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The Association of NW Steelheaders Anglers dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future

Meetings	Events / Workshops
<p>January 3rd</p> <p><u>Chapter Meeting</u></p> <p>Time: 6:00pm Meet and Greet 7:00pm Meeting opens</p> <p>Location: Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park.</p> <p>Speakers: Brandon Glass and Ryan Queen ODFW Cedar Creek Hatchery</p>	<p>January 13th – Bank Fish-A-Long To register, contact Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, ext. 106.</p> <p>March 9 – 11th - Family Fish Camp http://nwsteelheaders.org/events/family-fish-camp/</p> <p>March 31st – Bank Fish-A-Long To register, contact Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, ext. 106.</p> <p>May 19th - Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshop To register, contact Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, ext. 106.</p> <p>October 6th – Bank Fish-A-Long To register, contact Jim Cathcart at ornavigator@hotmail.com or (503) 238-4775, ext. 106.</p> <p>** Newsletter articles due January 21, 2018</p>
<p>January 18th</p> <p><u>Board Meeting</u></p> <p>Time: 6:30pm</p> <p>Location: Round Table Pizza 4141 NE 122nd Ave, Portland, OR 97230</p>	

Volunteer Hours

Please report your Volunteer hours to Greg Reed at g_a_reed@comcast.net, for now. The position responsible for tracking volunteer hours is currently vacant. We have contacted the Association in regards to this and the processes needed to ensure they are reported and recorded. If you can help out in this position, please contact Steve Rothenbucher or Greg Reed.

One Last Cast
Jim Cathcart (aka Navigator)

We made it. The year 2018 is upon us; a time for new and renewed commitments. I was once told that when we express our resolutions to someone we are more likely to carry them out. I guess it is human nature to hold ourselves accountable if we know someone is watching to see if we do what we say we will do. Perhaps it is the fear of disappointing someone, or the fear of retribution, that motivates us into action.

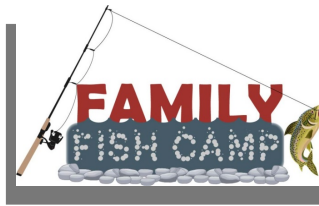
Here is an idea. Rather than simply tell someone about your resolution, invite them to join your resolution. I do know from my own experience that I am much more likely to drag myself out of bed at o'dark thirty and go fishing when I know someone is going to be there ... waiting. Without that, the pillow tugs and swallows me up and I end up rationalizing to myself that the day was better spent sleeping in and not going fishing. So, a prime New Year's resolution to make this year is to invite someone (or many a someone) to be your fishing partner for 2018. Perhaps team up and commit to going out once a week, once a month or once every so often; put the dates on the calendar and hold each other too it. You will find yourself fishing more often and as the old adage goes, there is no better way to learn fishing than spending time on the water.

One thing the Sandy River Chapter is blessed with is the many new members that have joined our ranks through the Steelhead Fishing 101 Workshops we put on in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. So, with all these new members, the table has been set for people to join forces by resolving to fish more in 2018! Okay, so it has been awhile since the workshop or the last Chapter meeting you attended and you have lost touch. Well, the Chapter has just the opportunity for you. Come to a Chapter Bank Fish-A-Long event. I will be hosting 3 this year – the first coming up right around the corner on Saturday, January 13th. The formula is meet at o'dark thirty for a hearty breakfast, get on the water and fish until Noon or so. I do my best to recruit some more experienced Chapter members to join us so for those seeking additional tips and pointers, help is just a cast away. What a great way to see who is available for future fishing adventures. Pre-registration is required.



"Sometimes you Need and Excuse to Get Out".

To steal a line from a former colleague of mine, steelhead fishing is not rocket science. It is so much harder! Accept the challenge, invite someone to join you and make fishing more your New Year's Resolution for 2018. If you stick with it and make it a regular habitat, you will be well positioned to make catching more your resolution for 2019!



Family Fish Camp is a fun weekend where families learn fishing skills together while staying overnight at cozy Camp Angelos on the Sandy River. Kids and adults can fish the pond, play games, plan their next fishing adventure, and participate in session activities on: Fish identification, Casting and reeling, Angler ethics and regulations, Gear and equipment, Water quality testing, and Fish printing art project.

Family Fish Camp is for all families who want to learn more about how to jump-start their fishing experiences in the Pacific Northwest. Passionate anglers with years of experience will teach you the essential skills, and your family will have the opportunity to recreate together outdoors alongside new friends.

Family Fish Camp 2018 – Overview



When: Friday March 9th – Sunday March 11th

Where: Camp Angelos – 32149 SE Stevens Rd., Corbett, OR

What: Learn fishing skills with the whole family in a summer-camp setting

Family Fish Camp is located at Camp Angelos along the Sandy River in Corbett, OR. Spend a weekend living a summer camp experience – sleep in cabin bunks, dine in the lodge cafeteria, and stargaze in the secluded forest along the rushing river.

Your ticket to Family Fish camp includes:

- 5 meals
- 2 nights lodging
- Access to all sessions and activities

Those wishing to participate can click a button at <http://nwsteelheaders.org/events/family-fish->

[camp/](#) where it states “Notify me when the application is available,” and fill out your basic information and submit your request. That way, when the application is available, the Association will already have a list of interested people and contact them.

Application and Cost

Cost per adult: \$139

Cost per child: \$99

Limited scholarships (full and half) are available to applicable participants.

Contact Allison Dobscha, Education and Outreach Coordinator, with any questions at [http://orhabitat@nwf.org](mailto:orhabitat@nwf.org).

Watch our Fish Camp introduction video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QRNyOxNObM>

FAQ

What is the age range for youth? The majority of youth participants in previous years ranged from ages 7-12. However, this event is open to all ages!

Do I need to bring fishing gear? Nope! We will provide all necessary fishing equipment for the weekend. This event is geared toward families with little to no experience, so we do not expect you to bring any of your own gear.

When does the camp begin and end? In previous years, check in began at 5 pm and dinner started at 6:30. Family Fish Camp 2018 will most likely follow a similar schedule. Sunday morning activities will consist of breakfast, the option to continue fishing, and future adventure planning. Camp will wrap up by late morning, so plan on being out by noon.

What's the point?

By Larry Palmer

Anglers are a funny sort. We get all excited about gear, boats and related stuff, spend a lot of money traveling around to fish and then sometimes ignore the most basic things that negate all of our other efforts.

Really when you get down to it you have to admit that there's not much more elemental in fishing than a well tied knot and a good sharp hook. I went fishing one day years ago with someone who had spent about \$60,000 on a boat and another \$50,000 dollars on a truck to

tow it, and somehow had not figured out the good knot and sharp hook thing.... but that is another (sad) story for later. Let's get after that hook point here...

Modern hooks are generally of good quality. A couple ultra-premium brands are even sharp enough to use right out of the package. Here's the deal though, most hooks are not sharp enough when new, and they all get dull in use. Some methods, like drift fishing, place the hooks in close contact with rocky river bottoms. Rocks are hard on hook points. So, you have to be able to sharpen the hook points. Check your hook every five casts!

Basically, you have three easy tools available to sharpen your hooks- hook files, hook stones, and diamond coated sharpeners. There are advantages and disadvantages to each.

- Hook files- These really move a lot of metal and are my favorite method on a big hook.



Simply lay the file on the side of the hook and follow the lay of the metal. Push towards the point. Do both sides, then a little dress up stroke on the outside. Get one of those plastic file holders and shoot it full of WD-40. Salt water loves to corrode files!

- Hook stones, a bit slower and more delicate than a file, but finer in grit and unaffected by corrosion. Makes for a very fine hook point. Some stones have a small hole on them for a cord to go through. The last ones I bought off of the internet in a medium and ultra-fine grit for about \$2.00. They were mounted on a flat piece of 1/8" thick plastic and really worked great. Also, good for sharpening your fish knives.



Use the same sharpening method on as with the hook file.

- Diamond hones- These come in various grits. The medium grit will move a lot of metal pretty fast, but for the best hook point I prefer a fine grit with a drop of WD-40 on it. Use the same sharpening method as with the hook file. The resulting hook point will be so sharp you'll want to get it out in the water away from you as soon as possible! One day I dropped a K-14 Kwikfish I had just diamond honed in a friend's boat. It fell about 6 inches and one of the hook points stuck in the aluminum of the gunwale. Pulling it out left a perfect little hole where the point had been. Yup, that was a good sharp hook! I re-honed it and sent it on its way. Later a fish came to the same conclusion.



Check your hooks often and make them sharp. You may only get one chance that day. Make it count!

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