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GIFT GUIDE

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OUR HOLIDAY GUIDE TO FLY FISHING GIFTS



WHAT TO GET THE FLY ANGLER ON YOUR LIST

We here at the Southeastern Council Board have put our heads together to come up with some ideas for holiday gifting. We tried to cover a variety of price points and categories. It is not an exhaustive list, just a few things that are at the top of each of our lists. Try to patronize regional guides, outfitters, and shops when you can. Oh...and don't forget, a donation to one of the many charities in our fly fishing community is always in good taste. Have a wonderful holiday season!

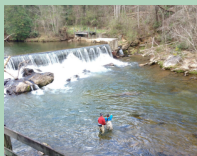
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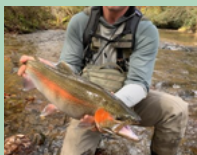
A CASTING LESSON

Buy someone a lesson with an FFi certified casting instructor. You can only learn so much from YouTube! A searchable directory of CCIs is available [here](#), or hit us up for a recommendation.



A GUIDE TRIP

Buy someone a trip with their favorite guide/outfitter. Or send them to try something new. We have so many excellent guides in our region!



PRIVATE WATER TIME

Gift some time on a trophy stream. There are many from which to choose in the Southeastern Council region.

THE BEST THINGS ARE FREE (OR NEARLY FREE)

TAKE SOMEONE FLYFISHING

Wow, bonus points with FFi for this one! Especially a person new to the sport.

GIVE AWAY SOME FLIES YOU TIED

One of the coolest gifts to receive is a package with a bunch of flies tied with love by a friend or family member.

TEACH SOMEONE TO TIE FLIES

Also bonus points with FFi for this one! Learning to tie can feel overwhelming if you do not have the tools and materials, so give someone a lesson using all your stuff (we know you have extra).

BABYSIT FOR SOMEBODY SO THEY CAN GO FISHING

Totally free gift, except for your time!

FLY TYING



UMPQUA TRAVELER FLY TYING BAG

An excellent place to stash and organize everything you would want to pack to tie flies while traveling. There are pockets and pouches for all your hooks, feathers, dubbing and materials, room for a disassembled vise, tubes to hold thread and wire, and slots for tools. \$105 on sale at various retailers.

THE FLYMEN FISHING COMPANY FLY TESTER

Definitely a whimsical gift - a niche product for a pro tyer who is developing new patterns, or someone demo tying a lot. It is a mini tank of water with current to test fly performance. It is really cool to watch the movement of the fly in water right on your table. Around \$160.



HOOKS AND BEADS

Stocking stuffers for the tyer. Dry fly hooks, jig hooks, streamer hooks, maybe some articulated spines and for predators. Tungsten beads (slotted for jigs, cones for streamers). Price varies.

NEW SCISSORS

Can a fly tyer ever have too many scissors? Why would you even ask that? Take your pick from Renomed, Anadromous, Loon ergo, or others. Wicked sharp new scissors are a great gift. Price varies.



BEAUTIFUL THINGS

A JOE MANGIAFICO KNIFE

Support our partner Science on the Fly by bidding on one of these beautiful handcrafted knives at their [online annual auction](#). Retail price is \$500 and up for these beauties. There are lots of other great items and trips up for auction, as well.



A HANDMADE PRINT FROM MB MEEKS BLOCK PRINTS

Alabama artist Mary Beth Meeks creates these lovely block printed designs which are then hand finished with brushed details. One would be a great addition to your fish decor. Starting around \$40 depending on size and detail, on Etsy: [MBMeeksBlockPrints](#)

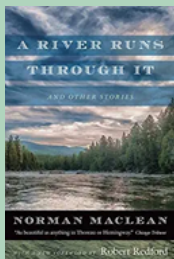


FEATHER EARRINGS FROM PRETTY FLY DESIGNS

How about a pair of custom feather earrings from Pretty Fly Designs? They have gorgeous hand tied earrings and hat adornment feather arrangements created by North Carolina fly fishing guide and fly tier, Capt. Christopher Siess, About \$40-60 on [prettyfly-designs.com](#)



BOOK PICKS FROM THE BOARD



DEBRA PAULI - PRESIDENT

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT AND OTHER STORIES, by Norman Maclean. It is tough to underestimate the influence this book has had on fly fishing, largely through the film adaptation. It remains a very moving fly fishing tale. Various editions available.



KATHLEEN BERGERON - VP CONSERVATION

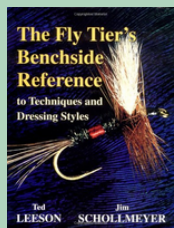
One of Dana Lamb's slim volumes containing very short feel-good essays & stories about flyfishing. Great for a short read just before bedtime. Out of print, but available online used at sites like Biblio and Alibris. Wouldn't a handsome vintage book make a nice gift for the well-read angler?



CATHY VALANCIUS - SECRETARY AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

FLY FISHING FOR REDEYE BASS: AN ADVENTURE ACROSS SOUTHERN WATERS, by Matthew R. Lewis.

Part biology lesson, part fishing guide, part angler's tale, this book is a great introduction to fishing for some of the Southeastern Council region's native black bass species. \$25 paperback.



PAUL GRUVER - FLY TYING COORDINATOR

THE FLY TIER'S BENCHSIDE REFERENCE TO TECHNIQUES AND DRESSING STYLES, by Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer. A handsome volume to have, with instruction on a almost everything you would want to know about tying flies. \$88 hardcover.

GEAR



SIMMS G4Z WADERS (MEN)

Definitely a splurge at \$700+. These are a tried and true winner. The zipper really ups the convenience factor. Several of our Southeastern Council board members mentioned these as a luxury item they would love to receive.



MISS MAYFLY WADING PANTS (WOMEN)

Smaller foot sizing makes these a great gift for a woman. So many women in the Georgia Women Fly Fishers own these things, they joke that their fishing days look like an ad for the company. \$280.



FISHPOND NOMAD NET-MID LENGTH

A beautiful and functional piece of equipment. Pictured is the American Rivers pattern, but it comes in a bunch of designs and plain colors. The mid length is the perfect size for larger trout on the trophy streams or delayed harvest waters. Around \$160.



SMITH CREEK ROD CLIP

Don't hold your rod between you legs or put your rod down on rocks and precarious places. This clip is like an extra hand. Around \$25.

STOCKING STUFFERS AND GIFT EXCHANGES



TIPPET SPOOLS AND LEADERS

Trout anglers can always use some more 4-6X Fluoro or Nylon, and for bass friends some 2X-3X is great. Any brand is fine. Tapered leader 3-Packs in 4-6x for trout are also great gifts.



STRAGGLE STRING AND DIRTY BUG YARN

Well, these may not be for the fly tying traditionalist, but they are awesome for knocking out some flies really fast. They are nifty materials by Semperfli and carried in many fly shops. \$3-5 per spool.



FISH PATTERNED WADING BELTS

A variety of companies make fish skin patterned belts, tights, shoes, you name it. But for around \$25, the Wingo Outdoors wading belts are a fun gift exchange idea.



A FRESH LID

A new ball cap from a cool outfitter or fly shop is always a welcome gift. Usually \$25-30,