

June 10, 2008

Dear Catskill Rodmakers,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 2008 Catskill Rodmakers Gathering to be held September 6&7, 2008 at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Enclosed please find registration information, draft agenda, and other related information. For those arriving early on Friday, September 5 in addition to registration, we have scheduled several afternoon events that you may find of interest.

I am very pleased to report that we are in the process of reallocating space under the museum for the Rodmakers Workshop. This project was jump started by the receipt of the Halstead built, Pinky Gillum beveler from Jed Dempsey. Assisting us in design and equipment is Walt Carpenter. You will hear all about it at the Gathering and hopefully take a tour of this new space.

In preparing for this year's Gathering we took many of your suggestions and recommendations received from our survey. With any luck we will have a tent at the Roscoe Motel for Friday and Saturday nights events. Don't forget to bring a chair. Live auction and buckets will take place on Saturday night at Roscoe Motel. Our silent auction items will be on display and for bids on Saturday and Sunday in the gift shop with bidding ending at 11AM on Sunday. Winners will be announced on Sunday during lunch. The Harold Demarest Casting qualifying rounds will take place in the field adjacent to the bunk houses on Friday and Saturday, finals on Sunday next to the pond.

In regards to new participants, I encourage you to send in your registrations at your earliest convenience. We will guarantee reservations to all who have attended a Catskill Gathering in the past until August 1. Based on the registration return on August 1, we will determine an acceptable number of new attendees that will work into our program and maintain the atmosphere and spirit of our Gathering. We are now accepting new registrations. New participants will be determined on a first come first basis with the understanding that registration may be cut off at any time and refunds will be sent accordingly.

If there is any additional information you need at this time, or have any comments, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I look forward to seeing you in September. Many thanks for your continued support.

...catch you later.

Regards,

Jim Krul
Executive Director
CFFCM