

# *Eastern Sierra Tenkara Clinic*

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Pat Jaeger of Eastern Sierra Guide Service is offering to do an introductory and advanced clinic on the Japanese technique of Tenkara fly-fishing on October 16 and 17. For those not familiar with the Tenkara technique, it is an ancient, simplified form of fishing using a 12 foot rod and an equal length of line attached to the rod's tip. It leaves out the complications and gadgetry common to Western style fly-fishing and makes fly-fishing truly what it should be a sublime experience.

The Saturday clinic is devoted to introducing the philosophy and technique of Tenkara fishing. The Sunday clinic is for members already familiar with the techniques of Tenkara and will be devoted to casting techniques and line control needed to confidently deal with the vagaries of stream fishing. The cost of each clinic is \$350 for the group. So if there are 5 members each will pay \$70 + tip. The fee includes the use of a Tenkara rod for those without one. There is no deposit necessary though Pat does request that he be notified a week before the clinics start of how many will be attending.

For members requiring accommodations, Bishop or Mammoth Lakes has plenty of motels at reasonable rates, though I recommend that reservations be obtained early to secure a room.

If you have any questions contact either Pat Jaeger <https://www.jaeger-flyfishing.com> or me at [klb1048@gmail.com](mailto:klb1048@gmail.com)

This is a great opportunity to learn about a different form of fishing that has been used for centuries in Japan. "Life (fly-fishing) is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated" ~ Confucius