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Good morning PAFF members. My name is Scott Andrews and I am a teacher at Coudersport High School in Potter County... A colleague of mine and I are trying to start a fly tying/fishing club at our high school... we have about 20 members thus far that are excited about learning how to tie and learning how to fly fish, the issue is that many of these students have no equipment to do either... My colleague and I have brought in numerous items for both tying and fishing, but were honestly a little unprepared for just how little equipment these guys have. We have 3 members that are currently enrolled in a class sponsored by our TU chapter where they are learning to tie one night a week and it has done nothing but fuel the fire... we were recently approved to be able to take our members on a trip this spring (during school I might add...all the better for them) to fish a few of our local streams... that being said the ultimate goal is to get enough equipment and materials together to tie up enough flies to last us a day on the water... we have had a couple reals and a little material donated so far, but not enough to get these students to where we need to be.... thus the reason for the post...

We need help to get our club started... I have done an inventory list with all our members (so students have nothing at all, most need various items and one is fully outfitted already through family members)... we need items ranging from vises, materials, threads, tying implements, flies / fly boxes to line, reels, waders, boots and rods... We understand this is a tall order and we have had some several donations already (Thank you Allens for the boxes and accessories) but we are in dire need of more. I understand this is a lot to ask of anyone and we struggle even doing so, but we were thinking if there is anything at all related to the items above (or anything else fly fishing related) that anyone would like to donate to these students it would help us get one step closer to having our first tying night after school and ultimately getting these guys on the water!

I have seen the graciousness of those on this board in the past and understand there are many very helpful and willing participants out there, I would like to personally thank you all for your time! Thanks
Scott