

**The National Fly Fishing Fair and Conclave**  
**EDUCATION, INSPIRATION, CELEBRATION**  
**AUGUST 26-28, West Yellowstone, MT**

West Yellowstone has to be one of the all time favorite locations for the FFF annual gathering. You can bring the entire family and be assured of finding many things to do that fly fishing enthusiasts as well as family members can enjoy.

One of the great things about the Fly Fishing Fair is that there are many activities going on at any time. Primarily the FFF presents the Fair to provide an educational experience for the beginner fly fisher to the advanced by providing topics on anything and everything about fly fishing. These opportunities come in the form of workshops which are available for a fee, to other offerings such as free programs and demonstrations.

Workshops will start on Tuesday August 24 and run through Saturday August 28. They are presented by experts on topics such as fly tying, fly casting, rod building, and on water fishing. Workshops with a classroom setting will take place in various locations including the Holiday Inn, the high school, and various other meeting spaces. On water classes will take the attendee to nearby stream and standing water locations. In addition to general workshops, there will be a women's program and a kid's camp.

For those interested in attending the Exhibit hall and free demonstrations these will be available during **August 26-28**. The exhibit hall will be located at the Union Pacific Dining Hall with indoor and some outdoor spaces that will include both commercial and non-profit exhibitors. Entrance to the Fair is included with your advanced registration or by just showing up and paying the day pass fee.

The day pass fee can be purchased at the show and is only \$5.00 for adults, kids 15 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Saturday August 28 will be FREE entry for everyone.

Costs to take workshops vary so check our schedules and registration pages on our website at [www.federationconclave.org](http://www.federationconclave.org) for more information. The line up of workshops will be available to view in April, 2010. It is requested to sign up in advance, however we will be offering numerous walk-up workshops on-site.

## **ROD BUILDING OPPORTUNITES AT THE FLY FISHING FAIR**

### **Bamboo Rod Building Class Offered Prior to the Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave**

A bamboo rod building class will be offered in late August just prior to the 2010 Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave in West Yellowstone, MT. There will be space for 8 to 10 students with a ratio of 1 instructor for every 2 students. The class will last approximately five days and all materials will be supplied. As in years past, a

deposit will be required with full payment to be made prior to the class start date. Other details and costs will be forthcoming in next months email newsletter. To be sure we will meet the minimum of 8 students to even hold the class it is requested that anyone interested contact Jessica at the Federation Office as soon as possible at 406-222-9369 or [conclave@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:conclave@fedflyfishers.org).

## **One Day Graphite Rod Building Class Offered at the National Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave**

*Instructor:* Howard Bethel

*Date:* August 24<sup>th</sup> 8am-5pm. There will be a break for lunch.

*Cost:* Fly Fishing Fair Registration, Class fee and \*Material fee

This class is geared for all levels and each student will build a graphite fly rod using a rod blank, pre-formed cork grip, production reel seat, etc. If you are interested in signing up for this workshop, please call the FFF office at 406-222-9369 or by email at [conclave@fedflyfishers.org](mailto:conclave@fedflyfishers.org), the FFF office will then put you in touch with Howard to work on ordering your kit.

The minimum number of students for the class is 5 and Howard will take up to 10. The material fee for a complete rod kit starts at approximately \$95.00. You will work with Howard to order your personalized kit including your blank and components and pay for the kit at the start of the workshop. Tools you should bring with you are a single edged razor or exacto knife and an individual work light.

Howard Bethel started giving rod building workshops for the FFF back in the mid 1980's. He has a background in education retiring after 32 years. He has conducted rod building workshops in different parts of the country both for clubs and regional workshops as well as in Livingston.

### **AVAILABLE LODGING IN AND AROUND WEST YELLOWSTONE**

\* Notates lodging offering special rates to Fair attendees. When contacting the hotel please make sure to let them know you are coming for the FFF Fly Fishing Fair and Conclave and want their specially arranged discounted rate

#### **Host Hotel: registration desk, classes, and meals**

**\*Holiday Inn**

**315 Yellowstone Ave.**

**800-646-7365**

**[www.doyellowstone.com](http://www.doyellowstone.com)**

**\*Brandin' Iron Inn**

**201 Canyon Street**

**800-217-4613**

**[www.yellowstonevacations.com](http://www.yellowstonevacations.com)**

\*ClubHouse Inn  
105 South Electric Street  
800-565-6803  
[www.yellowstoneclubhouseinn.com](http://www.yellowstoneclubhouseinn.com)

\*Comfort Inn  
638 Madison Avenue  
888-264-2466  
[www.westyellowstonecomfortinn.com](http://www.westyellowstonecomfortinn.com)

\*Days Inn  
301 Madison Avenue  
800-548-9551  
[www.allyellowstone.com](http://www.allyellowstone.com)

\*Gray Wolf Inn & Suites  
250 South Canyon Street  
800-852-8602  
[www.graywolf-inn.com](http://www.graywolf-inn.com)

\*Kelly Inn  
104 South Canyon Street  
800-259-4672  
[www.yellowstonekellyinn.com](http://www.yellowstonekellyinn.com)

\*Moose Creek Cabins  
220 Firehole Avenue/US 20  
406-646-9546  
[www.moosecreekcabin.com](http://www.moosecreekcabin.com)

\*Moose Creek Inn  
119 North Electric Street  
406-646-7952  
[www.moosecreekcabin.com](http://www.moosecreekcabin.com)

\*Stage Coach Inn  
209 Madison Avenue  
800-842-2882  
[www.yellowstoneinn.com](http://www.yellowstoneinn.com)

\*Yellowstone Cabins & RV  
504 Highway 20  
866-646-9350  
[www.yellowstonecabinsandrv.com](http://www.yellowstonecabinsandrv.com)

\*Yellowstone Lodge  
251 South Electric Street  
877-239-9298  
[www.yellowstonelodge.com](http://www.yellowstonelodge.com)

\*Yellowstone Park Hotel  
201 Grizzly Avenue  
866-920-0255  
[www.yellowstoneparkhotel.com](http://www.yellowstoneparkhotel.com)

Vacation Rentals: Minimum stay three nights  
\*Yellowstone Wildlife Cabins  
225 North Geysler Street  
406-646-7675  
[www.yellowstonewildlifecabins.com](http://www.yellowstonewildlifecabins.com)

For all other lodging including *camping* please go to:  
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[www.westyellowstonechamber.com](http://www.westyellowstonechamber.com)  
Contact: Marysue Costello, Director  
406-646-7701