



CLASSROOM STUDIES

Curriculum focuses on conservation, natural resource stewardship, and fly fishing essentials. Fly fishing classes include fly casting, fly tying, knot tying, reading water, and water safety.



A happy camper.

Fly fishing activities on local pond and Deschutes River.



Future leaders in conservation

Gwinwood

The Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy is held at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake, hidden within the urbanized area of Lacey, Washington. Attendees will sleep in heated dorms with bunks and full bathroom facilities.



Main lodge
Mtg upstairs
Dining downstairs



Lake front and fishing dock

Northwest Youth Conservation Fly Fishing Academy



The mission of the Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy is to prepare young people to become our next generation of conservation leaders and stewards of our natural resources. The Academy experience will provide participants with a better understanding, appreciation and awareness of Washington's aquatic resources and habitat. In addition, students will attain essential fly fishing skills, gain knowledge of outdoor ethics and awareness of the sport fishing opportunities in the Northwest.

Fly fishing is an ideal vehicle for educating youth about stewardship and to ascertain a positive future for our aquatic resources. It is an activity that can immerse one in nature and bring about a passion for the care and respect of all our natural resources.

Recognizing the critical need for a new generation of educated, concerned and dedicated advocates to protect and conserve our natural resources, the North West Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy was established.

Acceptance notifications will be sent out by mid May.

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NW Youth Conservation and Fly fishing Academy



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The Academy is a youth education project designed to educate youth about the importance of conservation and resource stewardship and introduce them to the world of fly fishing. It is held the last full week of June each year at the Gwinwood Conference Center.

The Academy is co-educational with acceptance based upon a candidate's written essay indicating his/her desire to attend and what he/she hopes to learn from it.

The Academy is limited to qualified youths, ages 12 through 16. Applicants must not have reached their 17th birthday before July 1st the year of camp. A committee shall make selections based upon a candidate's essay and recommendation. The \$300 enrollment fee includes food and lodging for the full week. Financial assistance is available.

No equipment is needed by attendees.

Applications and more information are available on our web site: www.nwycffa.com.

Enrollment period is January 1- April 15 each year.

Class size is limited so interested students should submit their application as soon as possible once the enrollment period opens.

Why the kids have fun



Fly casting class



Fly tying



On the water

In-stream aquatic macro invertebrate sampling activity.



ACADEMY FEATURES

- Academy is coeducational ages 12 - 16.
- Academic classes focus on conservation and natural resource stewardship.
- Fly fishing classes include gear selection, fly casting, fly tying, streamside ethics and etiquette, knot tying, reading the water, and water safety.
- Morning and evening fly fishing opportunities on scenic Hicks Lake and Deschutes River.
- Hands-on experience with habitat enhancement project.
- On-the-water aquatic invertebrate sampling activity.
- Faculty and staff include wildlife resource professionals, noted northwest fly fishing and fly-tying professionals, as well as Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International volunteers.
- Career discovery opportunities.

For more information please visit our web site; www.nwycffa.com and click on any of the information links found at the bottom of every page.

- Academy FaceBook page.
- Connecting Youth with Nature
- Lake side chat with camp counselor