

TROUT UNLIMITED FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited will conduct its annual Fly Fishing School the weekend of **May 20-22, 2011**. The school will be held at Thornwood, the Pocahontas County 4-H Camp in Thornwood, WV. The school offers the aspiring fly fisher a shortcut to success. Expert instructors teach students the fundamentals of fly fishing in a remarkably short amount of time.

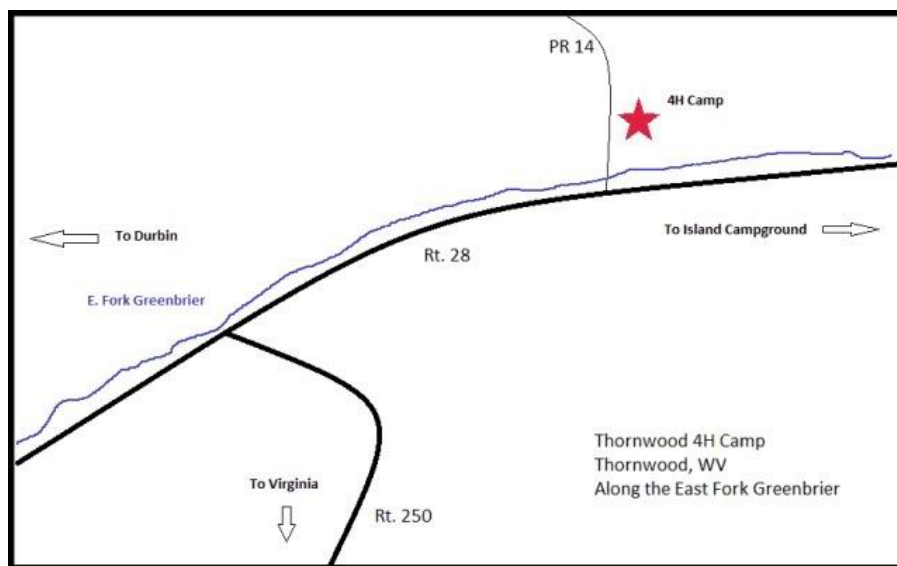
The 2½ day program features instruction in fly casting, equipment selection, effective flies, essential knots, and many other topics. The highlight of the school occurs Sunday, when students are paired with an instructor/guide for a day's fishing on one of the nearby trout streams. It is here that the weekend's lessons are reinforced and made practical. Most students are successful in landing their first fly-caught trout.

The fee for the school is \$215 for adult TU members, \$250 for non-members (price includes TU membership), and \$195 for children (15 and under, must be accompanied by an adult). The fee includes instruction, meals, and some basic tackle and reference material.

Lodging is also made available for a small fee of \$20 per person for the entire weekend. TU has a limited amount of loan equipment for those who do not have their own. Class size is limited. All proceeds support TU's coldwater conservation and improvement projects and operations. To register or obtain additional information, contact Bubba Holt at (304) 299-9617 or by email at wvtufllyfishingschool@yahoo.com.

About Thornwood 4H Camp

Thornwood 4H Camp is located just outside of Durbin, WV in the little town of Thornwood along the banks of the East Fork of the Greenbrier River. All instruction will be set up to optimize the location of the school with casting being taught in the field and creek adjacent to the camp. Classroom instruction is given in the mess hall, prior to or just after all meals. The Camp has separate bunk houses for both men and women, along with restroom facilities for each. All indoor facilities are smoke free. A simple map to the Camp is shown below.



Agenda

Friday

7 - 8 PM

Registration and Greetings

8 - 9 PM

Fly casting video. Rig rods for next day's events.

Saturday

7:30 AM:

Breakfast

8 - Noon:

Instruction: Casting, flies, reading water.

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Lunch

12:45 PM – 5 PM:

Knots, equipment selection, trip planning, and wading safety.

5 – 9 PM:

Free time, supper, instructions for Sunday, and fishing derby.

Sunday

7:30 AM:

Breakfast

8:00 AM:

Hand out bag lunches. Assignment of instructors/guides

8:15 AM:

Depart for on-stream instruction.

What's included with the school?

Instruction:

Fly casting, classroom instruction, etc. See Agenda.

Lodging:

Optional On-Site – Dormitory/Bunkhouse setting.

Optional Off-Site – Local Hotel or Campground of your choosing.

Meals:

Friday – Snacks and drinks.

Saturday – Breakfast, lunch, and supper.

Sunday – Breakfast and bag lunch.

Other:

Reference material and some basic tackle.

Loan equipment available.

What you should bring

Clothing:

Be prepared for any weather. Temperatures can be quite cool in the mountains at any given time of year. Layers of clothing allow you to adjust to changing conditions. Shoes should be comfortable enough to stand in all day, but they may get muddy. Rain gear is recommended, as we will hold the school rain or shine.

Gasoline:

Please fill your tank prior to arriving on Friday. Our agenda does not allow much free time, and we will leave the 4H Camp directly for the stream on Sunday.

- License:** You need a current West Virginia license. Information can be found at <http://www.wvdnr.gov> about proper licensing. Call if you need any assistance, or have any questions relating to licensing.
- Fly Rod & Reel:** Bring your own if you have one. We have outfits to loan to those who do not own equipment. We strongly recommend that you do not purchase new gear until after attending the school.
- Waders:** Water temperatures can range between 50°F and 70°F. To avoid any discomfort or the chance of hypothermia, you should bring waders. Wearing them is optional, but highly recommended. We do not loan waders.
- Tackle:** A limited amount of tackle is included in the school fee. We will have some flies available for purchase, but also have some flies to hand out after the completion of the course. Bring your own tackle if you have it.
- Sunglasses:** Highly recommended, preferably polarized lenses.
- Camera:** This area of WV is known for its beautiful scenery, and you have a chance to land your first trout on a fly rod! Make sure to bring one!
- Bedclothes:** Dorm setting. Bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and ear plugs.
- Toilet Articles:** For on-site lodging, you will need toiletries. Shower shoes are also recommended.