

Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) Program

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This conference is facilitated by the BSA National Fishing Committee, with a focus on providing enhancements to your BSA Fishing Programs. Course will cover Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing Fishing Programs held at the Unit, District, and Council Level.

Course delivers an understanding of the Mission and Vision of Outdoor Programs-Fishing, assisting in your efforts to “Deliver the Promise”. You will learn age based and skill appropriate fishing tools and techniques for your Scouts, ranging from the Cane Pole to Fly Fishing. The course highlights best practices on content delivery, in both the classroom and the field.

Mission of the CAI Program:

- To lead and guide BSA fishing programs to excel at rewarding all scouts with the best opportunity possible to learn and enjoy the sport of fishing.
- Encourage and foster exceptional learning experiences through superior education, advancement, role modeling, and program and literature development.
- Backstory:

Boys Life magazine did a survey, asking boys: What would you like to do in the outdoors?”

- 87% of Cub Scouts want to go Fishing
- 52% ask their families to go fishing
- Only 35% of the Scout Units have fishing on their yearly calendar.

What is a CERTIFIED ANGLING INSTRUCTOR?

- BSA National trained and certificated individual
- Council advocate, resource, and leader trained to execute fishing, fly-fishing, and fish and wildlife programs
- Trainer and role model who imparts the skills needed by Scouts to enjoy fishing adventures they will probably remember for the rest of their lives.
- Recruitment and retention champion intent on training Scouting leaders and keeping all Scouts active and engaged.

This is a good point to check in with you and answer questions. I will remain in the back of the room for a while to elaborate further if you would prefer. Also, we have provided additional fliers about the course in the back of the room and encourage you to take some home with you and share with your Packs, Troops, or Crews.

Thank you for your time, as well as all you give for your Pack, Troop and/or Crew. You are valuable and appreciated.