

Annual MFFC Smallmouth Outing recommendations for equipment & flies

Rods: 5 or 6 weight, if windy 7 or 8 (for bass) - 7 or 8 weight (for carp)

Waders: Still early in the season, could be warm or cold; & Chest Waders for sure.

Rain Gear/Wading Jacket: Might be a great idea. Rain is almost a possibility at least one time out or more.

Wading Boots: Make sure you have something that will work well on rocks. Since our trek out is on and across a rock field, before you start fishing.

Line: If the water is up in the bay, then I recommend for flats fishing, Sink Tip Line, but you can use floating line and then a weighted fly will work. If the water level is normal, than a floating line can be used. Any questions let me know. Remember if the water temp is 60 to 65 degrees, than spawning time is on in the shallows. But if the temp is below 60, than the males will be on the beds and the females in the deeper water (but still able to wade).



Flies:



For Smallmouth:

Good color choices for flies would be: Chartreuse, Yellow, Purple, Blue, or a combination of colors mentioned (2 good color combos would be black/blue/purple & Chartreuse & White in Clousers). A good size for Minnow Patterns as in Clousers would be size 6, 8, or 10.

Streamers: Minnow Patterns (Clouser, my CT, Jerry Darkes EZ Minnow, Mickey Finn, Black Nose Dace, my White Thumper Minnow, or a Darter Pattern). Sculpin Flies Olive, Brown, Black and Yellow. Also Leech Patterns in Olive, Purple, Brown or Black.

Nymphs: Prince Nymph, my Red Head Prince Nymph, Zug Bug, Pheasant Tail, Clouser Swimming Nymph, and Scuds.

Crayfish: Darkes Sugar Creek Crayfish or Clouser Crayfish is good patterns to use.

For Carp:

You can use above Nymphs, (make sure they are weighted though), leeches, Clousers, or even Crayfish.

If you have a favorite fly or flies that you may think will work, bring them

(The above INFORMATION is only a RECOMMENDATION for getting you going. If you have other preferences or favorites, go ahead and bring them. Hope to see you up on the Flats.)