

TROUTFEST TX 2025

21-23 February

Instructor-Led Classes

Getting to the Next Level. This class will show you how to get to that level of casting that you want to achieve. **NOTE: Intermediate to advanced level casters.**

Field A

Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Field C

Sunday 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Instructor Dayle Mazzerella

Practical Casts that Catch Fish. This class speaks for itself.

FIELD B

Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Instructor Jim Hund

Breaking the Rules. Now that we think we know all the rules about fly casting, let's break some of them and see what happens, especially when we are fishing.

Field A

Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Field C

Sunday 1:00 – 2:00 AM

Instructor Jeff Ferguson

Casting Styles. This is a great class for those who want to learn different types of casting styles. It will open new ways of looking at the cast and how to accomplish methods used to help make the cast, similar to Joan Wulf, Jason Borger and Left Kreh.

FIELD B

Saturday **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
Instructor **Jim Hund**

Mending. This class will cover mending the line to set-up a slack line presentation. Check out what is needed to get a drag-free drift of the fly when targeting trout. **NOTE: Intermediate level casters.**

FIELD C

Saturday **10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**
Instructor **Rex Walker**

Saltwater Casting. Saltwater environments often require short to long casts, say 40 to 80+ feet as well as quick casts with heavy flies in the wind. The participants will be shown various casting techniques needed for saltwater fishing while on a skiff or wading. The double haul is often necessary for this class. **NOTE: Intermediate to Advanced Casting Level casters.**

FIELD A

Saturday **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
Instructor **Jeff Ferguson**

FIELD C

Sunday **1:00 – 2:00 PM**
Instructor **Rex Walker**

Casting in the Wind. This class will teach participants casting techniques given various wind speeds and direction. The double haul is a major advantage when casting in the wind. The class will also teach how to fight fish as well as netting and releasing them unharmed.

FIELD B

Sunday **2:00 – 3:00 PM**
Instructor **Jim Richards**

Getting Started Class. This class focuses on casting fundamentals using the pickup and laydown (PULD) cast, which is considered the foundation of all other casts. Discussion and demonstration will be made on the essentials of a good cast. If you are just starting as a fly fisher or are an intermediate caster, you will find this class very useful. The classes are 90 minutes long and will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

FIELD D

Saturday & Sunday (Start Time) **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
1:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 – 3:30 PM
Instructors **Dayle Mazzerella**
Gary Davison
Rex Walker
Jim Richards

Preparing for the Double Haul. This class is designed to teach beginning and intermediate casters the drills necessary to learn the double haul. Participants will be taken through a step-by-step process involving short double hauls while casting horizontally to enable seeing and maintaining narrow loops and proper line speed. Once taken, consider taking the double haul class.

FIELD C

Saturday **2:00 – 3:00 PM**
Instructor **John Slocomb**

The Double Haul. This class will give you tips on how to improve the efficiency of your double haul. It is recommended the participant be able to cast narrow loops to 45 to 50 feet before taking this class. **NOTE: Intermediate or advanced level casters.**

FIELD A

Sunday **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
Instructor **Jeff Ferguson**

Roll Casting. There are important uses for roll casts such as straightening the fly line, obstructions behind the angler, lifting a sink tip or full sinking line or heavy flies near the water surface to enable a normal cast to be made. This class will teach the fundamentals of roll casting and discuss various fishing situations that roll casting can make easier. All fishers will find this class invaluable.

FIELD C

Sunday **2:00 – 3:00 PM**
Instructor **Cameron Dunn**

Pick a Challenge. This class will be a great opportunity to work one-on-one with a casting instructor. The individual will choose a cast to work on and the instructor will help you confront that challenge in the casting field.

FIELD A

Saturday **3:00 PM**
Sunday **2:00 - 3:00 PM**

FIELD B

Saturday **3:00 PM**
Sunday **2:00 - 3:00 PM**

FIELD C

Saturday **3:00 PM**
Sunday **2:00 - 3:00 PM**

Video Tape Your Cast.

Andy Payne will be available to make a video tape of your cast. These videos are a great way to assess your casting and Andy will go over what you are and/or are not doing correctly. If interested, contact Andy in the Pavilion and he will provide details. The videos will be taken in **FIELD D** on Saturday and Sunday.

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Demonstration

Accurate Casting Catches more Fish with 7 Time World Champion Maxine McCormick

Maxine McCormick currently lives in Seattle and attends the University of Washington. She has been fly fishing for as long as she can remember thanks to her dad. By chance, she was introduced to competitive fly casting at the age of nine and since then she has attended three World Fly Casting Championships winning seven gold medals in both accuracy and distance events. At the 2022 World Championships in Norway she took home four gold medals while winning all of the single handed fly casting events. Her perfect accuracy result was the highest score ever recorded at the WC's (male or female), and she set a single hand fly distance record in the Women's Sea Trout event. Maxine believes that the skills she developed while tournament casting has resulted in more confidence, success and fun on the water while fishing. She looks forward to sharing her efficient casting stroke with you and hopes it will improve your casting and fishing too. What Maxine loves most about casting and fly fishing is that there is always more to learn and how good you are is a direct product of how much practice you put in. *No other classes will be held during her demonstrations.*

Fields A - C

Saturday **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**
Sunday **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

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Pavilion Classes

Fly Fishing Knots. Every fly fisher needs to know how to how tie good knots. This class will demonstrate some of the basic knots you will need know when fly fishing such as how to attach a fly to tippet, add additional tippet to a leader and attach leader and/or backing to the fly line. Participants will tie their own knots after brief tutorials.

Saturday **10:00 – 11:00 PM**

Sunday **1:00 – 2:00 PM**

Instructor **John Slocomb**

Class Schedule for 2025 Trout Fest. Roving assisting Instructors: Mr. Gary Davison, Mr. Jeff Graham & Mr. John Biggers					
Saturday Field A	Saturday Field B	Saturday Field C	Sunday Field A	Sunday Field B	Sunday Field C
10:00 – 11:00 Saltwater Casting Lead Instructor Jeff Ferguson Intermediate or Advance Levels	10:00 – 11:00 Casting Styles Lead Instructor: Jim Hund	10:00 – 11:00 Mending Lead Instructor Rex Walker Intermediate Level	10:00 – 11:00 Double Haul Lead Instructor: Jeff Ferguson Intermediate or Advance Levels	10:00 – 11:00 Practical Casts that Catch Fish Lead Instructor: Jim Hund	10:00 – 11:00 Getting To the next Level. Lead Instructor: Dayle Mazzarella Intermediate or Advance Levels
11:00 – 1:00 Casting Demonstration Ms. Maxine McCormick			11:00 – 1:00 Casting Demonstration Ms. Maxine McCormick		
1:00 - 2:00 Getting To the Next Level Lead Instructor: Dayle Mazzarella Intermediate to Advanced Level	1:00 -2:00 Practical Casts that Catch Fish Lead Instructor Jim Hund	1:00 -2:00 Breaking The Rules Lead Instructor: Jeff Ferguson	1:00 – 2:00 Breaking The Rules. Lead Instructor Jeff Ferguson	1:00 -2:00 Casting in the wind Lead Instructor Jim Richards	1:00 till 2:00 Saltwater Casting Lead Instructor. Rex Walker Intermediate to Advanced Level
2:00 – 3:00 Roll Cast Lead Instructor Camron Dunn	2:00 - 3:00 Preparing for the Double Haul Lead Instructor: John Slocomb	2:00 – 3:00 Casting in the Wind Lead Instructor Jim Richards	2:00 – 3:00 Pick A Challenge.	2:00 – 3:00 Pick A Challenge	2:00 – 3:00 Pick A Challenge
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Saturday Field D

Getting Started Class
10:00 -11:00
Lead: Dayle Mazarella

Getting Started Class
1:00 – 2:00
Lead: Gary Davison

Getting Started Class
2:30 – 3:30
Lead: Rex Walker

Sunday Field D

Getting Started Class
10:00 -11:00
Lead: Jim Richards

Getting Started Class
1:00 – 2:00
Lead: Dayle Mazarella

Getting Started Class
2:30 – 3:30
Lead: Gary Davison