

## Fishing Show Calendar for 2017- 2018

This is a listing of fly fishing and outdoor shows that are scheduled from September 2017 through October 2018.

Most of these shows offer fly fishing related presentations, demonstrations and exhibits by local, regional and nationally known personalities, manufacturers, and retailers. These shows provide opportunities to learn about fly fishing and other outdoor activities. Some of the listed shows haven't announced their schedules, speakers, programs, etc. Make sure you check show websites to confirm show programs, etc., when planning to attend any of them.

Be sure to support the important fundraising efforts at these shows.

### **2017 - Great Lakes Spey Fest**

Date: September 30, 2017

Location: Henning Park, Newaygo, MI

Sponsor: The Great Lakes Spey Shop, Rockford, MI

Speakers/Program: This show features "Everything Spey". The 2016 show had presentations by Peter Humphreys, Kevin Feenstra, Gary Kalinka, and offered two introductory spey casting sessions. Free pig roast lunch, numerous vendors, demonstration rods to try out, plus fly tying and fishing stories in the evening.

<http://www.greatlakesspeyshop.com/Spey%20Fest%204.html> and

<http://www.speypages.com/speyclave/74-claves-other-gatherings/210634-great-lakes-spey-fest.html>

### **Fly Fishers International Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair**

Date: October 6 & 7, 2107

Location: The Sheid at Arkansas State University campus, Mountain Home, AK

Sponsored by: Fly Fishers International Southern Council

Speakers/Program: TBA

<http://iffsoc.org/index.php/fair>

### **Grand River Spey Clave**

Date: Not this year, maybe in 2018

Location: Brant Conservation Area, Brantford, Ontario, Canada

Sponsor: The Friends of the Grand River

Speakers/Program: Pro-staff and equipment from [Amundson](#), [Simms](#), [Echo](#), [Airflo](#), [Rio](#), [Snowbee](#), [G.Loomis](#), [Sage](#), [Redington](#), [Loop Canada](#), [Beulah](#), [Orvis](#), [Scientific Anglers](#), [Lamson](#), [Redington](#), [Hardy](#), [Greys](#), [Mystic Fly Rods](#) [Winston Fly Rods](#)& [Islander](#).

<http://www.granddriverspey.ca/> and <http://www.friendsofthegrandrivier.com/>

### **Annual Early Show**

Date: November 12, 2107

Location: Mayslake Peabody Estate, Oakbrook, IL

Sponsor: Illinois Smallmouth Alliance Bassbuggers and DRIFT

Speakers/Program: Guest speakers, vendors, guides, 25 + regional/local tiers, single handed casting demonstrations by DRIFT members and two handed casting demonstrations by Doug Taylor. Pat Cohen is the featured fly tyer...he's a deer hair specialist.

[www.illinois-smallmouth-alliance.net](http://www.illinois-smallmouth-alliance.net)

### **The 2016 International Fly Tying Symposium**

Date: November 11 – 12, 2017

Location: Lancaster Marriott, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA

Sponsor: Fly Tyer Magazine, Mid-Atlantic Fishing Guide, Wapsi Fly, Keough Hackle, Marc Petitjean, Partridge Hooks, etc.

Speakers/Program: Over 100 well known fly tiers from around the world featured at this show.

<http://internationalflytyingsymposium.com>

### **NO BACK 40 MINE on the Menominee River**

Date: January 6, 2018

Location: Titledown Brewing Company, Green Bay, WI

Sponsor: Tight Lines Fly Shop (Tim Landwehr & Charlie Piette)

Program: Protect the Menominee River from the proposed Back 40 mine fundraising event.

Presentations by Wisconsin River Alliance, Coalition to Save the Menominee River, Mark Doremus video, and others.

Fundraising with live auction (guide trips, great gear, etc.)

<http://tightlinesflyshop.com/event/back-40-mine-awareness-night/>

### **Fly Fishing Show – Denver**

Date: January 5, 6, 7, 2018

Location: Denver Mart, Denver, CO

Sponsor: The Fly Fishing Show

Program: Big show with lots well known fishing experts. Seminars and demonstrations by Ed Engle, Charlie, Craven, A.K. Best, George Daniel, Daniel Galhardo, Steve Schweitzer, Jason Randall, Landon Mayer, Gary Borger, Pat Dorsey, Taylor Edrington, Tom Boyd Phil Rowley, Tom Larimer, etc.

<http://flyfishingshow.com/denver-co/>

### **Ice Breaker – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual**

Date: January 13, 2018

Location: American Family Insurance Training Center, 6000 American Parkway, Madison, WI

Sponsor: Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited

Speakers/Program: Tucker and Jacquie Nelson from Nelson Spring Creek Ranch in Livingston. Tim

Landwehr will talk about smallmouth bass fishing. Live aquatic insect identification by the Wisconsin DNR, lots of fly tying demos, and more.

<http://www.swtu.org>

**West Michigan Fly Show \*\*\*\*\* New Show\*\*\*\*\***

Date: January 13 – 14, 2018

Location: East Kentwood High School, Grand Rapids, MI

Sponsor: Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International

Speakers/Program: Presentations by Jon Ray on the Manistee River, Kevin Feenstra on the Muskegon River, Jeff Hubbard on the Pere Marquette, John Gouker on the Little Manistee, Bear Creek, Ron Barch on Michigan's fly fishing opportunities, plus fly casting and fly tying demonstrations and vendors.

[http://fffglctesting.com/?page\\_id=622](http://fffglctesting.com/?page_id=622)

**Cabin Fever Day – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual - Fox Valley Trout Unlimited**

Date: January 14, 2018

Location: The Grand Meridian, Appleton, WI

Sponsor: Fox Valley Trout Unlimited

Speakers/Program: Fly fishing seminars by Midwest experts Israel Dunn, Bill Schultz and Damian Wilmot plus fly tying demonstrations, casting clinics, vendors and more.

<http://www.foxvalleytu.org/cabin-fever-day-2017>

**2016 Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo**

Date: January 20, 2018

Location: Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Brecksville, OH

Sponsor: North Coast Fly Fishers

Speakers/Program: George Daniels, Dennis Potter, Jeff Liskay and others. Fly fishing and fly tying seminars and demonstrations plus fly fishing vendors.

<http://www.ncff.net>

**Chicagoland Fishing, Travel & Outdoor Expo**

Date: January 25 – 28, 2018

Location: Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL

Sponsor: NMMA Sport Shows

Speakers/Program: Fishing show with extensive number of exhibitors/vendors/programs, limited fly fishing materials/programs. DRIFT will be giving fly tying demonstrations.

<http://sportshows.com/chicago/index.html>

**Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show - 12<sup>h</sup> Annual**

Date: January 27, 2018

Location: Paroquet Springs Conference Center, Shepherdsville, KY

Sponsor: Derby City Fly Fishers.

Speakers/Program: Casting and tying demonstrations, seminars, vendors, etc.

<https://derbycityflyfishers.com/kentuckiana-fly-fishing-show/>

### **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**

Date: February 3, 2018  
Location: Oasis Conference Center, Loveland, OH  
Sponsor: Buckeye United Fly Fishers  
Speakers/Program: Ed Engle on fly tying, Ray Schmidt on TFO rods, Mike Schmidt is a commercial fly tyer, vendors, and others  
<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>

### **Spring Opener – Badger Fly Fishers**

Date: February 10, 2018  
Location: American Family Insurance Training Center, 6000 American Parkway, Madison, WI  
Sponsor: Badger Fly Fishers  
Speakers/Program: Pat Ehlers will speak about largemouth bass and saltwater fishing. Show will have vendors, fly tying demonstrations, raffles, etc.  
<http://badgerflyfishers.com>

### **Ford's Boat, Sport & Travel Show**

Date: February 16 – 25, 2018  
Location: Indiana State Fair Grounds, Indianapolis, IN  
Sponsor: Renfro Productions  
Speakers/Program: Fly fishing seminars and demonstrations by numerous fly fishing pros. Vendors include manufacturers, retailers of fly fishing equipment boats, clothing, fly tying materials, fly fishing guides, resorts, lodges and outfitters focused on Midwest fishing.  
<https://indianapolisboatsportandtravelshow.com/speakers/>

### **Celebration of Fly Tying – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Show**

Date: February 24, 2018  
Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 5830 Clyde Park, Wyoming, MI  
Sponsor: Grand River Fly Tyers  
Speakers/Program: TBA  
<http://www.grandriverflytyers.club/news.html>

### **Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association**

Date: March 2 & 3, 2018  
Location: Isle Casino, Bettendorf, IA  
Sponsor: Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association  
Speakers/Program: TBA  
<http://www.hawkeyeflyfishing.com>

### **TroutFest '18 Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited**

Date: February 24, 2018

Location: Fin 'N Feather, Winneconne, WI

Sponsor: Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited

Speakers/Program: CWTU's TroutFest '18 includes mini-seminars, raffles, fly tying demos, artisans, youth fly tying instruction, guides, outfitters.

[www.cwtu.org](http://www.cwtu.org)

### **Madison Fishing Expo**

Date: February 23 – 25, 2018

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Sponsor: Wisconsin Fishing Expo

Speakers/Program: See listing on website, 125,000 SF of fishing activity. Outdoor/fishing show with limited fly fishing vendors/programs.

<http://wifishingexpo.com/>

### **Bronzeback Blowout – Illinois Smallmouth Alliance**

Location: American Legion Hall, Elmhurst, IL (suburban Chicago)

Date: March 3, 2018

Sponsor: Illinois Smallmouth Alliance

Speakers/Program: Chad Hoover on kayak fishing for bass, vendors, raffles, etc.

<http://www.illinois-smallmouthalliance.net>

### **Canoecopia – Rutabaga Paddlesport Shop**

Date: March 9 – 11, 2018

Location: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Sponsor: Rutabaga Paddlesports, Madison, WI

Speakers/Program: Experience the best antidote for March's cabin fever! Canoecopia is the largest paddlesports consumer event in the world, with over 250,000 square feet of kayaks, canoes, Stand Up Paddleboards, outdoor equipment and clothing. Over 150 seminars, speakers and clinics make Canoecopia an educational event where you can be inspired and learn everything you need to know to select, purchase and use the perfect gear for your style of paddling.

<http://www.paddlers.com/canoecopia/page.asp?pgid=1001>

### **Midwest Fly Fishing Expo (the granddaddy of fly fishing shows)**

Date: March 10 – 11, 2018

Location: Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, Warren, MI

Sponsor: Michigan Fly Fishing Club

Speakers/Program: TBA

Show has demonstrations and programs on fly tying, fly casting, fly fishing seminars and more in 61,000 square feet of exhibition space.

Website has information on the 2017 show to help pique your interest in this show.

<http://mffc.org>

### **Sowbug Roundup – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Show**

Date: March 22 – 24, 2018

Location: Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR

Sponsor: North Arkansas Fly Fishers

Speakers/Program: Demonstrations by 100+ expert tyers from across the country and Europe. Plus fly casting demonstrations, vendors, etc.

<http://www.sowbugroundup.org/>

<http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org>

### **Three Rivers Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Show**

Date: February 10, 2018

Location: Classic Café, 4832 Hillegas, Road, Fort Wayne, IN

Sponsor: Three Rivers Fly Fishers Club

Speakers/Program: Terry & Roxanne Wilson on bluegill fishing, Kyle Hammond on pike fishing, fly tying demos, vendors, etc.

<http://3rff.org/flyshow.html>

### **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandy River Spey Clave 2018**

Date: May 18 – 20, 2018

Location: Oxbow Regional Park on the Sandy River near Welches, Oregon

Sponsor: The Fly Fishing Shop in Welches, Oregon

Speakers/Program: TBA This spey fishing show has numerous spey fishing gurus participating in this event. Programs and schedules are being developed. Website has information on prior shows.

<http://www.flyfishusa.com/spey-clave.htm>

### **Fly Fishers International Annual Fly Fishing Fair**

Date: August 6 – 11, 2018

Location: Boise Center, Boise, ID

Sponsor: Fly Fishers International

Speakers/Program: TBA

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>