FISH ON! Is the CAI Newsletter providing information on training, upcoming events, introduction to new CAI’s, and more. Have something interesting to share with group? Send it to pjperera@gmail.com

Ben’s Tight Lines

Don’t Do It Alone

You are a CAI with the responsibility to teach our Scouts how to fish. Don’t do it alone! You need the help of other CAIs to lighten your load and to make an even bigger impact. Get others in your area to become CAIs to help you. Does your council have a Fishing Committee? Why not? Sell the benefits of Fishing in Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation. Make Fishing a Gateway for Girls by offering fishing adventures and offer female Scouters the chance to become CAIs. We have trained more than 1,000 CAIs and will have more than 25 CAI courses this year. Please recruit your fellow Scouters to become CAIs. Check our course schedule at bsafishing.org/CAI and get them signed up for a course near you.

An even better alternative would be for you to arrange a course. If you need us to run it call your Region Chairman. Even better, if you want to run a course in your council, take a CAI Course Directors Seminar and then run your own course. Sign up 10 or more to become CAIs. You will need your council to help promote the CAI course, so you need to explain the benefits to the council: 1) adding quality programs, 2) improving the camp’s fishery, 3) improving camp attendance, and 4) seeing the smiles on Scout’s faces. If the course attendance is over 10, we have a progressive free fishing gear offer to help the camp enhance their fishing supplies. The more that take the course, the higher the reward, from $400* worth for 10 attendees to $1,500* worth for over 25 attendees, (*Retail Value).

In addition, the council will have a cadre of CAIs to bring new fishing events and to support its existing fishing programs. We know from a Boys’ Life survey that Fishing is the 4th most desired outdoor activity for Scouts (following Camping, Swimming and Biking). Is your council aware of that? They need to build on every Scout’s desire for fishing.

I am very proud of the progress you and your fellow CAIs have made in providing our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers a lifelong activity of fishing, conservation and the love of nature.

FISH ON!

Ben Jelsema
National BSA Outdoor Programs Committee
Chairman, BSA National Fishing Subcommittee
Fisheries Management
Passing It Forward

I was thinking the other day about my love of fishing and where it came from. In a round about way, it comes from Boy Scouts through my father, an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt and fish. The family joke was that he never went out to get fish or quail but to just be in the wild. I could remember many a time where he would be duck hunting and eating a candy bar while he missed seeing the ducks fly over him. I used to tell him to eat something or take a nap so I could shoot or catch something. He went outdoors because it was his quiet place—he loved it!

His obsession to be in the wilderness came from being a Boy Scout. My father was raised in the poorest part of Los Angeles, Boyle Heights. It was a gang-infested area then, and still is today. It is a very impoverished neighborhood. His parents were very poor immigrants. My grandmother washed clothes for a living. My grandfather had many jobs including being a mortuary worker and cobbler. To them, as with many Asian-immigrant communities, education is paramount. The Maryknoll Missionaries had established the best grammar school in the area. They are a Catholic order who ministers to Asians. My grandparents enrolled my dad and my uncle in the school.

I remember my dad talking about being a Boy Scout at Maryknoll. He longingly talked about going camping and fishing with them. I know for sure the Boy Scout Troop gave him his love of the outdoors. This passion for fishing was passed down to me. My first fishing experience was at 18 months old. My parents told me the story about where we stayed and what happened. One story was that we were fishing on Lake Crowley by Mammoth Lakes and in those days the fisherman would chum with some sort of canned fish. I was hungry in the middle of the day and my parents fed me canned mackerel because it was all they had.

For all my youth, I followed my father up and down nearly every stream or lake chasing trout in California. This is especially true for the Eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada. Dad loved that valley. Today, I love it so much, we have a second home at the northern end in Mammoth Lakes.

I am infected with his disease. I fish quite often. My position on the Boy Scouts National Fishing Committee is right in my wheelhouse. I am the Vice Chair of Fisheries Management. It is to promote healthy fisheries inside and outside Boy Scout Camps. My passion for the outdoors drove me to major in Zoology in college. I love this volunteer position.

I want to pass on to other youth my love for fishing and hunting. This passion was passed on to me by my Dad through Boy Scouts.

Thanks, Dad! — Rick Kagawa
Why do I do this work? I have loved teaching since my dad spent time with me as a youth fishing in California, Texas and North Carolina waters. My greatest thrill is seeing a young person catch their first fish. Jesus was wise to incorporate fisherman to his team and make fishers of men.

How did I become a CAI? I became a CAI by accident, Ben Jelsema and Jeff Wilson asked that I take the first CAI test, which was 100 questions by the International Game and Fish Association. I hold CAI member number 11 and listed as a Certified Instructor by IGFA. The rest is history.

CAI Course
Nov. 2-4, 2018 @ East Carolina Scout Reservation, Hiusasse, VA
CAI Course Director Conference
Nov. 16-18, 2018 @ Camp Barstow, Batesburg, SC

Western Region — Tim Beatty
CAI Courses
Sept. 28-30, 2018 @ Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center, Orange, CA
Oct. 5-7, 2018 @ R-C Scout Ranch, Payson, AZ
Nov. 1-4, 2018 @ Pleasant Valley Campground, Bishop, CA

Northeast Region — Jim Byrd (No report)

Central Region — Michael Brand
Happy to report that summer fishing programs in the Central Region were plentiful, and provided many Scouts, siblings and family members with First Catch experiences through high-quality outdoor programming. For pics of events please visit the Facebook Group Scout'n Fish. Please encourage your Scout families to participate and share their #FIRSTCATCH photos. We observed many fishing program areas that may need some attention.

Here are our most frequently made CAI recommendations from 2018:

- Council executives are encouraged to become aware of the BSA CAI program and its benefit to their Council. For more information on the CAI program visit www.bsafishing.com.
- Scouting professionals are encouraged to get onboard with management efforts, and recruit volunteers whose to improve BSA Fishing Program delivery at the Unit, District, and Council levels.
- Council volunteers are encouraged to attend BSA CAI Training Classes, to assist in Fishing Program delivery. For more information, visit Upcoming CAI Training Opportunities.
- Job Applicants for Summer Camp Fishing Program Counselors are strongly encouraged to earn the BSA Certified Angling Instructor prior to applying for positions. For more information, visit Upcoming CAI Training Opportunities.
- Job qualifications for Summer Camp Fishing Program Counselors should be amended to require recognition as a BSA Complete Angler and a BSA Certified Angling Instructor.
- Summer Camp fishing equipment needs to be inventoried, repaired, and well maintained. In most cases, replacement is strongly encouraged, emphasizing quality and quantity of properly matched equipment to the age and skill of participants. Note: Preferred product pricing is available to members of the BSA CAI program.
- Fishing Equipment Storage Areas need to be developed, organized and made inviting and accessible to Summer Camp Program Counselors and their Scouts participating in the Fishing Program. (Waterfront / Shooting Sports Quality!)
- Lake and Pond management efforts need to be put in place. Shoreline access points need to be cleared and maintained where the scouts fish.
- Fish Habitats need to be developed and placed where the scouts fish.
- Implementation of the Monofilament Line Recycling program which supports the Leave No Trace principles and Outdoor Code.
- Want to learn more about the BSA Certified Angling Instructor Program please visit us at www.bsafishing.com or visit our Facebook page CAI-Certified Angling Instructors.

Interested in joining our team? Please contact your Central Region Area Lead - Fishing.

CAI Courses
Sept. 21-23, 2018 @ Camp Falling Rock, Newark, OH
Sept. 28-30, 2018 @ Camp Chief Little Turtle, Lake, IN
Oct. 12-14, 2018 @ Camp Geiger, St. Joseph, MO
CAI Course Director Conference
Nov. 2-4, 2018 @ Camp Robert Drake, Fairmount, IL
CAI Spotlight

Robert “Nick” Schmal Executive Director, Future Angler Foundation (FAF) and Boy Scout Angling

I volunteer for scout events, other non-profit fishing clinics, and clinics hosted or co-sponsored by the National Professional Anglers Association (NPAA). One recent success was a scout-sponsored ice fishing event at Camp Oh-Da-Kota near Burlington, WI. Others fishing events can be found at the FAF website @ www.futureangler.org or our Facebook Page, @ Future Angler Foundation. I retired three years ago from the USDA Forest Service following a 36-year career as a Fishery Management Biologist. During my tenure in federal service, I became passionate about recreational fishing for the resources found on our country’s vast public lands. I became a BSA CAI to integrate my desire to fish with educating our youth on how to become passionate anglers. I pride myself in being an integrator and am striving to link state and federal agencies with non-profits and the outdoor industry to grow the sport of fishing.

Anthony Dean

I work in the New Horizons District supporting various outdoor activities specific to fishing. Last year, we attended the 2017 National Jamboree as a Staff member of the Fishing Team. I support area packs and troops with Fishing Outings, Pack Meeting Backyard Bass events. I have supported numerous Scouts and Scouting Families as they work to complete their Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badges. When time allows, I volunteer at a variety of habitat recovery and development and environmental functions

Why you do this work? Hopefully, my picture says it all - it is about the smiles it brings to everyone involved. But for me personally, it is about doing what my grandfather and father did for me - making experiences that last a lifetime and giving Scouts and Scouting Families the tools and support they need.

How did you become a CAI? It all started out from conversations at Wood Badge - Yep, I am a FOX and a Fishing Fox at that.

Happy Angling, Happy Fishing and as always FISHON!!!!!!
CAI Discounts

The BSA National Fishing Subcommittee has been working hard with the outdoor industry to get our CAI instructors the gear necessary to get scouts fishing. Here are some of the discounts available exclusively to BSA CAI members:

CAI’s Zebo 33 Spincast Combo

“Tackle for Educators” program developed by Zebo, the Future Fisherman Foundation and the BSA National Fishing Subcommittee

8 ultra-durable Zebo 33 rod/reel combos $104.00 delivered @ $13.00/combo
- Order @ http://www.futurefisherman.org/f3-tackle-for-educators/
- Select Package #4, which is the CAI / Scout’s Package.
- Provide your CAI #, or Your Council / Unit # in the comments section.
Or Contact Executive Director Mark Gintert MLGINTERT@yahoo.com, or call 330-993-0014.

Go to the http://www.glacierglove.com/, make your choice, enter the code, SCOUT 50, and receive a 50% Pro Discount off any item

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Join in on a SCOUT rod set with a bulk order group
Group buy orders require approximately 10 weeks for delivery if not in stock with a 20-rod minimum commitment.

SCOUT rod sets include:
- SCOUT Rod: $99
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- 11 Ft Floating line: $11
- Set Retail Value: $125

20 rods = $1,250.00
50% discount ($62.50 each)
Prices do not include shipping

To order on line, email fishon@badgertenkara.com, or call (608) 218-4133. Ideally, a CAI team would organize a group buy and ship rods to one location. Contact Badger Tenkara, with your order and we will issue an invoice with the appropriate discount applied.
CAI Discounts

TFO

Each Kit Contains 4 Complete Outfits:
- 5-Weight, 8'6", 2-piece TFO Scout
- TFO NXT Large Arbor Fly Reel
- WF6F Fly
- 100-yard spool of 20 lb.
- 4-Rod Case

Scout Series Instructor Kits

TFO’s Scout rods are perfect for anglers of all skill levels. They are smooth casting and very easy to load - making them an ideal first fly rod. Their added power and performance will impress even a master caster. Scout rods feature an uplocking aluminum reel seat, a composite cork grip for maximum durability, oversized stripping guides and a vibrant aqua-blue blank.

The NXT LA I reel is made of lightweight cast aluminum with an adjustable disc drag and easy right/left hand conversion. Matching WF6F line and backing are included. Instructor Kits Available Exclusively for BSA Certified Angling Instructors. $225.00 for the complete 4-outfit set. Order at Temple Fork Outfitters www.tforods.com.

Boy Scouts of America

- 5' Micro Spincast Combo
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- MICRO Spincast Reel
- Pre-Spooled 6-Pound Test Line
- 4.1:1 Gear Ratio
- Adjustable Reel Seat
- Split-Grip EVA Handle
- Practice Casting Plug
- Single Rod Price - $19.99
- 10-Rod Price—$165 or $16.50 ea.
- 20-Rod Price—$310 or $15.50 ea.
- Price includes shipping

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TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR GEAR
Welcome to the BSA Fishing Subcommittee

Jacquelyn Core is a great Scouter and serves also on the National BSA Health & Safety Board, the National Venturing Committee plus served as a 2017 Wood Badge Course Director in Philmont. She is President and CEO of the Uniontown Area YMCA, in PA , where she lives. Add to all this she is an educator and a speaker with the University of West Virginia where she received her Ph.D.

Wanda Taylor lives in Dalton, GA, and travels the country teaching Fly Casting & Fly Fishing. She is known as the South’s First Lady of Fly Fishing and is the first woman Orvis-endorsed guide in the Southeast. She is on TFO’s Pro Staff and twelve years ago was their Pro of the year, a FFFI Master Caster Instructor, and is an outdoor writer for several magazines. Wanda will be joining one of our CAI courses soon and then attend a CAI Course Directors Seminar so that she can bring us new CAIs via women’s courses through her connections with Women’s Bass National, Women’s Fly Clubs Nationwide and Becoming an Outdoor Woman.

Wanda said, “I am elated to be on board in bringing women in as educators to plan to do the same in 2019 with boys and girls in the scouting program.”

Scott Hunter is originally from Wyoming, Scott is an avid angler who developed a passion for fly fishing while backpacking in his home-state’s Wind River Range. He earned his BS from the University of Wyoming (Business Administration) and graduated Summa Cum Laude with his MBA from entrepreneurial leader Babson College. He founded VE-DAOO, domestic producers of bags and packs for fishing, in 2009, and has led the company since that time. Scott is an Eagle Scout, and served as the 2001 National Vice Chief of the Order of the Arrow. As an adult, he has served as a Den Leader and Assistant Scout-master, is Wood Badge Trained (an eagle), and has served as an Assistant Course Director for several Wood Badge programs in area councils.

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Resources

BCAI - https://bcai.wildapricot.org/
BCAI Resources and Links—https://bcai.wildapricot.org/page-18062
Adaptive Outdoors —http://adaptiveoutdoorsman.com/
handicapfishing.html