

## Join us on our Eastern Sierra outing the weekend of October 12 & 13

In addition to the fishing the fall colors should be spectacular then.



For a change of pace, we've asked Pat Jaeger our favorite eastside guide to do a Tenkara workshop Saturday morning. Class will be for 5 hours and cost will be \$350 for the group (max of 10). If you want to sign up let me know.

We'll plan to do some fishing together the rest of the weekend and all meet for dinner Saturday night. See below for more about Tenkara from Pat.



Tenkara fly fishing, Japanese, literally: "from heaven," or "from the skies."

Tenkara is an ancient Japanese form of fly fishing in which only a rod, line and fly are used — no reel. Tenkara has been practiced in the mountain streams of Japan for perhaps hundreds of years. Tenkara came to the United States in 2009 and quickly surged in popularity to the point that today the number of Tenkara anglers in the U.S. rivals the number in Japan.

A Tenkara rod is typically lightweight and relatively long (11 to 15-feet), with a very flexible tip section. The specialized and extremely lightweight Tenkara fly line (usually lighter than even a 000-weight conventional Western fly line) is tied to the tip of the rod and generally measures between one and two times the length of the rod. About four feet of tippet is tied to the end of the line.

- A feather in hand
- Unbelievable accuracy
- Laser fast tip for quick strike
- Simple rigging
- Fast learning curve
- No brainer backcountry tool

As a novelty I bought a Tenkara rod; within a few casts I knew this was not a toy. I felt the same sensation as when I casted a Spey rod for Steelhead or used a screwdriver instead of a butter knife. I have not put the rods down for years now. We have fished our way through the Eastern Sierra and Northern California with unbelievable success.

Please don't get me wrong, this will never replace my rod and reel. Nor I will never quit casting loops of fly line. Hunting trout 50 feet away will always be a never-ending passion. I never tire of the sound of a big trout smoking fly line off my reel.

But... I will never quit looking for different ways to skin a cat.

The cross-over from intermediate to advance is crazy rapid (five minutes). Learning curve for anglers who have never explored the craft is extremely user-friendly, finally, the rod is light enough for kids and small ladies.

I am happy to introduce you and yours to this craft. I am willing and able to do classes and open a day in my calendar. My classes are all "on the water" and consist of

- Simple rigging
- tight line nymphing
- Dry fly tactics ( if we get targets)
- Traditional Kebari
- Hooking and landing fish

**rod, line, flies, trout.... just add water**