



## **FIRST TIMERS GUIDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING FAIR & CONCLAVE**

Welcome! So, it's your first time at the Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair and Conclave. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a little information about the show that you may find helpful. This is a *general outline* of a typical show. **Some activities may change due to location and availability of facilities etc.** We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers from those who teach classes to on-site helpers – we couldn't produce the show without them!!

### **Show Registration**

**Registration initially takes place from the period of time when the Flyfisher magazine is distributed to approximately one month prior to the show. If you register during this time you are considered 'pre-registered' and will have a registration packet with name badges that allow you to come and go throughout the week. Many prefer to register ahead so they can get into workshops they want.**

**If attending for just a day, Day Passes are also available during the show and you may sign up for workshops, however workshops will be limited.**

Each year the Federation of Fly Fishers members receive the annual *Official Registration Guide* in the Spring/Summer Issue of "The Flyfisher" magazine. This is generally distributed in April or May and contains information about signing up for paid workshops, meals and special events. All registration information is also available on our website at [www.federationconclave.org](http://www.federationconclave.org). Many sign up during this time to assure that they will be registered for the workshops they want, (paid workshops are workshops with a fee and a maximum number of students). Workshops are available on a *first come first serve* basis and many of the most popular workshops fill quickly. Note: Be sure to read the Workshop Registration Policies.

Once you register, you will receive a confirmation letter in the mail or by email notifying you which events you are registered for. **A registration packet will be waiting for you at the show when you arrive.** In this packet you will receive information on your pre-purchased items which may include a workshop schedule, meal tickets, and/or raffle tickets and any other special offers or items you have purchased. All pre-registrants will receive a name badge that will allow you to come and go throughout the week, please pick up your packet at the registration desk.

**On-site registration: this happens on site when the show opens thru the last day** If you choose not to pre-register for show events, you can still register when you arrive. You **MUST** be registered to attend any scheduled workshop. You **MUST** purchase a meal ticket in order to attend a meal event. You will find a list of open workshops and meal ticket prices at the registration desk. When you register you will receive a name badge, this badge will allow you to participate in other show events.

## **Day Passes**

If you wish to attend show events but will only be attending for one or two days you can choose to purchase a day pass for \$5.00 on the days you wish to attend. A day pass will get you into the show hall to see our exhibitors and demonstration fly tyers, viewing of scheduled demonstrations, programs and several other opportunities.

## **On Site Information**

### **Show Program**

The show program is available at the show and includes **anything and everything** you need to know about the show and will have local information. Please refer to it for schedules, maps, and highlights that are planned during the show.

### **Daily Schedules**

There will be signs posted in the lobby listing the daily schedules and location of workshops. Please be advised: if a change in the printed schedule materials is made you will find the most updated changes listed on these signs.

### **Free Information Table**

There will be a table with free information for attendees; from the show program to maps to local area information. Check it out when you get there.

## **Conclave Events**

### **Pre-Paid Workshops**

These are fee-based workshops with a limited number of students. Workshops are designed to teach or improve a specific fly fishing skill and taught by skilled instructors. Various topics include fly casting, fly tying, reading waters, fishing local waters etc. These workshops typically run anywhere from two hours in length to a full 8 hour day and fill on a first come first serve basis. You can register for them during pre-registration or at the registration desk on-site (pending student limit availability).

### **Non-Angling Workshops**

These are similar to the Pre-paid workshops but they are designed for our non-fly fishing visitors. These workshops cover a variety of topics such as cooking, arts and crafts, day hikes, outdoor activities, art exhibits, etc. This gives everyone in the family an opportunity to participate.

### **Women's Program**

This 2 day program is designed for women and taught by a talented group of women who will share with you their fly fishing skills, from fly tying, to the basic casting stroke or improving your double haul. Explore fly fishing through four different workstations that you choose designed for beginners to advanced fly fishers.

### **Youth Camp**

A one to two day educational program designed to build fly fishing skills for youth between the ages of 8-17 that offers a wide variety of angling and aquatic education topics. One day includes these discovery stations: Beginning and intermediate fly

casting, knots, reading water, aquatic macro invertebrates, safety, ethics, catch & release, and etiquette. If a second day is offered it is spent fishing where campers test their skills. All kids 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Free Programs**

Free programs are lecture style programs that last about 1 hour. These programs cover many topics ranging from environmental issues to fishing in foreign countries. You will find a daily schedule of these programs in the show guide and on the schedule boards at the show. If you are pre-registered for the show or have purchased a day pass you may attend these events at no additional charge.

### **Receptions**

Each year there are free receptions held during the Conclave where you will have a great opportunity to share good times with friends new and old. Receptions generally offer a cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres and all will be listed on the schedule for the week and in the program on site.

### **Meal Events**

Each year there are several meal events scheduled these require the purchase of a ticket. You can find out when and where these meals are by looking at the schedule for the week in the registration guide, the website or in the programs and schedule boards at the show. It is recommended that you purchase a ticket during pre-registration to attend; if you do not pre-purchase a ticket you may purchase tickets at the registration desk at the show if the event has not been sold out.

### **Exhibit Hall**

The exhibit hall is an exciting part of the show that features businesses and organizations from all over the country and feature anything you would need for fly fishing. The exhibit hall is generally open Thursday-Saturday to anyone who pre-registers or you can purchase a day pass to attend. The hours are generally 9am-5pm but vary at times. The layout map of the hall is printed in the show program and available at the free table.

### **Demonstration Fly Tiers**

Inside the exhibit hall you will find one of the most exciting attractions at the show, the demonstration fly tiers. These tiers come from all over the world to teach and demonstrate their skills at the FFF Conclave. You will find a list of all of the tiers and their tying locations and times in your show program. You will also see a list of the style of fly each tier specializes in, so if you are interested in Atlantic salmon flies or dry flies you can seek out tiers who tie your favorite types of flies, sit with them and watch and inquire about technique and materials if you wish.

### **Auction/Raffle**

Each year hundreds of items are donated for use in the FFF Auction/Raffle. Items include everything from fly tying materials, to vacation packages. You will find several types of auctions and raffles. First, you can participate in ongoing silent auctions, which are daily throughout the Conclave. You can also purchase raffle tickets for the general raffle where throughout the Conclave there will be drawings for some wonderful items. You can purchase general raffle tickets at the registration desk or when you pre-register. Here you can also see displayed some of the items that will be

featured in our Live Auction taking place on Friday night. Please see the schedule in your show guide for the exact time for the live auction.

### **Live Auction**

Each year some of the best items we receive are sold at our live auction. The Live auction is an exciting night that features live and silent auction items. Some years a meal is included if this is the case you would need to purchase a meal ticket ahead of time.

### **Casting Demonstrations and Games**

See some top name fly casting instructors demonstrate their skills. This is generally held outside the show hall. Casting games consist of the 5-weight games and the Fly Fishing Challenge (formerly the Danish Games). See our website for more info.

### **Book Signings**

Have a favorite fly fishing author? Check the show program for a listing of authors who will be signing their books. Speaking of books, check the schedule to see if we will be having a used book sale.

### **Special community evening**

Some host cities plan special events for our attendees, be sure to check out the schedules and the show program or inquire at the registration desk about these events.

**ENJOY THE SHOW!!**

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