

## *The Jungle Cock*



The *Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock* takes its name from a bird whose neck feathers are highly sought after for tying flies. The *Grey Junglefowl* (*Gallus Sonnerati*) is native to eastern and southern India. It inhabits bamboo groves and forests on mountain slopes up to 5000 feet in altitude. The Jungle Cock is the male of the species; its neck cape contains very distinctive white-spotted feathers that are used on many trout and salmon flies.



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## **Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock**

### **Michigan Chapter**



**Founded June 23, 1984  
At Grayling, Michigan**

**A Michigan 501(c)(3) Nonprofit  
Corporation**

**Affiliated with  
the Great Lakes Council  
of the  
Federation of Fly Fishers**

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## Our Purpose

The Brotherhood was founded in Maryland in the late 1930's by a group of sportsmen dedicated to teaching the love of fishing and the importance of conservation to our youth. Our purpose is well summarized by the following lines taken from our official Creed, drafted in 1939:

*Enjoying as we do, only a life estate in the out of doors, and morally charged in our time with the responsibility of handing it down unspoiled to tomorrow's inheritors, we individually undertake annually to take at least one child a-fishing, instructing him or her, as best we know, in the responsibilities that are soon to be wholly his or hers.*

The Michigan Chapter was established in June of 1984. Our major activity is our annual "Campfire" held each year during the last weekend in August. This event, held at Camp Harvest near Newaygo, Michigan, is for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 18 and features a variety of classes on fly fishing and fly tying, as well as plenty of opportunity to catch fish on a fly and other fun activities.

We also conduct an annual adult outing in late March or early April at Barothy Lodge near Walhalla. This event is both a social and a fishing event for our adult members but more importantly, also serves a fundraiser to support our annual youth program.

## Age Requirements

Campers should be at least 8 years old to enter the first year program; exceptions are made when, in the judgment of the parent or sponsor, a younger child is ready for the experience. However, campers must be at least 9 years old to enter the second year program; returning campers who are not yet 9 will be invited to repeat the first year program. This is intended to assure that kids reaching the Masters program in the sixth year will in fact be mature and skilled enough to have a positive experience on the river.



## For further information:

Further info about our club can be found online at:

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## Our Youth Program

Our annual youth fly-fishing "campfire" is intended to be a six-year program – though it can be adjusted based on the experience and skill-level of each child:

**First Year:** introduction to fly fishing gear, fly tying, fly casting, stream biology and ecology, sportsmanship, and safety. The highlight for most kids is catching fish on a fly they tied themselves.

**Second Year:** similar to the first year, but at a more advanced level.

**Third Year:** each camper makes a handcrafted fly-tying bobbin to keep for their own use and receives further instruction in casting, fly tying, and fishing.

**Fourth Year:** each camper builds a graphite fly rod and receives further instruction in fly casting, fly tying, and fishing.

**Fifth Year:** individual skill review and an introduction to stream wading to prepare for the on-stream fishing experience in the sixth year.

**Sixth Year:** "Fishing with the Masters" – an all-day stream fishing experience under the supervision of experienced fishing guides.

**Seventh Year:** "Graduates" who have completed all six years may repeat the "Masters" experience or may begin to participate with the adults as assistant counselors and instructors working with the younger kids.