

Angling Coaching Initiative

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Information Pack for Participants

Welcome to the sport of fishing! By joining ACI we aim to teach you how to fish in local lakes and other still-waters to catch a whole variety of fish, using many different methods and tackle. We'll introduce you to float fishing in all its forms, ledgering and feeder fishing, using a pole, all with the objective of giving you the best chance of catching fish in a huge variety of situations and throughout the season. Don't worry though we keep it very simple to start with, and that comes with a virtual guarantee that you will catch even on your first outing! It's fun and exciting but be warned, it is likely to lead to you being "hooked" for life!

Read on for more details.

APPLICANTS

We welcome Junior anglers between the ages of 8 & 16, though there is latitude in this, certainly if a younger sibling wishes to try. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents are welcome to attend with them, or can elect to fish as well, but please note on some waters we are restricted on the number of swims so families who all wish to fish may be in one, wide swim.

We won't be able to have too many group attendances so the overall number may have to be limited, depending on coach numbers etc.

Note you do not need to be a member of either of the host angling clubs MAS & KDAA, or to have previous angling experience, all will be catered for!

COSTS

We are a voluntary organisation so charges are made just to cover the cost of bait & replacement tackle, including limited breakages.

The waters are donated free of charge by our host angling clubs & the coaches donate their time. All tackle is provided, though if you can bring your own stools/low chairs that would be appreciated.

One child £7.50 a day, or £20 for 3 lessons

Two siblings, or one parent & one child, £12.00 a day

Complete Family to cover one adult and two children fishing, £15 a day

**** Non-fishing parents free but must ONLY assist their OWN children

In the event of difficulties over funding please speak privately to Chris Burt.

VENUES & DATES

A list of the dates for the main tutorial lessons is included, which also shows the different venues where these take place. We are very happy to take those that want to try fishing for a single lesson though, and then sign on for more if they like it. Three venues from each cub are used, ten lessons in all. Pupils are welcome to sign on again for following seasons, until they have the confidence to fish independently. There will also be the opportunity in due course to take successive assessments of their skills through the "Cast" scheme, to further grow their abilities.

Timing. Please arrive promptly for a short briefing for the day at 9.30am. Fishing will start at 10am, till 2pm. Ideally please arrive at 2pm to share a photo session of a small selection of the fish that have been caught that day, to share in their enjoyment! Latest arrival time 2.15pm please.

A further 4 days titled "Family Days" are also shown. These are introductory days in the school holidays where people who have never fished, can come down for an hour or two to see if they would like to take up angling. These are entirely separate from the main teaching days.

DIRECTIONS to each venue are included in a separate pack (enclosed).

FISHING TACKLE

Once you know some of the basic tactics to catch & safely handle your quarry you'll want to try this out on your own. Guidance on buying the tackle you need is available by getting this from a local fishing tackle shop.

Note also if you already have some fishing tackle, you are welcome to use this at our coaching sessions. Please though bring it first to one of our "tackle workshops" held after the coaching sessions, to check suitability, & to check you have what is needed to be successful.

Due to the risk of fish diseases such as KHV however, do NOT bring any nets, keep-nets or landing nets, onto the water please.

For your information, the basic list of the tackle needed will be made available for discussion too once coaching is underway

JOINING KDA & MAS

Both clubs offer excellent value for money for the really good fishing they have over a wide range of waters. If you would like to join them, so you can fish the venues we use for coaching plus a wide variety of other waters, see details on the club's websites.

www.kdaa.co.uk KDA is £30 per annum for juniors, or a KDA Parent/Junior membership is £100.

www.maldonas.co.uk The MAS junior membership is £27 per annum, less 20% off for both juniors and adults plus an additional £10 discount for families of three or more

ENROLLMENT TO THE COURSE

Every person who would like to attend our course to fish must fill in an application form please.

There are separate forms for Juniors & Adults.

There is a lot of additional information on these so do take the time to absorb the details of what is shown, and answer all the points raised. Particularly do please read the details on EA (Environment Agency) Rod Licences, and follow the guidance on these. We will have special "Waiver" Licences in place for our lessons for any adults to cover contingencies but would much prefer if you could take these Licences out as well for those aged 12 & over. Under 12 no licence is needed, they are free for those aged 12-16, above that charges apply.

Please return the application/s to;

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We will be running this through accredited Angling Trust Level 2 Coach's Graham Garnham & Chris Burt, who both hold Enhanced DBS checks, Safeguarding & Protecting Children, First Aid course etc.

That's an awful lot of dry information, the prime objective is to teach everyone how to fish and to improve their skills. We want to make this your sport for life! It is fun and provides a huge variety of types of places to fish, different surroundings, and various skills for the large range of fish we can catch in this country. You're welcome to come back to me to discuss.

Chris Burt, ACI