

# **Jeff Currier** *global fly fishing*

## **Currier Teaches the Basics at International Sportsmen's Exposition**

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Several familiar faces will grace the palatial halls of the Colorado Convention Center in Denver this week during the 30th annual International Sportsmen's Exposition, which begins its four-day run Thursday.



Among the many outdoor celebrities who will be presenting seminars, demonstrations and sharing their secrets of the best hunting, fishing and vacationing destinations worldwide will be Jack Dennis of Jackson, Wyoming, who might be one of the West's most-recognized coldwater angling celebrities.

Dennis, who was a hit with local anglers when he appeared at the 2003 Western Colorado Fly Fishing Exposition, will make a return to Grand Junction for this year's Fly Fishing Exposition on March 30-31.

Other well-known faces at this year's ISE include Marty Bartholomew, who was the featured guest at 2006 Fly Fishing Exposition, and Jeff Currier, a member of the U.S. Fly Fishing Team, noted angling artist and, yes, also a special guest of the Western Colorado Fly Fishing Exposition, in 2005.

Currier will be presenting "Flyfishing 101," a topic he feels is particularly suited for the ISE.

"You meet a lot of first-timers at these shows because it's a great place to learn the basics," said Currier, who recently decided to retire from the world of competitive fly fishing and concentrate on his sporting art career. "I'm going to compare fly fishing to other types of fishing like spin- and bait-fishing. I honestly think if someone gets good with a fly rod, they are at least equal to other types of fishing" when it comes to catching fish.

Approximately 575 exhibitors are expected for the show, which fills the 300,00 square foot hall with the latest in fishing, hunting, recreation vehicles and outdoor recreation of every variety.

Show hours this week are noon-9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$12 adult; younger than 12 are admitted free.

The Colorado Convention Center is at 700 14th St. in Denver.

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