

BSA Certified Angler Instructor Course in Area One

This course is for Youth and Adults

[Quote from Matthew Arnett 2017 attendee, "Having attended BSA training at John's facility his program set a new bar for how to properly teach fishing skills. While my class was comprised of seasoned anglers, not only would the course have been appropriate for people with less experience but all attendees came away with increased knowledge and appreciation of all aspects of the art. The curriculum was well designed. The outdoor facilities were exceptional. And the host/ instructors incredibly helpful from first aid to the fly tying and gear to tactics this was this was the most educational and fun outdoor class that I have taken.](#)

DATE: April 22-24, 2022, we will start at 7:00 PM on Friday evening and continue until Sunday morning.

DISCRIPTION: This is a BSA nationally recognized training course, you will receive a training certificate and patch.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: People who are willing to actively help and promote fishing in their council, districts and troops? Youths with parents or scout leader who want to earn Fishing and Fly Fishing merit badges. They are eligible to be a CAI if 15 or older.

INSTRUCTOR: Chief instructor and host is John Woodhall III, Area 1 fishing advocate and Section Director for National Camp School first year camper and outdoor skills program. Others include members of the BSA fishing sub-committee coming from Virginia, Florida and Rhode Island.

SUBJECTS COVERED: Fishing and the BSA, Review of basic fishing skills to be taught including fly casting, fly tying, knots, equipment, background on Merit badge Programs for fishing and fly fishing. The complete angler award for boy scouts. Fishing topics for Boy Scouts, Venturing and Cub programs. Fishing promotion and activities. Support materials and special pricing opportunities and other topics.

Bob Sousa's book (Author of fly fishing merit badge) 24 greatest flies will be available at the course for \$ 15.00 normally \$ 25.00. Bob is one of the instructors. He is also one of the authors of the Fly Fishing Merit Badge Book. I keep a limited supply of new fly tying sets and fly rod set ups. Advance notice of your interest in these packages would be helpful. The Fly rod is quite good for the price. The rod, reels and line are a special program to us from Temple Fork Outfitters (TFO). * TFO is having difficulty getting the fly rods and reels. I have a limited number available.

LOGISTICS: You will be camping and fishing at Camp Wilderness. Bring appropriate clothing and a sleeping bag with cot or mattress plus what you would want on a camp out. Wearing of the BSA uniform is optional. Catch and release, except for fish kept for a fish fry Sunday morning. Fly rods provided including the Japanese Tenkara. Bring rubber boots or be prepared to get your feet wet. Fish species include northern, bass, crappie, and sunfish. Minnesota fishing license required. Fly-fishing equipment and fly tying tools and supplies will be provided. This will be held rain or shine. There will be plenty of fishing gear available for those who may need it.