



Ohio Fly Line



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FFF Clubs Provide Education Shows in Ohio

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With the warm weather fishing season behind us, many fly fishers have put away their fly rods and hung up the waders to await the return of Spring. Memories of float tubing for bass, enjoying the fast action of slab side bluegills with the kids, or the stealthy pursuit of wary trout on a spring creek are relived while tying flies for the coming season. For others, the cold weather signals that it's time to change gear, add some additional layers for warmth and head out in search of Steelhead along Lake Erie's tributaries before the rivers receive their winter cover of ice. It's also time for the winter fly fishing show season that gives us an excuse (not that we really need an excuse) to get out the house and see what's new for the coming season gear, materials and patterns.

In our region there are four major shows that provide fly fishers with the opportunity to breakup the winter: the GLC Fly Tying Expo in Mason, MI; the Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo™ in Eastlake, OH; the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ in Cincinnati, OH; and the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo™ in Warren, MI. Each of these shows has evolved over the years to where they are all considered "destination shows" with a reputation for presenting a quality product for the whole family.

A common thread woven through each of these shows is Education, which is vital to protect the future of fly fishing. Education in the forms of beginner fly tying for kids & adults; how-to classes where you can learn new fly patterns, rod building or net building; instruction in casting techniques; or talks on how to read water or protect & conserve a stream just to name a few. Each year the show promoters (all FFF organizations) work hard to provide programs and speakers to challenge us intellectually along with the visual stimuli provided by vendors and manufacturers. These programs are also designed to get each of us more involved in our clubs and our environment.



Beginner Fly Tying Class at the 2004 Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo. A family experience where kids & parents learn together.

As members of FFF we all have a responsibility to pass on the knowledge we have accumulated in the many facets of fly fishing and protection of our waters. As parents it's particularly important that we pass on the values we embrace related our sport before our kids are wrongly influenced by those who seek to abolish outdoor activities in this country such as fishing, hunting & trapping. Taking our kids fishing is the first step, then our clubs and educational programs can also reinforce these values (we all know that kids will listen to others before they listen to us).

Make some time this winter to take the whole family to one of the fine shows in Ohio, and build on the foundation you have begun in your family. With shows in Cleveland and Cincinnati you are only a couple of hours away from a fun & educational opportunity for the whole family. I hope to see you there.

3rd Annual
Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo™

Saturday, January 15, 2005 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Croatian Lodge & Party Center
34900 Lake Shore Blvd.
Eastlake, Ohio 44095

- **Over 60 Tables of Vendors from 4 states & Canada offering materials and gear for fly tying & fly fishing. Something for everyone**
- **World Class Tiers Include: Chris Helm, Jeff “Bear” Andrews, Dennis Potter, Bill Skilton, Dick Walle, Kim Boal, Julie Nielsen, Wayne Samson, Ron Dilbone, Steven May & more!**
- **30+ Premier Tiers from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania & Michigan representing 13 Federation of Fly Fishers Clubs.**
- **Free Educational Programs & Beginner Fly Tying Classes Sponsored by Backpacker’s Shop included in admission price.**
- **Bargain Table With Materials & Equipment.**
- **Adult Door Prize: St. Croix 4-Piece Rod with Pflueger Trion Reel
Youth Door Prize: Fish-Tec 3-Piece 5/6 Combo Outfit**
- **50/50 Raffles all day plus food & beverages available.**



**For more details & directions visit the Expo Website at:
www.expo2005.ncff.net**

**Admission Price: \$10 Adults \$6 Seniors & Kids 12-17
Under 12 admitted free!!**

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The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™

Sponsored by: **Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc.** Cincinnati, Ohio

www.buckeyeflyfishers.com

Saturday, February 12, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Receptions Conference Ctr.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Everyone is invited to attend the 2005 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™. Come and hear great presentations, visit exhibitors showcasing equipment, guide/outfitters, conservation, clubs, fly shops, rod building and watch fly tying demonstrations – all in one great day. A great way to shake the winter blues!! Learn about new fishing opportunities in the Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana, Michigan and other locations. The Show will include:

- Slide presentations and fly tying demonstrations.
- Over 40 exhibitors including fly shops, guides, other clubs, conservation groups, and national equipment rep's.
- A large fly tying area with some of the region's best fly tiers.
- Kid's Corner
- Casting demonstrations



New, Lower Admission Charge In 2005!!

Only \$5.00 per person

Children 12 and Under Are Free

Parking Is Still Free

