COURSE INFORMATION:

Title: Fly Fishing Weekend
Department/Number: NONC F040 F01     Credits: 0
Prerequisites: None
Location: 413 Gruening and other sites To Be Determined
Meeting Dates/Time: Saturday, June 8, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm;
                    Sunday, June 9, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to the art and science of fly casting, fishing and tying. Students will learn how to use a fly rod to place a fly with pinpoint accuracy, tie fishing knots and construct their own leaders, and, most importantly, learn where fish live and how best to catch (and release) them. Also students will gain the necessary knowledge to make educated fly tackle selections. Scientific information on Alaskan freshwater fish, habitat, entomology, and stream ecology will be covered in the context of tying wet flies, nymphs, streamers, dry flies, and practical fishing advice.

COURSE POLICIES:

1) To engage in actual fishing students shall provide their own current State of Alaska sport fishing license. Otherwise, students without licenses must use a hook-less fly, and will not be penalized for not having a license. Non-resident students can purchase one-day licenses at their own discretion.

2) Students must arrange their own transportation to the laboratory exercises (unless otherwise arranged). Labs may be held during inclement weather. Students must provide their own appropriate field clothing, boots and raingear. Students must also provide their own eye protection.

3) Tardiness – students should make every effort to be on time; class starts promptly at 8:30 am. If a student thinks s/he may arrive late, s/he should attempt to contact the instructor, especially when the course meets away from UAF.
**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOALS**

The general goals for students upon successful completion of this course include:

1) To be able to make informed fly tackle purchases;
2) To learn fly cast accurately to 30 feet;
3) To be able view a body of fresh water and be able to identify the most likely areas where fish live;
4) To critically select proper fishing flies for various angling situations;
5) To understand the behavior of Alaska freshwater sport fish; and,
6) To hook a fish on a fly.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES:**

You will learn:

1) Fly-fishing tackle nomenclature;
2) Overhead fly casting technique;
3) Roll casting technique;
4) Basic fly line mending technique;
5) Knots used in fly fishing;
6) To build fly-fishing leaders;
7) How to identify Alaskan sport fish and their habitats;
8) How to select fishing flies based on what fish are eating; and,
9) How to hook a fish on a fly.

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:**

Roughly one-quarter lecture and three-quarters hands-on laboratory and field exercises.

**DISABILITIES SERVICES:**

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