

Tyler Befus Biography

Tyler Befus is 13 years old and has been fly fishing since he was old enough to go along in a child backpack. He started fly casting and fly tying at 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 USA / Ross Worldwide Outdoors, Scientific Anglers, Inc., Oakley, Simms Fishing Products, Whiting Farms and Eumer Tube pro staff teams. He is a Signature Fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants and the youngest Hobie Kayak Ambassador Fishing Team. Tyler frequently presents kids fly fishing programs at numerous fly fishing and sportsmen's shows around the country. Tyler also appeared on the 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 Redfish, the California coast for Mako and Blue shark, as well as Japan for Yamame, Iwana and Japanese sea bass. Tyler has authored two books "A Kid's Guide to Fly Fishing", "A Kids Guide to Fly Tying" and has a kids fly fishing instructional DVD (A Kid's Guide to Fly Fishing). He currently holds I.G.F.A. Junior World Records for sheefish and kokanee salmon. His other interests include competing on the Montrose Marlin swim team, piano, theater, photography, drawing, upland bird and turkey hunting. This young dynamic angler lives in Montrose, Colorado with his mom, dad and three younger sisters.

Accomplishments

- Author of *A Kid's Guide to Fly Fishing* and *A Kid's Guide to Fly Tying*
- Creator and Director of *A Kid's Guide to Fly Fishing* DVD
- Helped design and develop a youth fly rod (Journey series) that is sold by Ross Reels USA / Ross Worldwide Outdoors (includes *A Kid's Guide to Fly Fishing* DVD in the youth fly fishing outfit)
- First place finish in the 2009 *Best of the West* distance fly casting competition (youth division)
- Fifteenth place finish at the 2010 Teva Mountain Games Costa Fly Fishing competition (competing against 80 adult anglers)
- Twenty Sixth place finish in the 2010 *Best of the West* accuracy fly casting competition (competing against 67 adult participants)
- Member of the 2010 America Cup International Fly Fishing youth team (team finish 11th place and individual finish 39th out of 70 total anglers (10 youth and 60 adult))
- First place finish in the 2008 British and International Fly Tying Championships
- Silver Medalist in the 2008 Mustad Scandinavian Fly Tying Open
- Sixth place finish in the 2009 Mustad Scandinavian Fly Tying Open
- Magazine cover - *Flyfisher* magazine
- Featured in *Flyfisher*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Fly Fusion* (Canada), *H2O* (Italy), *Ribolov & Ribe* (Croatia), *Fly Fishing* and *Fly Tying* (UK), *Flyfisher* (Japan), *Fly Tyer* and *The Drake* magazines
- Co-hosted an episode of *Mountain States Fishing Adventures* television show
- Featured on *Colorado and Company* television show (two appearances)
- Featured on *Fish Explorer* podcast – www.fishexplorer.com
- Featured on *Colorado Public Radio* (youth fly fishing interview)
- Featured on *Mountain States Fishing Adventures* radio with Terry Wickstrom
- Featured speaker and presenter at fly fishing clubs and sportsman's shows around the country and internationally
- Appeared in fly fishing product catalogs for Ross Reels USA / Ross Worldwide Outdoors, Umpqua Feather Merchants and Rio Products
- More than 40 fly caught fish species
- International Game Fish Association world record holder
- Website www.tylerbefus.com (devoted to youth fly fishing and fly tying)