



2026 New England Fly Tyers (NEFT) Youth Outreach Fly Fishing Program

Saturday Mornings, 8:30 am -12:30 pm Saturday, April 18th – May 23rd, 2026

Program Terms

- Program is limited to a total of twelve (15) participants, between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age.
- The program is designed to develop beginning-level fly anglers; it is not expected or required that your youth already know how to fly fish to be accepted. (*Basic previous experience is not a disqualifier*)
- The 2026 NEFT Youth Outreach Program is conducted every Saturday beginning April 18th -May 23rd. Instruction begins promptly at 8:30 AM and ends at approximately 12:30 PM. On-time / early arrival to the classes is important to ensure sessions begin on time.
- Any changes to the weekly classes will be communicated via email or text by the Program Director or Instructor.
- Students are expected to attend all six of the sessions.
- Parent or guardian must inform the Program Director by phone or by texting, in advance in the event of unexpected illness or extenuating circumstances.
- Applications are accepted through March 15, 2026, and will be reviewed until all slots are filled.
- A syllabus detailing the weekly schedule will be provided before the start of the program.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for providing transportation of the students to and from the classes and activities locations described on the syllabus.
- Students who are age 15+ are required by law to have a Massachusetts fishing license when fishing. Fishing licenses are free for anglers ages 15-17 and may be obtained online at: <https://massfishhunt.mass.gov/>
- Parents/Guardians are invited to attend and observe any of the student activities and classes; however, are not allowed to disrupt or participate in the activities without the express consent of the Program Director or Instructor.
- Fishing equipment & supplies will be provided throughout the course by NEFT.
- Students will receive a binder with information and materials at the beginning of the first class that they will need to bring to each week's class. Though not required, NEFT also recommends the student bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and, when applicable, rain gear.

Program Rules of Conduct & Parental/Guardian Consent

The following Student Rules of Conduct are included as part of this Application Packet for parents/guardians to discuss in advance with their child(s) to ensure understanding before applying and/or attending the program. All applications require this review and acknowledgement by both the Parent/Guardian and Student

- Students may not leave the classroom or sites unless authorized in advance by the Program Director or Instructor, and in some instances may be required to be accompanied by a designated Instructor or staff volunteer.
- For all outdoor classes, students are required to wear a brimmed hat, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and closed-toe shoes. Sunglasses (polarized lenses are recommended) are required for eye protection from an airborne hook and help to reduce the glare on the water. These stipulations are required for the student's safety.
- All injuries are to be reported immediately to the program Director. No injuries are considered insignificant.
- Students must wear a brimmed hat, long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes for all outdoor activities.
- Cell phones and texting are not permitted to be used during class time, except for students needing to contact parents/guardians for class-related questions or updates, and with the specific permission of the Program Director.
- Photographs are permitted only for taking pictures of program activities or surroundings, but not for scenes in which participants can reasonably expect personal privacy.
- Physical or verbal abuse or social hazing; vulgar language, gestures, or gender references; and displays of affection such as touching or kissing are not acceptable behavior and are prohibited.
- Lost & found articles are to be reported and turned in immediately to the Program Director.
- Parents/Guardians of a student requiring revised medications must report this change immediately and in advance in writing to the Program Director.
- Use of tobacco products, illicit drugs, or consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited. No exceptions!
- Violations of any of these rules may result in the student being suspended from activities or immediate dismissal from the program.
- If a student's behavior becomes disruptive or unsafe, and they do not respond in accordance with the instructor(s) or volunteer staff's request, the student may be removed from further participation. If applicable, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and the student may be removed from the program.
- In the unlikely event that a student's behavior becomes disruptive or unsafe, develops absenteeism, or does not respond satisfactorily to counsel from volunteers or staff, the student will be immediately removed from further participation, and the parent/guardian will be contacted to come and remove the youth either temporarily or permanently from the program and activities.

I have read the Program Terms & Program Rules of Conduct Notice and agree with the terms of participation:

I, (please print) _____, am the parent/legal guardian of (please print) _____.

I hereby agree to release and indemnify New England Fly Tyers Inc., their officers, trustees, directors, volunteers, sponsors, and agents from and against any claims, demands, and judgments arising from injuries, damages, or theft in connection with my youth's participation in the 2026 NEFT Youth Outreach Fly Fishing.

I consent to my youth's participation in the 2026 NEFT Youth Outreach Fly Fishing. In determining whether to allow my youth to participate, I recognize that New England Fly Tyers Inc. cannot be responsible for my youth in the event of injury while participating in the Youth Outreach Fly Fishing Program. I also realize that participation can involve the risk of sunburn, insect or snake bites, serious physical injury, including death, and related medical evacuation and treatment and expense, and agree on my youth's behalf, to assume these risks and financial responsibilities.

I agree that New England Fly Tyers Inc. may use my child's name and photographs, including my child's image, in NEFT Youth Educational Program materials promoting this and future New England Fly Tying Youth Outreach Programs.

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date:

Medical Information and Emergency Contacts Primary Physician

Students Primary Physician's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

List Medications: _____

Directions for Use: _____

Allergies: _____

Any Specific Health Issues: _____

I agree that any prescribed medication required for daily activities used during my youth's regular school year will be continued for the Youth Outreach Program and brought to the attention of the Program Director, and that any subsequent changes will be communicated to the Director before use by the student.

Primary Emergency Contact Name	Primary Emergency Number	Relation to Student
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