



## Idaho Fly-Fishing School

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### Overview:

The Orvis Idaho Fly-Fishing School is held at the beautiful Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Located in northern Idaho and surrounded by mountains, lakes, and rivers, Coeur d'Alene is a Mecca for year-round outdoor recreation. Coeur d'Alene is 45 minutes from the Spokane, Washington International Airport, 100 miles from British Columbia, and less than 2 hours from some of the well-known rivers in Montana.

In addition to the great fly-fishing opportunities, you can take advantage of other activities, including golf (Coeur d'Alene Resort is home of the famous floating green on hole 14), mountain biking, hiking and jogging trails, and boating on Coeur d'Alene Lake. With a population of approximately 25,000, Coeur d'Alene has great shopping and restaurants.

### Seasonal Weather/Fishing Conditions:

June—Expect high temperatures in the seventies, lows in the upper forties and fifties. June is the start of the fishing season in Idaho. In early June, river levels can be high from snow runoff (depending on snow pack), but by mid to late June, water levels are usually back to normal. Aquatic-insect activity (caddisfly and mayfly hatches) will start to pick up, providing good fishing opportunities.

July/August—Expect high temperatures in the eighties, lows in the fifties. Fishing can be great this time of year with abundant caddisfly hatches, and terrestrial insect (hoppers, ants, and beetles) activity.

September—Expect high temperatures in the seventies, lows in the low to upper forties. This is a beautiful time to be on the rivers. Terrestrial insects will still be plentiful, with good hatches of caddisflies, and blue-winged olive mayflies.

Weather conditions can change quickly. We recommend that you dress in layers, wear or bring a pair of rubber-bottom boots (as the grounds around the casting areas can become damp), and **please remember to bring raingear, polarized sunglasses, hat, and sunblock.**

## **General School Information:**

We look forward to meeting you at Northwest Outfitters at 8:15 a.m. on the first day. If you have any questions about this reservation, please feel free to contact school reservations at 1-800-531-6213 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. You may contact Northwest Outfitters directly by calling 1-888-347-4223.

**Equipment:** The school staff will issue various graphite rods, 8 to 9 feet in length for line weights 5 or 6. An 8- and/or 9-weight rod will be available at the casting area for students wanting to cast a heavier-weight rod. We use all weight-forward floating lines and Battenkill reels in the program. Waders or hip boots are provided. We recommend extra changes of socks be packed for use with wading gear.

**Capacities & Student/Instructor Ratio:** The typical Idaho school capacity is 12, with a student/instructor ratio of 4:1.

**Program:** Instruction is geared toward beginners, but students of all levels are welcome and encouraged to progress at their own rate. Our teaching methods allow us to handle even experienced fly casters. Indoor and outdoor sessions are evenly divided, with the main emphasis placed on developing proper fly-casting skills. Our goal is to have students exit the program with the ability to handle 30-plus-foot casts efficiently, have a thorough understanding of fly selection, leaders, knot-tying, reading water, etiquette, and the applications and use of related gear and equipment in both moving and still water. We also encourage an appreciation for fine tackle and emphasize the importance of the catch-and-release ethic, a clean and healthy outdoor environment, and the continued pursuit of quality fly-fishing experiences through the promotion of our Orvis-Endorsed Lodge and Guide services.

## **Cancellation Policy:**

Should you need to cancel the school within 30 days prior to the starting date, we will issue a gift certificate in the amount of the cancelled school. That gift certificate may be used toward another school date of your choice.

# Two-Day Class Program:

## Day One

- 8:15 a.m. Student registration at Northwest Outfitters.
- 8:45 a.m. Students caravan to the Coeur d'Alene Resort.
- 9:15 a.m. Introductions and discussion of class program.
- 9:30 a.m. Classroom presentation—lines, rods, reels.
- 10:30 a.m. Classroom presentation—*The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part one: video on the basic casting stroke.
- 10:45 a.m. Move to casting area for demonstration of basic casting stroke; students casting.
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 12:30 p.m. Restaurant review for Coeur d'Alene area.
- 12:45 p.m. Classroom presentation—wading safely.
- 1:00 p.m. Classroom presentation—*The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part two: video on shooting line, false casting, and roll casting.
- 1:15 p.m. Boat ride to casting area on Coeur D'Alene Lake.
- 1:30 p.m. Demonstration on shooting line, false casting, and roll casting. Students casting. Videotaping of students casting.
- 2:45 p.m. Boat ride back to the resort.
- 3:00 p.m. Classroom demonstration—Equipment and accessories.
- 3:30 p.m. Classroom demonstration—Leaders and knot tying. Discussion on weights and strike indicators.
- 4:30 p.m. End of the first day.

## Day Two

- 8:30 a.m. Classroom presentation—Entomology, fly selection, and how to fish flies. Tips on how to handle, photograph, and release fish.
- 9:30 a.m. Video analysis. *The Orvis Progressive Fly Casting Method*, part three: video on the double haul.
- 10:30 a.m. Casting area—Students practice casting.
- 11:30 p.m. Classroom presentation—Orvis-endorsed fishing vacations. Fly-fishing opportunities around the world.
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:00 p.m. River trip—Students caravan to Spokane River. Talk on reading water. Demonstration on fishing dry flies, nymphs, wet flies, and streamers; students fishing.
- 4:00 p.m. End of school.

## Lodging Options:

Most students stay at The Coeur d'Alene Resort, as they offer special rates for Orvis Fly-Fishing School students. Students who wish to lodge at The Coeur d'Alene Resort should call the resort to make reservations. Please mention that you are a student to receive a special rate.

The Coeur d'Alene Resort  
337 Lakeside  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
1-800-688-5253  
[www.cdaresort.com](http://www.cdaresort.com)

The hotel of your choice will confirm your reservation separately. Payment for lodging should be made directly to the hotel.

### Hotels and Motels

The Ramada Inn  
The Spokane International Airport  
Spokane, WA 99224  
1-800-272-6232 (45 minutes away)

Hampton Inn and Suites  
1500 W. Riverstone Dr.  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-769-7900

Shilo Inn  
702 Appleway  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-664-2300 (5 minutes)

Ameritel Inn Hotel  
333 Iron Wood  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-665-9000

Days Inn  
2200 Northwest Blvd.  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-667-8668 (5 minutes)

### Bed and Breakfasts

The Clark House  
4550 East S. Hayden Lake Rd.  
Hayden Lake, ID 83835  
1-800-765-4593 (25 minutes )

Blackwell House  
820 Sherman  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-664-0656 (5 minutes)

### RV Park

Blackwell Island RV Park  
800 S. Marina Drive  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-665-1300 (5 minutes)

## **Orvis-Endorsed Guides:**

Northwest Outfitters

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