

Southern Sierra Fly Fishers



Kings River Outing

Saturday, January 14, 2023

7:30AM: We will meet at [Avocado Lake Park](#) (entrance fee of \$5.00 cash per vehicle) for breakfast burritos served down by the river. After breakfast, we will head out and spend the rest of the day fishing. Mentors will be available upon request.

After a day of fishing, head over to the [Piccadilly Inn Airport](#) and belly up at the Captain's Cove Lounge to share your fish stories over cold beverages.

6:00 PM: Meet in the Grand Californian Ballroom at the Piccadilly Inn for a banquet style buffet dinner. The cost will be \$39.00 per person and is payable on the [SSFFC Website](#). Dinner reservations and payments are due by December 31st. We will have a wine bar set up with plenty of Mer-LOT and Caber-NET for your enjoyment! Bring your favorite bottle to share! Sorry, no other alcohol is allowed to be consumed unless it is purchased on-site. There will be an in-room NO HOST bar, for all your adult beverage needs. Your payment of \$39 Includes dinner Buffet, wine bar, breakfast Saturday morning, 1 raffle ticket and entry into the Heads & Tails game.

7:30PM Club festivities will begin after dinner and will be filled with the typical SSFF Club shenanigans you've come to love! Come dressed to impress in your most outrageous and fishiest Black Fly Attire where the best dressed will win a \$100 gift card to the Kern River Fly Shop! Even if you do not join for dinner, please come for the fun afterwards! We will be having our infamous "White Fish" gift exchange, so please bring a (re)gift under \$20 to participate. There will be plenty of raffles including a custom-built 3 wt rod (Tim Marchiando) with a matching custom-built 3D printed reel/line (3D Fly Reels) along with many other great items! Heads & Tails game will be for a custom built 3 wt Bamboo rod (Chiaki) We will also be giving out our award for Fly Fisher of the Year and the Bayla – Hart award for excellence in representing Southern Sierra Fly Fishers.

RECOMMENDED LODGING:

- We recommend the [Piccadilly Inn Airport](#) in Fresno, CA as this is where Saturday nights festivities will be. Recent rates were found for \$80.00 per night, just ask google!
- RV Camping (RV's / trailers Only) is available at [Riverbend RV Park](#) located near our fishing grounds on the Kings River.

GEAR AND TACKLE RECOMMENDATION | BY RANDY SKIDGEL

The Kings offers many the same types of water as the Kern and other Sierra streams. There is ample pocket water to drift Nymphs through or to dredge the bottom while “high sticking”. There are plenty of long swift runs to swing streamers through with your “Trout Spey”

If the weather allows, there will be good BWO and Caddis hatches going off. Very educated sippers will challenge your presentation skills. Think ZERO drag, long 15’ Harvey Slack Line leader systems work well here. 6x or 7x tippet will be necessary as the fish get more educated. Downstream drift is a must to consistently catch the sippers. I like a 5wt 9’ to throw nymphs under a bobber. The fish can be very large and hard to land on anything smaller than a 5wt. I use an 8’6” 4wt for my dry fly fishing.

NYMPHS

- Pheasant Tail Nymph- #16-20
- Gold Ribbed Hares Ear- #16-20
- Epoxy Back Hares Ear- #16-20
- Copper John- #16-#20
- Birds Nest- #18-20
- Prince Nymphs- #16- 20
- Zebra Midges- #18-22
- Red Squirrel Tail Nymph- #16-20

DRIES

- Parachute Adams- #16-22
- Elk Hair Caddis- #16- #20
- BWO- #18-22
- Hackleless BWO- #18-22
- Griffiths Knot- #18-22

STREAMERS

- Krystal Buggers- Brown, Black, Olive, White
- Muddler Minnows
- Clousers
- Leach Patterns

EMERGERS

- Baetis BWO emerger- #18-22
- Barr Emerger- #18-22
- WD-40 # 16-22



BLACK FLY AFFAIR

DRESS TO BE A "LEGEND" CONTEST



HERE YOU GO, A CHANCE TO BECOME A "LEGEND" THINK FISHY ATTIRE WITH A FLARE TOWARDS THE FORMAL DRESS. YES, YOU HEARD US RIGHT!! IMAGINE WADERS & TAILS, CUMMERBUND & BUFFS, SHORTS & VEST WITH A BOW TIE, FISHE' LEGGINGS & FORMAL SKIRT. TOP HAT & WADING STAFF. PUT ON WHAT YOU NORMALLY WEAR TO THE WATER AND DRESS IT UP. CUSTOMIZE AND ACCESORIZE TO BRING YOUR OUTFIT UP TO "LEGEND" STATUS. FAN FAVORITE WILL RECEIVE A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM KERN RIVER FLYSHOP AND.....(DRUM ROLL) THE COVETED "LEGEND" TROPHY. PLUS, A FULL YEAR OF BEING REFERED TO AS "THE LEGEND"



WHITE FISH GIFT EXCHANGE



DON'T FORGET TO BRING A WRAPPED GIFT (\$20 VALUE) TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL WHITE-FISH GIFT EXCHANGE!

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW,
SOMETHING YOU BORROWED FROM A
FRIEND AND NEVER RETURNED...