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Re: Volunteers needed 1/12/13
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Hi Gaeron - Just some "big brother" type advice:

I wouldn't have assigned any volunteers to the kids until Saturday morning. Life has a habit of interfering with even the most reliable people. If a volunteer doesn't have anyone assigned to them beforehand, they might choose to not show up thinking they're "not needed".

Also, it might be helpful if you get a basic inventory of gear from the kids - like what rod wts they have, wading gear, etc. A good idea would be to have each volunteer bring a spare rod that would be suitable for the method they plan on using/teaching.

Having someone wade for the first time might not be too good of an idea, especially if they're using borrowed gear that doesn't fit them well. It's a bad time of year to go for an accidental swim. Also, make sure the kids have a change of clothes in case they do take a swim. The fly shop should be available for people to warm up in, but it's not always that warm inside.

Don't stress over this event. Our guys *always* come through, and if things don't work out perfectly, just improvise. It's just like fishing - see what you're faced with, and adapt accordingly. Being prepared makes it easier.

Lastly, even if things wind up really crummy (like weather), coffee/hot chocolate and donuts go a long way towards keeping the troops happy. I'll cover you on this one.

Relax - it'll turn out just fine.

H.A.