

# Linn-Benton Community College

## Intro to the Joy of Fly Fishing

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Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for any outdoor activity, which may include clothing for hot, warm, or cool weather. No fly fishing equipment is required and will be provided, though if you have your own gear, please feel free to bring it.

**Note:** Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Fishing License will be required, if students choose to go out on the water at the end of the course. Instructors will discuss this early in the course, so it is not needed in advance.

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### CLASS SCHEDULE

#### Week #1

- Tuesday - Joy of Fly Fishing An introductory exploration of the world of fly fishing.
- Thursday - Fly Fishing Equipment Discussion and explanation of rods, reels, wading equipment, and watercraft.

#### Week #2

- Tuesday - Knots & Leaders Discussion and teaching of different knots and leaders utilized in fly fishing. Hands-on practical included.
- Thursday - Casting Practice Outdoor fly rod casting demonstration and practicum.

#### Week #3

- Tuesday - Casting Practice Outdoor fly rod casting demonstration and practicum.
- Thursday - Knots & Leaders (part #2) Discussion and teaching of different knots and leaders utilized in fly fishing. Hands-on practical included.

#### Week #4

- Tuesday - Entomology (Insects) Introduction to aquatic insects in rivers and lakes. Discussion of different flies and tactics utilized in fly fishing.
- Thursday - Casting Practice Outdoor fly-casting demonstration and practicum.

#### Week #5

- Tuesday - Fish Species Discussion of the different fish species in Oregon and specialized knowledge (water refraction, stalking fish, sun angle, vibrations)
- Thursday - Reading the Water Understanding what is going on under the surface and where fish hold. Discussion of the ideals and importance of conservation. Ethics of Catch & Release.

Week #6

- Tuesday - Casting Practice Outdoor fly-casting demonstration and practicum.
- Thursday - Out On The River Fishing on the South Santiam River. Location TBD (Bates Bridge/Foster Dam??)