

Entomology Class (Rob Farris and Kent McCammon)

Dates: Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 13, Mar 23, 2019

The Tri-Valley Flyfishers is pleased to offer the Entomology Class for beginners and intermediates as taught by an experienced group of TVFF fly fishers and utilizing materials from the renowned biologist “The Bug Guy”, Ralph Cutter and other localized resources. The four part course consists of three evening classroom sessions and a morning of on-stream practical experience on a local stream, likely Putah Creek in Winters, CA. Wednesday evening classes are typical from 7:00pm (sharp) to 9:30 (approximately) at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. The club is offering this new class due to significant demand. Don't miss out, sign up early! We will confirm once minimum of 8 are paid for the class.

Signups: Fees for this course are: **TVFF members \$45. Non-members \$85.** For non-members, the fee includes TVFF membership dues throughout 2019. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Please make checks out to 'TVFF' and mail to Tri-Valley Flyfishers, PO Box 2358 Livermore, CA, 94551. **The first 12 payments received by the club secure your seat.**

Day 1: Classroom (Wednesday February 6, 2019) – Time 7 – 9:30 pm

- Introduction to Entomology and class goals
- Entomology reference sources and guides
- Water quality, habitat and biological classification
- Metamorphosis, generations, and Taxonomy

Day 2: Classroom (Wednesday February 20, 2019) - Time 7 – 9:30 pm

- Session 1 quick review
- Taxonomy
- Mayflies (Ephemeroptera), and Stoneflies (Plecoptera)
- Midges (Diptera), and Caddis (Trichoptera)
- Other orders and terrestrials
- Clingers, swimmers, burrowers, and crawlers
- Behavioral drift
- Understanding and imitating sub surface bug movement

Day 3: Classroom (Wednesday March 13, 2019) – Time 7-9:30 PM

- Session 2 quick review

- Understanding hatch charts (Truckee, Hat Creek, McCloud rivers, etc.)
- On the stream collection techniques
- Collection tools
- Collection tray examinations (stoneflies, mayflies, midges, caddis, others)
- Arranging your fly box
- Final review and quiz

Day 4: Putah Creek on stream (Saturday March 22, 2019) – (Putah Creek parking lot #1, Winters, CA)

- Locating key collection areas
- Class assignments and collection activities
- Identifying tray specimens
- Determining effective flies
- Group lunch
- Free fishing in the afternoon on Putah

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