



BSA Angling Educator Program – In Partnership with



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BSA Angling Educator for Scouters

The **BSA Angling Educator** course was originally designed to provide fishing experts, from outside the Scouting community, with an understanding of the policies and procedures of BSA Fishing programs.

The **BSA Angling Educator for Scouters** course has now evolved, from a course for fishing experts, into a program to provide **Scout Leaders, who have never fished**, with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to take Cub Scouts, and young Scouts BSA, to a fishing pond or stream and help them to be successful.

Youth leaders can use this course to develop their skills to teach “Fishing Basics” to younger scouts. “Fishing Basics” is an education model developed by a member of the BSA National Fishing Committee in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to teach basic fishing skills to Scouts.

BSA Angling Educator Vision:

- Increase the opportunity for Scouts to learn how to fish and experience good results.
- Provide fishing program ideas and resources for Packs, Troops, and Crews.
- Help Summer Camps offer quality fishing programs.
- Help provide a good fishery and “age-appropriate” fishing gear.
- Help identify and train Fishing and Fly-Fishing merit badge counselors.

What does an Angling Educator do:

- Teach fishing knowledge and skills to youth and adults.
- Assist with Cub Scout and Scouts BSA fishing programs.
- Serve as a Scouts BSA Merit Badge Counselor
- Use fishing skills at recruitment events with Backyard Bass.
- Train Camp Staff for fishing programs that work!
- Promote fishing at the Unit, District and Council levels.
- Join (or help form) a Council Fishing Committee.
- Work to improve fishing facilities, equipment and materials.
- Help build family fishing programs that work.

Location: Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, 268 Hidden Valley Road, Loysville, PA 17047

Date: Saturday April 6th, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM till 1:00 PM

Online registration link: <https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=11262086>

There is a \$20 fee for this course to cover the cost of refreshments, facilities, program materials, patches, and certificates.

50% discount A \$10 fee is available for adults and youth leaders (14 or older) who volunteer to help staff our “Family Fishing Day” on April 13th.