## Robbery of Women's Clinics items - Keep your eyes open

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## Storage locker robbed of every last item used for the Women's Flyfishing Clinics

For more than a decade, leaders of our Women's Flyfishing Clinics have steadily and carefully built up a collection of fly rods that better fit a women's hand, practice rods, waders, boots, fly cases, water bottles, buffs and more. Earlier this week, every last item associated with the clinics was stolen from a storage locker.

This is devastating, undoing the immeasurable levels of work, time and generosity of so many.

We're asking everyone to please keep your eyes open. It's not likely that the thief stole all this to start up their own clinics - it will probably find its way to Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, pawn shops, garage sales or other venues. The items are fairly distinctive and so should be notable ... and if we have an army of people on the lookout, the odds may well be in our favor to recover some of them or catch the thieves.

Please keep an eye out for these items (see pictures at the end):
We had 18 each of 5 wt Echo Base 9' rods, they are green with the rod reel case having the Echo logo on it. We put a \# both on the case and on the rod. These rods are green and say Base 509-4 on them. The numbers won't easily come off; they are magic marker on the cases and paint pen on the rods.
And 2 Echo Traverse kits, brown in color, and say Traverse 509-4 on them.
Also stolen was a wide variety of boots and waders (newer and older) as well as women's clinic branded water bottles and buffs.
If you have a potential sighting of a stolen item, please contact Sheriff Deputy Elliott Roger at 608-266-3456 or elliott.roger@danesheriff.com -- reference case \# 230521682.

In addition, we're looking at possible insurance coverage and seeking funding to purchase more combos from Echo at a discount. (With a women's clinic session in Oshkosh in February and clinics filling up for the spring, we have to keep moving on all options.)

This is a huge setback for such an important initiative that we will find a way to continue. We're appreciative of the watchful eyes and continued support of the members of SWTU.


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