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Bob:

The Sporting Gentleman is just a short drive down Baltimore Pike to Media. It is a excellent fly shop with a wealth of experience available. You may be hard pressed to find a $100 outfit there but I'm not sure you want to go that route.

While I agree that you could easily choose a cheap rod to cover all of your Delco bases; you will definitely end up with more rods down the road so you MAY be wasting $$$ but only you will know for sure where you plan to go with this new hobby. If your budget will allow you to spend more money; you will never be sorry for investing in better tackle that will serve you now and into the future.

If you are adamant in starting off inexpensively; I hear that Wal*Mart sells a Cortland starter outfit that is pretty good and they were on sale recently for $50. There are three stores close by, Glenolden, Eddystone and Boothwyn. I fished for years on Ridley, Springton Reservoir, Darby and everyplace else with a 8'6" 6wt. A 9'0" rod will also work fine and while it may be a tad long on smaller creeks it may be better for when you're in your float. If I was in your shoes I'd buy a 6 weight outfit with my second choice a 5 weight.

Finally, a hour + ride to Cabela's in Hamburg can get you a nice combo for exactly the price range you mention. I recently bought my nephew his first outfit. I had "all purpose" in mind when I chose it for him and I chose an 8'6" 5wt.

Good luck and welcome to mania that is fly fishing.