

Introduction to Knots and Ropework Workshop

A continuing education course sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the American Fisheries Society



March 22nd, 2023
Shanty Creek Resort
Bellaire, Michigan



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Course Description: Introduction to Knots and Ropework is an introductory level workshop that will focus on the fundamentals of using rope/line and knots, primarily in a marine setting. The workshop will have a short lecture followed by hands-on instruction in small groups. Some of the topics covered in the workshop will be:

1. Advantages and disadvantages of common materials used to make rope
2. Proper terminology for parts of rope and line
3. How to determine the proper line for specific tasks onboard a vessel
4. The proper care, storage, and handling of boat lines
5. How to tie and utilize several of the most common knots in fisheries/marine work
6. How to fid hollow core braided line
7. Other tips and tricks from “the experts”!

Where – Shanty Creek Resort. <https://www.shantycreek.com/> 5780 Shanty Creek Road, Bellaire, MI 49615.

When – Wednesday, March 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost - \$15 for students (**up to five students will receive free registration, see workshop award form below**), \$50 for professional MIAFS/MITWS members, and \$75 for professional non-MIAFS/MITWS members.

Meals – Snack and beverages will be provided.

Lodging arrangements are not included with course registration. Hotel reservations can be made at the Shanty Creek Resort <https://www.shantycreek.com/> by calling 866-486-7790. Please ask for the Michigan AFS block of rooms to get the group rate of \$85 per night. The block of rooms will be released on February 22nd so please make your reservation before then! (Check in will be at 5pm on March 22nd).

To register for this workshop please visit the MIAFS website: <https://michigan.fisheries.org/annual-meetings/upcoming-meeting/> If you have any questions specific to the workshop please contact Dan Traynor at traynord@michigan.gov. **Class size is limited to 30 participants. Please register by February 22nd.**

Introduction to Knots and Ropework Workshop Student Award

Description: Reimbursement for workshop registration fee. In addition one workshop travel grant of \$150 will be awarded. Registration fee must be paid in advance and will be reimbursed upon successful completion of the workshop.

Purpose: To financially assist students who are interested in attending the Introduction to Knots and Ropework Workshop.



Eligibility criteria: The recipient(s) of these awards must be someone who is currently enrolled in a degree program at a Michigan college or university.

Documentation required: An application letter from the student nominee that includes: student's name, address, telephone number, educational institution, department, degree level, reasons for attending the workshop, and reasons why financial assistance is needed.

Selection criteria: The committee will evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria: 1). AFS involvement. 2). Reasons for attending the workshop. 3). Financial need.

Frequency of Award: Five workshop seats will be held for successful applicants until the application deadline. In addition one travel grant of \$150 will be awarded to the top applicant.

Deadline: Applications must be received by the Continuing Education Committee (Dan Traynor, traynord@michigan.gov) by February 22nd.

Applications will be forwarded to the Student Concerns Committee for review. Selections will be forwarded to the Chapter president, Continuing Education Committee, and the secretary-treasurer for notification. The secretary-treasurer will provide award directly to the selected recipients after successful completion of the workshop.