



Art of the Fly

Custom Rod Building Camp

Embrace fly fishing through the artistically creative process of building your own fly rod. This camp is steeped in tradition and fosters a deeper respect and appreciation for the outdoors through the art of fly fishing. The best part, campers keep the custom rod that they created by hand.

- **Day One (1.5 hrs): Blank and Components**

- The sport of fly fishing is highly artistic and rewarding when the rod you designed is used to catch the trout you love. Campers will receive a rod blank for building their first fly rod, then dive into the equipment and set up for a rod cradle. Campers will be expected to follow the rules and guidelines set by the instructor as each step in the process requires attention to detail and understanding of equipment.

- **Day Two (1.5 hrs): Shaping Handle**

- Reviewing the steps of the rod cradle set up campers will be expected to be able to set up their own cradles each class. This helps develop independence and allows time for deeper involvement in the rod building process.
- Campers will spend time shaping and designing the handle for their fly rod with room for experimenting with different resins, epoxies and threads.

- **Day Three (1.5 hrs): Wrapping**

- Getting to design your own fly rod means you get to choose the color of thread for your wraps. Applying the chosen thread campers will learn the fundamentals of wrapping and attaching guides, making sure everything lines up with the rod.

- **Day Four (1.5 hrs): Continue Wrapping**

- Continuing to wrap the rod campers will work on manipulating and adjusting guides on the blank. Taking the time make sure everything is correctly attached is important for the integrity of the rod.

- **Day Five (4 hrs): Resin**

- Once everything is securely wrapped onto the rod, campers will apply resin to seal the wraps and guides. Applying resin helps protect the rod and ensures a quality rod that will last a lifetime.