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Hello,

I am Jim Passarelli and I recently started a fly fishing/fly tying club at my High School. I've been teaching here for 20+ years and some kids asked me to teach them to tie flies and catch trout since they know I love to fish. I agreed and started up a club. We have 32 kids signed up and probably 15 that are active and come to our meetings. I started out by tying some basic flies with them and we are going to learn to cast in the parking lot/football field. However, I am only one person, and being a teacher I don't have a lot of money. I have 5 rods and 4 reels that I can use with the kids as well as 3 vices and some materials from my own personal collection that I've been using. I was wondering if your trout unlimited chapter had anyone who may be interested in volunteering to come out and teach the kids to tie a few flies or who may be willing to even donate some materials or equipment to the club that they have laying around and not being used any longer. We are hoping to take a trip to Loyalhanna in the spring to try out the flies we tie and we would love to have some extra folks who know their way around a fly rod who may be willing to come out and help a bunch of teenage boys and girls take their first steps into being a fly angler. If this is something your chapter may be interested in, I would appreciate it greatly. You can contact me by email at jpassarelli@frsdk12.org. Thank you
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