

Fly Fishing and Sportsman Show a fun learning experience for students

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Bruce Woulds, a Department of Natural Resources officer, shows Grade 9 student Kieran Lukiv from North South Esk Regional, about the negative effects of poaching animals and fish out of season.
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MIRAMICHI • The annual Miramichi Fly Fishing and Sportsman Show was in full swing on Friday afternoon April 11 for Student Day, where students from various schools came out to learn more about all things fishing and more.

Ashley Hallihan, director of the fly fishing club at the school, was MC for event, encouraging students to not only visit the various booths and kiosks set up in the gymnasium but to also check out designated classrooms to learn more about knot tying, fly tying and the art of a good cast.



Ashley Hallihan, director of the school's fly fishing club, welcomes students from all over the district to the Miramichi Fly Fishing and Sportsman Show.



Geoff Giffin from the Atlantic Salmon Federation hands Julian Millea, a Grade 9 student from Miraichi Valley, a sticker. Millea said he plans on fishing at the trout derby in Red Bank in May.



Paul MacKinnon, a teacher at MVHS, shows students some things about archery.



Dylan Gafford, left, and Landon Hallihan were learning how to properly tie knots. Both Grade 4 students were visiting from Harkins Elementary. [Hide Caption](#)



- Tony Svarc, a volunteer with Miraichi Valley's fly fishing club, shows Jonathan Ginnish, a Grade 11 student at Miramichi Valley, how to best cast his line when fishing season officially opens April 15. [Hide Caption](#)

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From left: Bonnie Wright and Betty Ward, volunteers with Fish Friends, an education program organized by the Miramichi Salmon Association, were handing out prizes. Drew MacTavish from Gretna Green Elementary, chose a box of fishing flies as her prize. [Hide Ca](#)



Steve Smith, a fly fishing school instructor, went poolside to show students how to properly cast their lines. [Hide Caption](#)

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Various volunteers were on hand to show the students how to cast and even how to shoot a bow. Those taking part in the exhibits included representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Department of Natural Resources, Miramichi Ground Search and Rescue and the Atlantic Salmon Federation, who all had information booths set up.

The show is open to the public on Saturday April 12, with the cost of admission being \$5 which would go towards the activities put on by the fly fishing club.