

An aerial photograph of Atlanta, Georgia, at sunset. The city skyline is visible in the background, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the buildings. In the foreground, a large park with dense green trees and a winding river is shown. The river reflects the sunset colors. The text 'EXPLORE GEORGIA' is overlaid in the center of the image.

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Oyster Fine Bamboo Fly Rods

Coming home with an heirloom-quality fly rod is just a perk of Bill Oyster's rod-making classes, which the celebrated craftsman holds 22 weeks a year at his Blue Ridge studio in the North Georgia mountains. The real reward is six days of laser-focused, leave-it-all-behind handiwork, starting with splitting and shaping raw bamboo into a hexagonal rod. The work is so engrossing, says Oyster, students often need to be coaxed to stop for lunch. Sessions sell out more than a year ahead (though you can join a waitlist and hope for a cancellation) and conveniently end on Saturday, leaving Sunday open for losing oneself on a nearby trout stream.



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