

## EDUCATION

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Greetings Everyone,

There are a couple local educational opportunities in July at Cabela's. This weekend, July 12-13, Cabela's is putting on a Fall Salmon Fishing Seminar. While most of this is focused on bait and gear chucking, there is one class titled *Silvers on the Fly* at 11:00 on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, Cabela's is hosting a fly casting class. This seems to be aimed at the beginning fly fisher and all equipment is provided.

Last month I was fortunate enough to be able to volunteer a couple of nights at the Northwest Youth Conservation Fly Fishing Academy (NWYCFFA). The academy hosted 19 young fishers and had over 50 volunteers to help out during the week. I spent two evenings as a ghillie on the Deschutes River. On Tuesday, I was giving advice on where to look for fish, what fly to use, and how to present the fly. On Thursday, I needed to just get out of the way. These kids were fishing machines. They had learned quite a lot in just a couple days.

One thing I learned on Thursday evening is that the fish were biting on the Parachute Adams and Royal Wulff. I let one student pick through my fly box. He chose the Royal Wulff and soon was into a nice cutthroat. The Royal Wulff is one of those flies that I have had in my box for many years but usually do not use. I just could not imagine a fish biting such a fly, but I guess it became a popular fly for a reason.



To tie a Royal Wulff, you will need the following materials:

- Hook: Standard dry fly, size 10-18
- Thread: 6/0 to 10/0 color to match body or black.
- Body: Red floss and peacock herl.
- Tail: Moose body hair.
- Wing: White calf tail, calf body hair, goat hair or synthetic hair.
- Hackle: Quality brown neck or saddle hackle

Written directions from High Country Outfitters (Jackson Hole, WY) can be found on their website at <http://highcountryflies.com/royal-wulff/>. If you are a visual learner, you can watch a video at <http://youtu.be/RmZ1UD57Ue4> with an alternate method of tying the body.