

I'm on a journey to become an FFI Certified Casting Instructor. As part of that effort every week I spend one afternoon—sometimes more—practicing at a Camas park. Some days I work with casters who have already received their instructor certification. Other days I work alone. I'm enjoying the effort so when I heard some club members express disappointment that indoor activities like rod building, fly tying and member meetings were still on hiatus I thought why not have a casting day. It's outdoors, socially distanced and fun. Everyone can participate regardless of skill level, kids included.

So here's my idea. Lets hold a casting club monthly for the next four months, March through June. I will set up three casting activities that individuals or small groups can pursue at their own pace. I also will give a brief 10 to 15 minute demo of one of the 12 key tasks students are tested on to earn certification. Part of the exam is showing both the ability to demonstrate a task and explain it to an audience, so this casting event will help me hone my presentations for the exam.

There are lots of good casters in CSF. I'm sure I will learn from some of you during these events as well. That's why I hesitate to call it a clinic. I will of course help anyone with questions as far as I am able, but I look on it as learning together.

I've chosen four weekends for the campaign, three Saturdays and one Sunday. The dates are:

March 19

April 24

May 14

June 11

Each event will be held on the lawn beside the Lacamas Lake Lodge, 227 NE Lake Road in Camas. Each event will begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon. There is plenty of free parking. Bring your own rod. A 5-7wt slow action rod is best with unweighted line and 7ft leader and tippet with a tuft of yard. No hooks please. I'll have yarn for those who need it. This is for single-handed casting only. No spey rods please. Restrooms are available at the boat ramp about 100 yards away. There are currently no picnic tables in the park, so if you want seating, bring your own. Watch the CSF Google Group for updates as the dates approach. Thanks to all and see you at the park.

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