



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: rigging a fishing line, tying fishing knots, choosing baits and lures, tying flies, casting... finding fish, hooking them, fighting them, landing, and releasing them... fishing etiquette, ethics, conservation and more... and how to teach these skills!

What is a BSA Certified Angling Instructor?

The Certified Angling Instructor is central to Scout fishing programs. CAIs serve as:

- A qualified instructor for Scout fishing and fly-fishing programs or merit badges.
- A fishing program advocate and resource for Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing Units.
- One who develops, leads, and supports Council, District, or Unit level fishing programs.
- One who supports fishing programs at National Jamborees, National Order of the Arrow Conferences, and Scouting America high-adventure base staff training and fishing events.
- A “Trainer of Trainers.”

CAI Course Goals:

The CAI course is designed to develop active CAIs to develop and support Scout fishing programs and to enhance our Council’s ability to recruit, retain, and reactivate youth and adults into Scouting. The course is designed to:

- Give hands-on experience of both conventional and fly casting, fly-tying, fishing knots, finding, hooking, fighting, landing, and releasing fish, fishing etiquette, ethics, and more - and how to teach these skills.
- Participate in discussions about National, Council, District, and Unit fishing programs.
- Review and utilize Merit Badge Counselor presentations and instructor guides for the Fishing, Fly-Fishing, and Fish & Wildlife Management merit badges.
- Learn about the Complete Angler Award for Scouts.
- Encourage prospective CAIs to commit to making fishing a priority within the Council, District, and Unit.

Location: Camp Tuckahoe, 400 Tuckahoe Road, Dillsburg, PA

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, Sept 6 & 7, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM, Saturday, and 8:00 AM till 3:00 PM, Sunday

Registration link: [Upcoming Fishing and Angling Events - New Birth of Freedom Council](#)

There is a \$75 fee for this course to cover the cost of facilities, food, beverages, and program materials. A \$25 discount (\$50 fee) is available for participants who volunteer to staff our “Family Fishing Day” on Sept 13th.

Previously trained Certified Angling Instructors 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 for the weekend.