

Tyler Befus Biography

Tyler Befus may only be 10 years old but has already been fly fishing and tying his own flies for more than seven years. His fly fishing journey began when he was old enough to go along in a child backpack. He started fly casting and fly tying before the age of three and landed his first fly caught trout on his own shortly before his third birthday. He is the youngest member of the Ross Reels, Rio Products, Inc., Oakley, Simms Fishing Products and Whiting Farms pro staff teams and is a Signature Fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. Tyler frequently presents kids fly fishing programs at numerous fly fishing and outdoor sport shows around the country including Arlington, TX, Somerset, NJ, Denver, CO, Pasadena, CA, St. Louis, MO and is the youngest fly tier/speaker presenting at the International Fly Tying Symposium in Somerset, New Jersey. Feature articles have appeared in many of the fly fishing trade publications as well as local, regional and national newspapers about Tyler's passion for the sport for fly fishing and fly tying. His media appearances include Terry Wickstrom's television series "Mountain States Fishing Adventures" as a host of the show and on the Denver based, live morning talk show, "Colorado & Company". He has fished the Rocky Mountain region extensively for trout and warmwater species. His fishing travels have taken him to Alaska for northern pike and sheefish, Texas for Guadalupe Bass and redbfish as well as Japan for Yamame, Iwana and Japanese sea bass. Tyler's first book, "A Kids Guide to Fly Fishing", was released in 2006, his second book, "A Kid's Guide to Fly Tying", will be released in late 2008 . He currently holds International Game Fish Association Junior World Records for sheefish and kokanee salmon. Tyler's fly tying abilities have been honored with a first place finish in the 2008 British and International Fly Tying Championships 16 and under International Category and a Silver Medal winner in the 2008 Mustad Scandinavian Open Fly Tying Competition Junior Division. Tyler is committed to fly fishing education and bring more individuals, young and old alike, into the sport. His other interests include competing on the Montrose Marlin swim team, playing soccer, hockey and football, piano, theater, photography and drawing. This young dynamic angler lives in Montrose, Colorado with his mom, dad and two younger sisters.