JOIN US FOR THREE EXCITING PRESENTATIONS!

11:30am–12:30pm

Adaptations of Maine Wildlife

with Chewonki

Maine's diverse wildlife groups have unique adaptations required for surviving all of Maine's seasons. Whether it's the heron's expert aim, the beaver's waterproof lifestyle, or the hare's winter wardrobe, our local animals have smart ways of staying alive. With live animal ambassadors and a collection of bioartifacts, this presentation explores the unique physical and behavioral adaptations that make Maine's creatures the ultimate survivors.

CHEWONKI

Chewonki is an environmental education organization that "inspires transformative growth, teaches appreciation and stewardship of the natural world, and challenges people to build thriving, sustainable communities throughout their lives." Based in Wiscasset, Maine, they seek to strengthen communities, encourage lifelong learning, embrace the joy and wonder of nature, and foster an enduring commitment to steward the natural world.

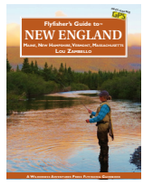
1:30pm–2:30pm

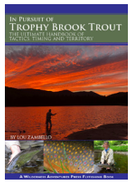
Introduction to Fly Fishing

with Lou Zambello

Presentation and videos showing the grace, beauty, variety, and excitement of fly fishing in Maine and the world. Casting demonstrations and instruction on the hour for fifteen minutes will be offered throughout the day on the festival grounds.

Lou Zambello is a widely published author, columnist, speaker, Maine Guide, and instructor. He is the author of *Flyfisher's Guide to New England*, *Fly Fishing Northern New England's Seasons*, *In Pursuit of Trophy Brook Trout*, and *I'll Be Home for Dinner…Unless There's a Hatch*, and his content and commentary appears in fly-fishing magazines, books, and social media. Lou and his wife, Lindsey, fish throughout America and around the world.





2:30pm–3:30pm

Skins, Skulls, Tracks, Sign

with Dana Valleau

Dana Valleau, a Registered Maine Guide, has spent decades exploring Maine's woods and waters as a fishing, hunting, whitewater, and recreation guide. In this hands-on presentation, Dana will bring real skins and skulls to explore Maine's diverse wildlife along with teaching how to identify tracks and sign.

Dana Valleau was born in Bangor, Maine, and raised in Orono, Maine, where he developed a passion for fishing and bird dog training from a young age. He holds a degree in Wildlife Management from the University of Maine and obtained his Juris Doctorate from the same institution in 1990. Following his education, Dana relocated to Greenville, Maine, where he worked as a raft guide for Eastern River Expeditions, primarily on the West Branch of the Penobscot. He earned various Maine guide licenses that year, including whitewater guiding, fishing, recreation, and hunting. Initially, guiding was a part-time pursuit, but in 2022 Dana transitioned to full-time guiding, dedicating himself entirely to exploring Maine's waters and forests.

ENTERTAINMENT

FABULOUS FOOD FROM:

Rizza's Kitchen & Stone Fox Farm Creamery

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LIVE MUSIC BY:

Rocky Coast String Band

The Rocky Coast String Band finds their roots in folk, newgrass, and Americana. You can expect originals and covers, cleverly put together with rich harmonies. This five-piece band hails from Rockland, Thomaston, Appleton, Liberty, and Owls Head. Originals build on the rich history of the maritime culture in the midcoast of Maine, and the repertoire can be adapted to all kinds of venues. The band has played all over the midcoast, tickling audiences and bringing a rich sound that is engaging as well as entertaining.

Don't miss signings by 100+ authors from all over Maine! We hope to see you there!