

## #WYHUNTFISH-First Fish on a Fly

The #WYHUNTFISH-First Fish on a Fly is a Mentored Program that teaches youth and adults the basic skills and techniques fly anglers use to fish western trout rivers and lakes. Not only do you learn, we are thrilled to put our new skills and knowledge to the test and fly fish for your First Fish on a Fly.

During the summer and fall of 2022, we'll have the privilege to fly fish unique private trout waters near Cody, Wyoming, and experience the tug of the line while fishing for rainbow, brown, brook, and cutthroat trout.

Successful applicants, with experienced mentors, will begin their journey to your First Fish on a Fly by completing three skills modules. We start with the Basics of Fly Fishing, where you'll learn about the gear you'll need, rigging, fly selection, and where to find trout. Next, we'll learn how to and practice casting a fly line. Our last module is getting to know the bugs trout love to eat and you will tie your own first fly.

The second half of this journey will be an actual fly fishing experience on private or public waters near Cody, Wyoming. You and your experienced mentors will arrange time on the water that fits your schedules. You'll gain hands-on experience of hooking, landing and releasing trout and understand the importance of cold-water fisheries conservation.

The only cost to the participants is that you will need to purchase your Wyoming fishing license and conservation stamp. You will provide your own transportation to the skills module locations. The skill modules will be scheduled in May and June of 2022. Fly fishing rod/reel/gear, leaders and tippet, tying materials and flies are provided to you by our sponsors. All you'll need to bring is enthusiasm and the willingness to learn.

The #WYHUNTFISH-First Fish on a Fly is possible through a partnership with First Hunt Foundation, East Yellowstone Trout Unlimited, Wyoming Outdoorsmen and Wyoming Game and Fish, who work together to achieve an outstanding and unique experience in an outdoor skills program.

**INTERESTED?** – If you are, please click on the following button to be directed to the application. The application deadline is Saturday, 14 May. Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, 23 May. Successful applicants must be willing to commit to attending the MANDATORY clinics on an introductory fly tying and fly casting basics scheduled on Saturday, 28 May and Saturday, 11 June respectively.

**Questions?** - We know that being new to hunting can be intimidating. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us. We are here to help!

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