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# Fish for Change

## Fly Fish Abaco Student Program

“Fly Fishing is a platform to change the world”



**Fish for Change uses fly-fishing as a platform to make the world a better place. We unite a diverse group of students in wild fisheries where they engage in a variety of initiatives that promote *connection, education, conservation, and exploration.***

“From getting lost in the mountains to catching my first fish I have learned lessons from every event on this trip. The most recent and perhaps most striking lesson learned was one that Steve stressed all trip buy one that I did not fully understand till I caught my first fish today. All trip Steve told us that one of the main objectives of the trip was to guide and not be guided and learn to become leaders rather than depending on others to tell you where to go. After I reeled in my first fish today and we released in to the water, I had an epiphany.” - William Deskins



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## Fish for Change Abaco Overview

The Fish for Change Abaco program brings life to the island of Abaco as well as to the students involved. Based out of Abaco Lodge, Fish For Change Abaco provides students with an opportunity to learn about one of the finest flats fisheries in the world while also changing the world through service work and cultural immersion. Throughout the one-week course, students will be provided with the mentorship to enhance their angling abilities, educate the local community, and make changes in our environment.



### Program Facts

**Location:** Abaco, Bahamas

**Capacity:** 10 Students per week

**Target Species:** Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon

**Cost:** \$3,395

**Included:**

- 6 Days Sustainable Development Program Immersion
- 7 Night accommodation at Abaco Lodge
- All Meals and Soft Drinks
- Transfers to and from the lodge

**Not Included:**

- Airfare to Marsh Harbour, Bahamas
- Flies and tackle (Bring what you have. We have extra rods and we tie flies)
- Gratuities for the Guides and Kitchen Staff (\$250)

# Schedule

## 2019 Abaco Student Program Dates

June 29 - July 6

### Itinerary

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Saturday</b>	Travel to FL (arrive at 1:30 latest)	Catch Silver Flight to Marsh Harbour at 3:25 pm	Introduction to course, lodge, and fishery.
<b>Sunday</b>	Intro to saltwater fly fishing: casting, knots, patterns, tagging and more.	Fishing with guides, tagging fish, and applying new skills.	Fly tying instruction and prep for the week. Group circle, writing, and blogging.
<b>Monday</b>	Guided fly fishing and fish tagging	Shanty Town Visit/ Soccer Scrimmage with local kids	Journal, group circle, blog, tie flies
<b>Tuesday</b>	Guided fly fishing and tagging	Guided fly fishing and tagging	Journal, group circle, blog, tie flies
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mangrove Restoration with local students from Friends of the Environment	Lunch in town followed by beach clean up with local students from Friends of the Environment	Journal, group circle, blog, tie flies.
<b>Thursday</b>	Guided fly fishing and tagging	Fly Fishing intro course for local students	Journal, group circle, blog, tie flies.
<b>Friday</b>	Spearfishing/ Conch	Learn to clean and prepare your harvest with the locals.	Graduation ceremony with a freshly caught and prepared local dinner!
<b>Saturday</b>	Return flight from Marsh Harbour to FL	Flight from FL to wherever you live in the world!	

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# Flight Schedule

## Arrival

Get to Ft. Lauderdale by 1:30 PM AT THE LATEST. Once in Fort Lauderdale, claim your bags, and go to the departure level of Ft. Lauderdale International Airport. A Fish for Change Ambassador will meet you at the Silver Airways desk holding up a Fish for Change sign. Go to the Silver Airways desk and recheck your bags to Marsh Harbor. Your Fort Lauderdale to Marsh Harbor flight will depart at 3:25.

Once in Marsh Harbor, we will take a 15 minute shuttle to Abaco Lodge and your adventure will begin!

## Departure

Depart the lodge on Saturday morning and fly out of Marsh Harbor via Silver Airways. Flights home from Marsh Harbor should be booked during an afternoon time if possible.

## In Case of Emergency -

<https://www.abacolodge.com/travel-emergencies.html>

Nearest Medical Clinic: 10 minutes from lodge in Marsh Harbor

Although our policies are based on prevention, we recommend trip insurance through Global Rescue, affordable insurance in the very remote chance of an emergency.

**Fish for Change Emergency Hotline** (available 24/7) 1 (800) 970 - 8407

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## Gear List

- Fishing - 8-12 weight fly rods/ reels (Can provide if you don't have something) any assortment of bonefish/ permit/ tarpon flies, tippet/leader 10-60lb, Wading boots/shoes to wade in
- Clothing - Long Sleeve Shirts, Shorts, Pants, Hats, Sunglasses, Buff, Bathing Suit, Rain Jacket
- Other - Bug Spray, Sunscreen, Extra Cash

## Further questions? Contact us at:

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