



BSA Certified Angling Instructor Program – In Partnership with



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BSA Certified Angling Instructor Course (CAI)

“Kids” become “Scouts” because they crave outdoor adventure; Fishing helps you “Deliver the Promise of Scouting.” The Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) course gives you hands-on experience with various fishing tackle, tying fishing knots, casting, rigging, fly-tying... finding fish, hooking them, fighting them, landing, and releasing them... fishing etiquette, ethics and more... and how to teach these skills!

A BSA Certified Angling Instructor is:

- A qualified BSA instructor for fishing and fly-fishing programs and merit badges.
- A leader who develops and supports unit level, district, and council fishing programs.
- A fishing program advocate and resource for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers.
- A volunteer who supports fishing programs at National Jamborees, National Order of the Arrow Conferences, and BSA high-adventure training events.
- A “Trainer of Trainers”.

The course content is tailored to your needs; we start with what you know and advance to a nationally recognized set of skills needed to teach fishing to our youth. Course topics will stay close to the established BSA national agenda; this course requires a minimum of 18 hours of instruction designed to increase your knowledge and provide you with new experiences.

What does a Certified Angling Instructor do:

- Teach fishing knowledge and skills to youth and adults.
- Promote fishing at the Unit, District, Council, and National levels.
- Plan and conduct fishing programs for Scouts, their parents, and leaders.
- Use fishing to support your council’s Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation programs.
- Work to improve fishing facilities, equipment, and materials at your council’s camps.
- Help district and council camps provide fishing programs that work.
- Commit to making fishing a priority within your council.
- Join (or help form) a Council Fishing Committee.
- “Deliver the Promise of Scouting.”

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

Dates: Saturday and Sunday April 6 & 7, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM till 6:00 PM (both days)

Online registration link: <https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=11262992>

There is a \$60 fee for this course to cover the cost of facilities, food, beverages, and program materials. A \$20 discount (\$40 fee) is available for participants who volunteer to staff our “Family Fishing Day on April 13th.” CAIs can attend as staff to assist with instruction and to refresh and extend their knowledge and skills. There is a \$20 fee to help defray the costs of facilities, food, and beverages.