Fifth annual women's fly fishing seminar on Salmon River set for June 2-3

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Instructor Lindsay Agness, left, will lead the fifth annual Women’s Fly Fishing Seminar sponsored by the Tug Hill Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the NYS DEC June 2 and 3 in Altmar. Agness is pictured with participants at last year’s seminar.

The following is a press release:

The Tug Hill/Black River Chapter of Trout Unlimited in cooperation with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will sponsor a two-day fly-fishing seminar for women June 2 and 3 on the Salmon River in Altmar.

“This seminar is geared exclusively for women looking to improve their fly-fishing skills,” said instructor Lindsay Agness. “It will cover instruction from beginner to advanced stages of fly-fishing, fly-fishing tips and tactics, and hands-on instruction pertaining to Lake Ontario tributary-style fishing, which can also be applied to many other streams, creeks and rivers.”

Agness said the seminar takes place in a relaxed atmosphere. Students will learn the basics of fly-tying, stream entomology, equipment set up, casting using traditional fly rods and reels, and more.

“There will be highly skilled and experienced female and male instructors on hand to provide guidance so everyone has ample opportunities to learn,” said Agness. “The course will
encompass indoor and outdoor classroom settings as well as actual fishing in the Salmon River for trout and other freshwater species.”

Classes will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at the NYS DEC Salmon River Fish Hatchery in Altmar, and at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 3. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

The deadline to register is May 19. Registration is $25 per day or $40 for both days. Participants must be age 18 or older and must have a current New York State fishing license. Class size is limited to 20 students.

The seminars will be held rain or shine. Participants should dress for the weather and bring bug repellant and sun block as needed. Waders or hip boots are recommended, as the water temperature might still be chilly in mid-June. Equipment will be available at the seminar, but those who have a good, working fly rod set-up should bring it.

Pre-registrations can be e-mailed to: lindsay.agness@rochester.rr.com with “2012 Women’s Fly Seminar c/o Lindsay Agness TU” in the subject line.

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