

We are preparing for a great Scouting experience, the Michigan Fly Fishing Club Fly Fishing Merit Badge School! We have 20 volunteers that work hard to make this a very high quality and fun school and in return would appreciate seeing the Scouts prepare as described in this note and arrive on time (8:30 AM). The location is:

Multi Lakes Conservation Club

3860 Newton Rd

Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382

Attached to this email is a class schedule and map of the Multi Lakes facility. The Fly Fishing Club rents the facilities and we are all guests of Multi Lakes. We will complete the indoor stations in the morning and the outdoor stations in the afternoon. Each Scout should have a Merit Badge Blue Card, with the numbered Fly Fishing Merit Badge Requirements listed (see below) and the signature of a Troop Leader.

- 1) First Aid and Safety
- 2) Rod, Reel, Lines
- 3) Knots
- 4) Flies
- 5) Casting
- 6) Entomology
- 7) Conservation
- 8) Fishing Regulations
- 9) Environmental Stewardship
- 10) Catch a Fish
- 11) Clean and Cook a Fish

Bring a copy of these materials to the class.

We will begin our day promptly at 8:50am with a brief flag raising ceremony and course orientation in or near the parking lot. I suggest arriving between 8:30 AM and 8:45 AM to get your bearings. There are seven teaching stations in close proximity (see attached map).

Wear weather appropriate attire. Scouts should wear a Class B uniform. This is an outdoor school. Rain, shine, or whatever the school will be conducted. Be prepared. We are fortunate to have the use of a very nice facility with 4 of our sessions taught indoors. The other two are taught under a pavilion structure and at the lakefront. Fishing in the rain is a Michigan tradition!

You are responsible for bringing your own food. There is no food for purchase at Multi Lakes. Thirty minutes is scheduled for lunch which is not enough time to leave the park, buy lunch and return.

You do not need any equipment we have everything you'll need.

- Bring sunblock, A hat (baseball style cap is good), and Sunglasses (safety glasses if you don't have sunglasses) as eye protection from flying hooks.
- **DON'T FORGET YOUR BLUE MERIT BADGE CARD.** Completely fill out with your information, use numbering example in the attachment and have a unit leader sign it before you get to class.

- Review the fly fishing merit badge book. As you study focus on the knots and requirements 1,7,8,&9. The workbook can be downloaded for reference but is not required to be filled out prior to or as part of the class.

Each scout is responsible for themselves. To know where to be, to be there on time, and to make sure that his merit badge card is signed off correctly from the merit badge counselors available at the conclusion of the class.

Early is on time, On time is late!

Feel free to email any questions you may have. See you soon!