes with the use of a fly only, and report to the club documented with photos during a regular meeting.

**Chairperson:** Craig Gittings

### **Veterans First Fly Fishing .....Attention Mission Peak Members      Veterans First Fly Fishing**

Who would like to join us and be part of helping our veterans through this worthwhile program?

What you might ask is involved? It can be as little as a group of us going out to Livermore and and/or Menlo Park once a month to teach fly casting and fly tying to our wounded veterans. It could go as far as accompanying a group of veterans on a fishing trip to be their 'gillie' and personal assistant on that trip.

I have made the initial contact at Livermore VA Nursing unit and there seems to be an interest, but I cannot do it alone.

I'd bet we can get funding help from the FFF, NCCFFF, the Elks Lodge, Kiwanis, VFW, and other service organizations, all we need to do is give a little of our own time to those who have given so much for us. If interested please contact me.

Thanks.                      Ken Brunskill

**BUDDING FLY FISHING WRITERS**

Here is your chance to gain some experience writing about your fabulous fly fishing trips to places near and far. The club newsletter is seriously lacking in members written and photographic accounts of our fishouts. Of course you may not think a trip to Putah Creek is worthy of such notoriety, but remember, many members have never been there and would welcome a description of how your fishout went. And, as for a trip to Alaska or Baja, a story of your adventure would be most appreciated. Send articles to the editor.

**NOTE FROM TREASURER, STEPHEN CULP** – Mission Peak Fly Angler’s patches and pins are available from Stephen at a nominal price. New members should have received either a pin or a patch when they joined; if not, call Stephen Culp.

**\*\*\*\*\* Notice \*\*\*\*\***

this is my last fundraiser - somebody needs to step up and I suggest while I am here to show you in detail. I took over before I had been in the club even 1 yr - not hard - time consuming mid oct to middle of feb - here's your chance !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stephen Culp

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Please NOTE:

The fishout Calendar is still subject to changes. For example, the White Pines Lake fishout has been rescheduled for May 3rd. Check the fishout Calendar when you receive the Newsletters.

the Editor

## Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of March 5, 2014

Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. In attendance besides Dean were; Bruce Butler, Ron Smith, Jerry Reynolds, Wayne Culp, Stephen Culp, Ed Huff, and Craig Gittings.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Minutes:** Ron Smith motioned and Stephen Culp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Stephen Culp, reported that the club's finances were good.

**Budget Items:** Ron covered his issues with obtaining guest speakers. Craig motioned to raise Ron's budget to \$4000. Jerry seconded and board passed approval. Let Santiago know that there is a budget to add videos to the club library. Jerry motioned, Ron seconded, and board approved \$200 for the video library. A budget of \$250 for Fly Tying via a motion by Jerry Reynolds, second by Bruce Butler, and approved by the board.

**Organization Memberships:** Annual donations to Nature Conservancy, Alameda Creek Alliance, CSPA, Cal Trout, Trout Unlimited, and Salmon Confidential of \$150 each which was motioned by Ron, Seconded by Craig, and board approved

**Fish outs:** Craig brought up the Kelsey Fishout. Date is set for May 15-16. This is a joint outing with the Oakland Casting Club.

**Annual Picnic:** Date will be August 16, at the Oakland Casting Ponds, barring any conflicts with the Oakland Casting Club

**Boy Scouts:** If Jeff Lorelli needs it, club will provide the manpower.

### **Board Member Items:**

Steve Culp brought up the idea to sell squares for donated Lance Gray trips. Hook and Hackle transfer from Bill's mailing address to Steve made request as well.

Ron, after talking with Herb during his session with Trout in the Classroom, about a possibility of a crab feed at Swiss Park. Fell on Deaf ears.

Jerry mentioned the Wild Game Feed for the second month in a row as an example. Asked when it was, no reply. Later found out that it was held on June 12.

Dean asked for a motion for adjournment at 8:07 PM.

Craig Gittings, Club Secretary

## Conservation News

by Steve Schramm

Time has again extracted its toll from Mission Peak's dearest blood. I received the news from Dean Lewis that Calvin Chin passed away on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Calvin holds a special place in my heart. He took me under his wing early in my fly fishing career and taught me, as well as many others in our club, how to fish a wet fly. I don't recall an occasion where Calvin and I ever got together that we did not talk about the unmistakable tug of a take "on the swing."

I can still see him now in my mind's eye as we would discuss it, him with his arm outstretched following his fly line downstream through an imaginary swing, and then darting his rod hand down a couple of times as if a large fish had just grabbed his fly. His facial expression would also change, first to an "oooooh, fish on" look, and then to a serious stare as he admonished that a hook set was not necessary and would in fact pull the fly from the fish's mouth.

Through Calvin I also developed a love for shad fishing, especially on the Yuba. It was his favorite fishing. In fact, I first learned the wet fly swing from Calvin at a club fish out for shad at the Yuba's Hallwood access. Calvin was a patient teacher, as only a man of his years can be, and although I did not catch a shad on that first outing, I did learn a method that has served me very well since. On subsequent trips with Calvin he would take great relish in seeing me hook fish on the swing, knowing that I had mastered the subtleties of the technique that he had only hinted to in that first kind lesson.

Calvin also introduced me to the fall fishing on the Madison River in Yellowstone National Park. I first joined him there for a week on one of his month long stays in October of 1995. It was there I learned the very gentlemanly and civilized method of stepping down through the hole as one fished. I turned 30 that week and if my math is correct, Calvin was a spry 81 at the time. We should all be so lucky as to fish as much as Calvin fished since he was 70.

Besides the fat browns and rainbows and spectacular Yellowstone scenery, the highlights of the trip with Calvin included a buffalo encounter with group swim while swinging wet flies at "The Weedbeds", and a war story filled dinner with Sylvester Nemes. Ah, to be a young, dark haired Asian soldier with access to French wine amongst fair haired Nordic beauties!

I spent another birthday with Calvin in October of 2007 at a club fish out on Clear Lake. We didn't fish much except for a few casts from the dock, but I did share in two of Calvin's other passions, a Dominican Cohiba cigar and jigger of Scotch, along with several other club members.

I also joined Calvin for his farewell fish out on the Trinity in the fall of 2009. We fished at Steel Bridge Road and Calvin managed to hook a few salmon smolts swinging flies through the large hole by the washed out bridge abutments. Again, cigars and spirits were shared amongst club members.

I missed a last fish out with Calvin though. It was one that Gene Kaczmarek was organizing for Calvin's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Sadly, I won't be able to fish with Calvin one more time on what might have been one of his most auspicious days on the water.

And like the biggest fish I've lost, it will be a day with a fishing partner, along with shad on the Yuba, trout and buffalo in Yellowstone, and the grab on the wet fly swing that I'll ruminate about forever.

**(Conservation News continued on page 13)**



## Fly of the Month



### **Materials:**

**Hook**.....TMC 8089, size 10 or 12

**Thread**..... white 6/0 & Uni-Mono Fine/Clear

**Head**..... Evazote foam 1/8", white

**Body**.....white and olive Fish Hair or equiv.

**Flash**.....Flashabou, pearl

**Eyes**.....Acrylic paint, white & black

**Adhesives** .....UV-Cure (Knot Sense or equiv), Dave's Fleximent,  
5 min epoxy, & clear silicone sealant

In February 2014, Ed Huff demonstrated tying the **Foam Head Pond Smelt Fly**.

[Foam Head Pond Smelt Fly](#)

## Monthly Programs

<b>Dated</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program Title</b>
March 26th	Ken Hanley	photography
April 23rd	Mark Paparian	Lost Coast Rivers
May 28th	Jay Clark	Independence Lake in Sierra County

### March Program

Ken Hanley will be speaking on Photography. He is an amazing photographer with lots of credentials behind his name in this field. I am sure he will adding fishing hints and ideas to his lecture.

Summertime is coming up soon with many of us headed to faraway places and interesting fishing adventures. This is a good time to brush up on our photographic skills with the hope that a few of our illustrious club members will consider showing us their fishing jaunts and expand our fishing expertise. A good old fashioned dose of envy is acceptable!! Of course a few local trips and outings are always welcome to be shown at the membership meeting. Remember pictures don't lie!! The fish was really that big or there were that many??

by Ron Smith

**THE JOHN FUKUMOTO FLY TYING AWARD**

The criteria:

- Only current members of Mission Peak Fly Anglers are eligible.
- The fly must be presented and tied at a monthly fly tying session.
- Special consideration will be given to original patterns and unique variations of a standard pattern.
- The award cannot be won by an individual in consecutive years.
- Selection of each year’s winner will be made by the current Fly Tying Chairman and two club members of his choosing.

**Outstanding Video**

Title		Out Since
5	Fabulous Bighorn	11/20/13
18	Fly Fishing for Bass	12/18/13
71	Trout Tactics for Panfish	12/18/13
39	Successful fly fishing strategies v1	2/28/14
68	Classic Wet Flies and Nymphs	2/28/14
88	Tying Caddis & Midges	2/28/14
97	Fly Fishing the Florida Keys	2/28/14
98	The Orvis Progressive Fly Fishing Casting Method	2/28/14

**\*\*\*\* Video Library\*\*\*\***

MPFA Maintains a 200+ library for the benefit of its members and we need the help of every member to keep it available to the entire membership.

We ask that you check out a video (Honor System) and return it within 2-3 months. After the 2nd month, the librarian will send the borrower an e-mail or note reminding them that there is a video(s) checked out in their name.

After the 3rd month, the librarian and/or the secretary will send a note asking for the video or \$40 to cover the purchase of it's replacement. Thanks.

Your Video Librarian,  
Santiago Jimenez

**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS**  
**2014 FISHOUT LIST (Preliminary and subject to change)**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan				
<b>Feb</b>				
Feb - March	Bay Area Lakes	Trout, Bass	??	Ideas welcomed for weekday or weekend day
March	Northern California	Steelhead	??	
March - April	Delta	Bass	??	
March - April				
<b>May 3</b>	<b>White Pines Lake</b>	<b>Trout, Bass, Panfish</b>	<b>Dean Lewis</b>	<b>Potluck BBQ?</b>
May 15-16	Kelsey			
June – July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings 510-657-3842	Check with Craig for best tides
<b>June 14-15</b>	<b>Manzanita Lake</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Mark Kaharick</b>	<b>Potluck BBQ</b>
July/Aug				
<b>Sept 13-14</b>	<b>Clark's Fork</b>	<b>Trout</b>		<b>Campout and Potluck BBQ</b>
Sept		Trout		
Sept/Oct	Feather River	Salmon, Steelhead		
Sept/Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Sept/Oct	Lake Almanor area	Trout, Bass	Ed Huff	
Sept/Oct	Alpine Lake	Trout	Craig Gittings	
Oct				
Oct	American River	Salmon		
Nov	Trinity River	Steelhead		
Dec				

The above fishout calendar is tentative and subject to change. Always contact the fishmaster the week of the fishout to be notified of changes due to weather and unforeseen circumstances. Also check the newsletter for detailed information on fishing tackle, flies, directions and accommodations, as recommended by the fishmaster.

Note that only the fishouts shown in **BOLD** on this calendar are actually confirmed at this time; all others are tentative.

The actual dates of wintertime fishouts are highly dependent upon the weather conditions and will be confirmed by the fishmaster the week of the fishout.

Your ideas for fishout locations are always welcomed by the club. Phone Dean Lewis to volunteer as a fishmaster. The qualifications for a fishmaster are that you have a place in mind, know how to get there, and would welcome some fishing companions. That is it, so sign up now!

**Conservation News continued from page 8)**

*The Force That through the Green Fuse Drives the Flower*

By Dylan Thomas

The force that through the green fuse drives the flower  
Drives my green age; that blasts the roots of trees  
Is my destroyer.

And I am dumb to tell the crooked rose  
My youth is bent by the same wintry fever.

The force that drives the water through the rocks  
Drives my red blood; that dries the mouthing streams  
Turns mine to wax.

And I am dumb to mouth unto my veins  
How at the mountain spring the same mouth sucks.

The hand that whirls the water in the pool  
Stirs the quicksand; that ropes the blowing wind  
Hauls my shroud sail.

And I am dumb to tell the hanging man  
How of my clay is made the hangman's lime.

The lips of time leech to the fountain head;  
Love drips and gathers, but the fallen blood  
Shall calm her sores.

And I am dumb to tell a weather's wind  
How time has ticked a heaven round the stars.

And I am dumb to tell the lover's tomb  
How at my sheet goes the same crooked worm.



*Calvin's fished shad fly rescued from a snag on the Yuba (left) and my unfished version (right)*

There's much conservation news this month and I think that Calvin would be disappointed to hear that the Army Corps of Engineers won't work to help Yuba salmon negotiate Daguerre Dam as was ordered to start March 1st, 2014.

On a more positive note, the California Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout, a public committee authorized by the Legislature to provide recommendations to the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on matters related to salmon and steelhead resources sent Director Charlton Bonham a letter recommending that the Department deny an incidental take permit and Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Read more here: <http://calsport.org/news/california-committee-on-salmon-and-steelhead-recommend-no-bdcp/>

Below are links to conservation articles that caught my eye in the last 30 days. All links were active as of March 13<sup>th</sup> 2014. The first link is not conservation related, but you must check it out.

**Ukulele Breakthrough: Helping you go from lonely strummer to life-of-the-party!** - *by Calvin Chin*  
<http://www.amazon.com/Ukulele-Breakthrough-strummer-life-party/dp/0595312586>

**California to dam Delta sloughs if drought persists** - *Emergency rock dams planned for Delta*  
<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/03/11/6229290/california-to-dam-delta-sloughs.html>

**EPA Starts Process That Could Restrict Pebble Mine** - *Positive news on a critical subject*  
<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/epa-starts-process-restrict-pebble-mine-22717533>

**Rio Tinto Employee Resigns from the Northern Dynasty Minerals Board** - *Another one bites the dust*  
<http://kdlg.org/post/rio-tinto-employee-resigns-northern-dynasty-minerals-board>

**Three tributaries of Columbia River designated wild steelhead gene banks** - *One for the good team*  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/news/mar1014a/>

**Feds, Oregon defend Sandy River hatchery management plans, stress need to continue hatchery Releases** - *One for the bad team*  
<http://www.cbbulletin.com/429844.aspx>

**Fish-guiding technology getting a test run on US salmon** - *If you can lead a horse to water why not a fish*  
<http://www.undercurrentnews.com/2014/02/24/fish-guiding-technology-getting-a-test-run-on-us-salmon/>

**From My Cold Dead Hands** - *More proof that hatcheries suck*  
<http://www.moldychum.com/home-old/tag/hatcheries-suck>

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference** - *A look at this year's seminar program*  
<http://gallery.mailchimp.com/42b04f3e45df23c8b9e8682b6/files/FinalAgenda2014.pdf>

**Historical review of Eel River anadromous salmonids, with emphasis on chinook salmon, coho salmon and steelhead**  
- *See table page 27 and weep*  
[https://watershed.ucdavis.edu/pdf/Yoshiyama-Moyle\\_Eel%20River%20Final%20Report%202010.pdf](https://watershed.ucdavis.edu/pdf/Yoshiyama-Moyle_Eel%20River%20Final%20Report%202010.pdf)

**Aqualliance Drought Position Paper** - *Timely ideas for drought stricken California*  
<http://www.aqualliance.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Drought-Position-Paper-C-WIN-CSPA-AquAlliance-2-16-14.pdf>

## Assorted Photos of Calvin Chin



## Calvin and friends on the Trinity River in 2009

photos submitted to Steve Schramm by Randy Wiberg

# Remembering the Breakfast with Calvin 2011



I have decided to have a link to a video that I made when we had breakfast with Calvin in December 2011. For those who attended, it will bring back fond memories, and, for those who could not make it, it gives you the chance to listen to Calvin describe one of his fishing experiences. Enjoy.

Ray

[Breakfast with Calvin Video](#)





March 6, 2014

I have been working with the Boy Scout Council of San Francisco to put together a program to earn the Fly Fishing Merit Badge at their Wente Summer camp located in Willits. The BSA does not have the experienced counselors that would be able to do the instructing so they are looking to the Fly Fishing Community to provide volunteers to teach the classes.

What it consists of;

- The camp has 8 week long sessions from June 15<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>
- You can volunteer for a couple of days, the entire week or several weeks during that period
- There will be 2 to 4 one hour classes each day Monday thru Thursday with up to 15 scouts and/or scout leaders per class.
- That could be 400+ Scouts and 100+ leaders over the course of the summer
- The Scout will do 1 class per day to complete the Merit Badge over the four days
- The program includes the basics of Fly Fishing including casting, tying 2 flies and catching a fish. If you would like to see the requirements Google on "Fly Fishing Merit Badge".
- The program support graphics, fly rods, fly tying equipment etc. will all be there for you
- The camp is on a private lake with bass & blue gill and when you are not in class or helping some scouts you are welcome to wet your line. The Eel River is also close!
- We will need 3-5 people on Monday and Tuesday and 1-2 People on Wednesday and Thursday
- It would be good if the People who do Wed and Thurs could also be there for Monday & Tuesday
- People at the beginning would show up on Sunday to be prepared for the Monday start
- There are sleeping facilities(Tents with cots and mattresses) and dining facilities available and even a couple of RV Sites
- There is some pre training required that can be done on line
- There is no cost to you other than getting there and this is open for both men & women instructors


I am trying to gauge the level of volunteer interest there is in doing the instructing for the Merit Badge. We will need 30-50 volunteers over the summer to make this work and without enough people we won't be able to move ahead. The BSA is prepared to invest in the equipment and supplies needed but before doing that I wanted to insure we could cover the instruction portion. This is not limited to just Fly Fishing Club members so if you have a fly fishing buddy not in your club who might want to help they are also welcome.

This is not a commitment from you at this time. That will come later!

If you are interested and there is a good possibility you can be there let me know! If you have any questions or want more details please contact me.

Tightlines,  
Daniel Kitts  
President

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