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A great opportunity for young people to expand their knowledge of fly fishing is on the horizon. The Big Horn Youth Adventure is currently taking applications for this years program in Fort Smith, MT on the banks of the world famous Big Horn River. Twelve youth will be selected by the Big Horn River Alliance for a four day fly tying and fly fishing adventure! All meals, lodging, airport shuttles, and guides will be provided free of charge. .The Big Horn River Alliance, and the Ft. Smith angling community deserve a big hat's off for their generous donation. Air transportation to Billings must be secured by the participant's parents/guardian. Twelve youth ages 14 to 18 will be selected to participate in this program that will run from June 24th – 29th.

Here are some details.....

During their stay at Fort Smith the Big Horn River Alliance will provide at NO COST all of the meals beginning with dinner June 24th thru breakfast June 29th.

Lodging will be provided at NO COST by several of the lodges (double occupancy) in and around Ft. Smith.

Guiding will be provided by mature, licensed, insured, professional guides who have logged thousands of days on the Big Horn. There will be a total of 24 guide days at NO COST to the kids.

Tackle and fly tying tools will be provided if necessary.

The days will be busy as the kids will be picked up each morning at 7:00am and taken to breakfast at a lodge or restaurant and at 8:00 to 8:30 we will begin our daily fly tying session which will last from two to three hours. The kids will be taught to tie the flies they will be fishing with that day. The guides will meet the kids at 10:00 to 11:00 and off to the river. Lunches will be served on the river.

The guides will usually keep the kids out till sometime from 6:00pm to 8:00pm depending on how the fishing is or when dinner is scheduled for the kids.

The kids will be with a different guide each day for the experience of learning from the guides individual guiding and fishing techniques. We will pair the kids into six "teams" who will stay together for all four days.

The Fly Tying sessions each morning will be conducted by Frank Johnson with the help of several other experienced professional fly tiers and teachers. Frank has been tying professionally for fifty years and teaching for forty.

On the last evening, June 28th, we will have a special deluxe dinner and an Achievement/Awards Ceremony. We do not consider fly fishing a competition so there will be no "Big Fish" award but there will be a "most improved angler" award etc... All the kids will get an award. This will be a fun time. We will be asking suppliers and manufactures for help to provide some special gifts for the kids.

Anyone who is interested must fill out an application form. The form contains general information including contact information, questions regarding angler experience, health and diet questions, and more. There are also three essay questions at the conclusion of the application that can be attached.

Call Frank Johnson with questions or to obtain an application form at 307-672-5164 or email at bghrnhkl@wavecom.net

Applications must be received by March 31, 2009. Those selected will be notified by April 15th.

If Frank is not available an application can be obtained by contacting Matt Wilhelm at 406-222-9369 ext 103.