

## 4th Corner Fly Fishers

Congratulations and welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers Club (4CFF). We welcome your interest in becoming a member of our fly fishing club. We are a club of varied individuals, who enjoy each other's camaraderie, fishing skills, stories, etc. We are committed to preserving, enhancing, and conserving our natural resources and continually learning the sport of fly fishing.

*No later than your fourth participation in a club function, you must make application for Guest Status.*

As a non-voting guest of 4CFF, you are entitled to attend all of our monthly membership meetings with the various programs, attend our fishing outings, conservation projects and education programs.

### Application Steps for Guest Status

1. *Please complete and submit the Application for Guest Status (2<sup>nd</sup> page), the Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreements (3<sup>rd</sup> page), and return to the Membership Chair or any Director, who will ensure your name is added to the Club email and phone lists as a Guest Status applicant. The objective of the 'Guest Status' period is two-fold: 1. For you to experience the club and to decide if the club meets your expectations. 2. For the club members to determine your compatibility with 4CFF and its aims and purposes. To facilitate this process, you will be required to complete the Membership Requirements – see #4 below and identify two club sponsors.*
2. The signing and dating of this application starts your period of 'Guest Status' and your acknowledgement of being informed of the Bylaws of 4CFF. The 'Guest Status' period is flexible in that it may take each guest a different number of months to complete the membership requirements and to identify two club sponsors. You have up to 24 months to complete the membership requirements; however, applicants are expected to make concerted progress. Periodic reviews of your application status will take place by the Membership Committee.
3. Read and familiarize yourself with the 4CFF Bylaws and be willing to abide by them, and later take an oath to that effect. The Bylaws are available on-line at [www.4thcornerfly.com](http://www.4thcornerfly.com) under the Home tab - "Links."
4. Membership Requirements:
  - \*Attend 3 Monthly General Membership Meetings  
**or** attend 2 Monthly General Membership Meetings and a Meet & Greet event
  - \*Participate in 1 Club Fly Fishing Outing
  - \*Participate in 1 Conservation project **or** 1 Education Event **or** attend 1 Board of Director's Meeting
  - \*Demonstrate compatibility with the aims, purposes and membership of the Club
  - \* Commit to serving in a leadership role within the first 3 years of membership. (This would include holding an elected position, an appointed Committee chair, serving as a volunteer on a committee, or hosting and outing.)
5. Two Club Sponsors:

4CFF club members welcome new members and will work with you during your 'Guest Status' period; you are encouraged to ask any Club Member for information or help. It is recommended that you spend the first period of your guest status getting to know us and to feel comfortable. Once established, you should move towards obtaining two sponsoring members and spend time with them at club activities (including fishing outings, conservation projects, education programs, etc). It is the joint responsibility of you and your sponsors to become acquainted so they can effectively represent you to the Board and the General Membership. Both sponsors will be required to address the Board and General Membership on your behalf. Upon completion of the membership requirements, you may apply for membership to the Club.

Good luck and most importantly, remember: "It is the journey as much as the destination."

**4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers - APPLICATION FOR GUEST STATUS**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse(Family Membership)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children: (Family Membership)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**An e-mail account is recommended as most all club communications are via e-mail.**

**Why are you interested in joining the 4th Corner Fly Fishers?**

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**How did you find out about 4th Corner Fly Fishers?**

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**What is your fly-fishing experience?**

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**List any special skill, equipment or knowledge that you possess that could be of benefit to the 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers.**

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**I/We wish to apply for Guest Status with the 4th Corner Fly Fishers and proceed with completing the requirements for membership.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (Family Membership) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature acknowledges your receipt of/access to the 4CFF Bylaws and the start of your 'Guest Status' period, which has no minimum number of months and can extend up to 24 months, BUT expires thereafter.

Return this form along with the non-refundable \$30.00 application fee to the Membership Chair, any member of the Membership Committee or one of the Officers or Directors of the club. **We suggest you track your club participation during the guest status period on the separate Record of Completion of Membership Requirements form.**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Fly Fishers - WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I hereby represent that I wish to participate in a program, class or activity sponsored by the Fourth Corner Fly Fishers, a non-profit corporation. I recognize that any sporting activity may involve certain dangers to my personal health and safety, but that fly fishing is particularly dangerous because it is conducted in water and that the sport thus involves multiple hazards to my personal safety created by fly fishing equipment, including sharp fish-hooks that may cut, gouge or blind a person, flexible rods and whipping lines that may bruise or blind a person, and that outdoor natural features or processes, such as slippery soils, quicksand, mud, rushing water, deep pools, unstable rocks, falling trees, tangled roots, nettles and thorns could injure or kill me, and that there may also be domestic or wild animals present during my participation in such activities that pose additional risks of harm, and that I may be directly impacted by bad weather, dangerous currents and other forces of nature that may cause serious injury or death, by drowning or otherwise, and that there exists a further risk of harm resulting from the actions of other participants and/or unrelated persons, along with additional risks that are not enumerated here.

I further acknowledge that indoor activities sponsored by the Fourth Corner Fly Fishers may also involve certain dangers to my personal health and safety, including but not limited to hazards created by the use of sharp fish-hooks, fly tying materials that may contain caustics, irritants or allergens, fly tying vises that may pinch or tear flesh or clothing, along with cements, lacquers, varnishes and dyes that contain toxic and carcinogenic substances, and that there exists a further risk of harm resulting from the actions of other participants and/or unrelated persons, along with additional risks that are not enumerated here.

I understand that these hazards produce a risk of physical harm or death, as well as a risk of loss or damage to my personal property. I further understand and agree that Fourth Corner Fly Fishers would not be able to sponsor such activities without some form of agreement providing protection for Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and its officers, directors, committee members and other volunteer workers.

In consideration of the foregoing, I hereby release Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and its officers, directors, committee members and other volunteer workers from any and all liability, claims and/or causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with my participation in the program, class or activity sponsored by the Fourth Corner Fly Fishers.

I personally assume all risks in connection with these activities, and further agree to hold Fourth Corner Fly Fishers and its officers, directors and other volunteer workers harmless from and against any and all liability, claims and/or causes of action that may result from my participation at any time in any such activities, including but not limited to claims involving negligence on the part of such officers, directors or other volunteer workers, that result in personal injury or death to myself or my family and/or loss or damage to my personal property. The terms of this agreement shall bind myself, members of my family, and my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives.

I have fully informed myself of the contents of this release and hold harmless agreement by reading it before I have signed it.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name Printed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse – If Family Membership)

**Name Printed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021