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# Parent Info



# Bitterroot Buggers

## WHO ARE WE?

### Trout Unlimited

Trout Unlimited is America's leading trout and salmon conservation organization. Trout Unlimited has 125,000 members and 500 volunteer-based chapters spread across the United States and Canada. TU's mission is to conserve, protect and restore the nation's coldwater fisheries and their habitats. Trout Unlimited is a non-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees and grassroots board called the National Leadership Council. The NLC is comprised of a representative from each state. Montana Trout Unlimited, or the Montana Council of Trout Unlimited, represents the 3,000 members and 13 chapters of TU in Montana. [www.brtu.org/blog/](http://www.brtu.org/blog/)

### Keystone Enrichment Program

The Keystone Enrichment Program is a project of the Hamilton School District funded by a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant through the Montana Office of Public Instruction. The program provides a safe and enriching place for children to go after school and during the summer. We offer clubs that encourage interest in the arts, nature, physical activities, creative think, reading, and problem solving. All clubs are led by school district employees or talented individuals from our community. It is open to ANY student in the Hamilton area, grades 1-8. [www.keystonetodiscovery.org](http://www.keystonetodiscovery.org)

## WHEN IS BITTERROOT BUGGERS OFFERED?

Registration ends January 24. The program begins February 7 and continues through March 20. The class meets every Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:00pm. All classes will be held at the Westview Center, 103 S. 9th, Hamilton. A special on-the-water day will be held on a weekend in April with that date to be determined by the weather.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

With generous contributions of time from our volunteers we are able to offer this program for free. The Bitterroot Chapter of Trout Unlimited is purchasing the materials through Western Flies and Guides at cost and underwriting the cost of the tying kits and rods to allow us to offer those at a greatly reduced price. Tying kits are available for \$15 and rods for \$30. If you are unable to purchase these supplies we will have kits available for use at the classes.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF STUDENTS?

The success of this program depends on the continued support of our volunteer instructors. Because of this we expect our participants to arrive each week ready to learn and enjoy themselves with attitudes that are respectful of everyone involved. Every child will be expected to help with cleanup and treat the materials and equipment with respect. If a student's behavior is disruptive to the program or dangerous to themselves, volunteers or other students, parents will be notified immediately, asked to pick their child up and the student will no longer be welcome in the program. This is to ensure the happiness and well being of all program participants.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF FAMILIES?

Because we are staffed by volunteers it is essential that you do not drop your child off before 6:30 or pick them up after 8:00. We simply cannot provide supervision beyond the program time. We want your children to always be safe so please notify us in advance if your child will be walking home or someone other than those listed on the registration will be picking-up. We love to have parents participate with their child but please assist your child to follow the directions given by the instructor. Everyone has different methods and techniques they use in tying but the curriculum has been carefully developed to allow for a continuity of techniques.

Be sure and take a moment to thank the volunteer instructors. We really appreciate them giving up their evenings to work with us!

If you ever have questions or concerns, please contact us at 375-9999 or 363-9099