



Tulsa Fly Fishers StreamLines

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SPREADING THE LOVE AND JOY OF FLY-FISHING
THROUGHOUT NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA.

“ONE FOR THE ILLINOIS RIVER”

WHAT: Family Play Day at the Lower Illinois River with several Fly Fishing Legends including DAVE AND EMILY WHITLOCK.

Featuring: Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Fishing, Raffles and Prizes.

WHEN: Saturday March 22, 2008, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Below Tenkiller Dam, Just North of Gore, Oklahoma on State Highway 100 FOLLOW THE SIGNS.

ADMISSION IS FREE!! Lunch will be served by prize-winning barbeque chef **Mark Ballew**-- BBQ Sandwich, chips and a drink for only a \$5.00 donation.

All proceeds will be used to improve habitat, area facilities, promote fishing and the quality of water on the Illinois River.

RAFFLES: Raffle tickets now available at **D&B Outfitter's**

\$5.00—NUMEROUS FLYFISHING ITEMS INCLUDING BOXES OF FLIES; FLYFISHING GADGETS, GEAR, FLY LINES, ETC.

\$10.00—A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF TWO G. LOOMIS GLX 9' 5WT. 2 PC. FLYRODS; COPPER EVOLUTION ROSS REEL; FLYROD & REEL COMBO; AND NUMEROUS FLY FISHING GUIDED TRIPS.

This event is sponsored by the following entities:

GOLD SPONSORS: TULSA FLYFISHERS, D&B OUTFITTERS, AND RIVER RUN OUTFITTERS.

Silver Sponsors: FLY BY NIGHT, DICK TURNBULL FLYFISHING ADVENTURES, STIR, THE GADGET COMPANY, BACKWOODS, REASORS, ON THE FLY, DAVE'S BAIT SHOP, GORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MARVAL RESORT, TENKILLER TRADING/LIQUORS; 89'ERS FLY FISHING CLUB, GREEN COUNTRY FLYFISHERS, GREATERTENKILLER AREA ASSOC., CHECK UR FLY, AND A-1 TENT RENTAL OF TULSA.

SEE MAP ON PAGE 5 FOR DIRECTIONS...

March Fundraiser Items...

March - Orvis Battenkill Mid Arbor Reel, size III for 5 and 6 weight lines.

Club Meetings, Outings...Looking Ahead!

Meeting Schedules...

Thursday Mar 13, 2008 at 7:00PM. Location is the Martin Regional Library, 2601 South Garnet, Tulsa, OK

Speakers: Stan and Caroline Parker
River Run Outfitters in Branson, MO is owned and operated by Stan and Carolyn Parker, each of whom have fished the area lakes and rivers for over 40 years. River Run Outfitters was awarded the "2006 Orvis Endorsed Outfitter of the Year"

Future Outing Schedules...

March 22nd ... Lower Illinois River ... Gore, Oklahoma "One For The Illinois River"

April 12, 2008 ... TFF Outing to the White River, Arkansas

May 10, 2008 ... TFF outing to Lake Pawhuska, OK

June 21, 2008 ... Lower Mountain Fork River, Broken Bow, OK

Jul 31-Aug 8, 2008 ... Green River, Utah

Sept. 20, 2008 ... Elk River, MO

Oct 18, 2008 ... Table Rock Tailwater (a.k.a. Taneycomo) Branson, MO

Nov 22, 2008 ... Lower Illinois River, Gore, OK

Becoming a Fly Fishing Addict



I got started fly fishing just to try it out. I never actually thought I'd become an addict and become so consumed by the sport. I can't imagine what I would do now without fly-fishing. The solitude, peace and joy when fishing a stream or river on the fly is simply awesome.

By: Billy Howard

Years ago I used to fish any pond, stream, strip pit or other body of water I could find with my conventional gear and tackle. I'd be working, listing a property or showing houses

and see a pond that just looked FISHY. Once done with my client it wasn't uncommon for me to pull up in my slacks and dress shirt and throw on my waders, grab my gear and go. On many occasions my fellow Realtors in Broken Arrow would become witness, seeing me outside a neighborhood holding a 4-5 pound Largemouth Bass. They would stop, say what ya doing? Once in a while they would drop

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Billy Howard

their jaw when they would see the fish just landed. One day while out in my fish tube I got a crazy idea. I thought I should try fly-fishing. It looked fun in the movie A River Runs through It,

so I loaded up and headed to visit the guys over at D&B Outfitters. Boy did Butch ever see me coming. He did however treat me right. After about \$700 on a new rod and reel, a few flies and some serious explaining to do when I got home I felt I was set. Once I got home and told my wife what I did she gave me a pretty scary look but decided not to kill me at least for now! I carefully added in that I had more to spend so I could be

Legal. I also had to add in for some accessories so I'd look somewhat competent. Then I told her of my bright idea to go fish in Arkansas to try it out. Figured no since in staying in Oklahoma just to try it! Well, that first fly-fishing trip was about pointless but now thousands of fish later and dozens of rods, reels and various other fly fishing waste later I must give Butch credit. He was absolutely right when he said I'd love fly fishing. He was also right to sell me good equipment rather than allowing me to buy that lower cost starter rod & reel. Fly-Fishing is the greatest recreational sport I can imagine. I can honestly say that was the best \$700 bucks I have ever spent.

Local Club & Trout Unlimited News

A Message from your FFF President – Fred Kirk

Time is getting short to take advantage of the FFF discounted rates for **NEW MEMBERS** through April 15, 2008. A one year individual membership is \$15.00 (normally \$35) but you have to be a dues paid member of Tulsa Fly Fishers to get this rate. The application is available on our web site "Join the Club" page. Complete the application online, print it and send with a \$15 check payable to Federation of Fly Fishers to Fred Kirk 3413 S Columbia PL Tulsa, OK 74105. You can also bring the completed application to our next meeting. Any questions, contact fred@tulsaflyfishers.org

Blue River Report

On Saturday February 23rd there were 4 TFFers who ventured out to the Blue River near Tishomingo, OK to check out the winter trout fishing. All but one had never been there so it was a new adventure. The drive was about 3.5 hours which included a couple of u-turns down dirt roads where we saw a coyote standing in a field. It cost us a little more in gas money to take the scenic route but it was all fun and worth the extra time. We were fishing by 10am and Scott Hood caught a Trout within the first minute in the water. On average, we each caught more than a dozen fish ranging from 8-10 inches. The Blue is really a beautiful river with lots of boulders, brush and small water falls. The trout fishing on the Blue was fun and worth a trip but all agreed, we're very fortunate to have the Lower Illinois River in our back yard. Check the Event Photo page on http://tulsaflyfishers.org/photo_events.html

Fly Fishing Workshop – Saturday April 26, 2008

Okmulgee and Dripping Springs State Park will be sponsoring a Fly Fishing Educational Workshop on Saturday April 26, 2008. Together, Tulsa Fly Fishers and Green Country Fly Fishers will provide instruction for this event. We are looking for volunteers who can work with individuals to develop and improve their fly fishing skills. Dripping Springs Lake was designated Oklahoma's first "trophy bass lake". If you have not seen this place you're missing out on some great bass fishing. Please email president@greencountryflyfishers.com or call Fred Kirk (918) 625 4277 if you would like to volunteer to help with this event.

Tulsa Fly Fishers going to Green River, Utah

Our club trip for summer 2008 will be to the Green River in Utah July 31 – August 8. We have filled one 4 bedroom suite at the Flaming Gorge Resort for August 3-8 (Sunday-Friday). There are still rooms available at this resort as well as other lodging choices in the area. Individuals are responsible for their own lodging and travel arrangements however Fred Kirk will help you coordinate your stay with other club members if you wish. To date, 7 people are planning to make the trip and I have 2 others looking to form a carpool. If you are interested in sharing a ride with other TFF friends, please contact Fred fred@tulsaflyfishers.org or call (918) 625 4277 for contact information. For additional information, please refer to the Event Calendar page on our web site. <http://tulsaflyfishers.org/calendar.html>

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



A Message From Your President:

Today is the day! Today is the day for you to plan a family fishing trip to the Lower Illinois River, and you need to make those plans for March 22nd. That's the day Trout Unlimited and The Tulsa Fly Fishers will host a **FAMILY PLAY DAY** on the banks of the Lower Illinois River. This is the day to bring your kids, your grandkids, your wife, your best friend, your significant other and have them experience some of what you love about the sport of fly fishing.

There will be lots of things going on that day. There will be fly tying demonstrations by some of the best fly tiers in Oklahoma including **DAVE and EMILY WHITLOCK**. You'll be able to tie a fly, take the fly you just tied right to the river and catch a trout with it. There will be fly casting demonstrations given by some of the leading fly casting instructors in the region, including two instructors certified by the Fly Fishing Federation. Learn the basics OR receive some technical instructions too. There will be **FREE** gifts offered by Trout Unlimited, while they last, there will be raffles for all kinds of great merchandise, including, not one but **TWO** G. Loomis fly rods, also reels, fly boxes filled with flies, and guide trips from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri guide services, and many more items, all raffled!

Our TFF award winning Bar-B-Que Chef Mark Ballew will be cooking some great Bar-B-Que, so lunch will be available. (Sandwich, chips and a soft drink for a \$5 donation.) The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will be there with free handouts and hopes to be showing off their fish habitat improvements plan for The Simp and Helen Watts Wildlife Management Area. (What all these fund raising efforts are all about.) And just for some added fun there will be a "real country" band playing for the entertainment of everyone. **Fun for everyone!**

It's happening rain or shine, there will be a "Big Top" tent set up in the event of rain, so plan on coming and spending the day, fishing, having lunch, winning some great prizes and just having a great day outdoors with the family. (It's BYOC ... that's bring your own chair.)

Finally, don't miss this month's TFF meeting, on the 13th, as our good friends Carolyn and Stan Parker from River Run Outfitters in Branson, MO will be our guest speakers. River Run was named the Orvis 2007 Outfitters of the year. They have shared with us in the past and are always informative and fun.

See you ALL, on the 13th and 22nd! Don't miss either event or you'll be sorry!

PS If you can't make it to the Play Day but you want to support the effort, raffle tickets are now on sale at D&B Outdoors at 5433 -A South Mingo (That's their NEW location). You may also contact Valley Branscum at (918) 231-4562 or by e-mail at Troutbuzzer @ yahoo.com. Tickets will also be on sale at your next TFF meeting on March 13th.

FISH ON!

Scott Hood
President
Tulsa Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited
Trout Unlimited Indian Nations Council Chair

NEWS RELEASE

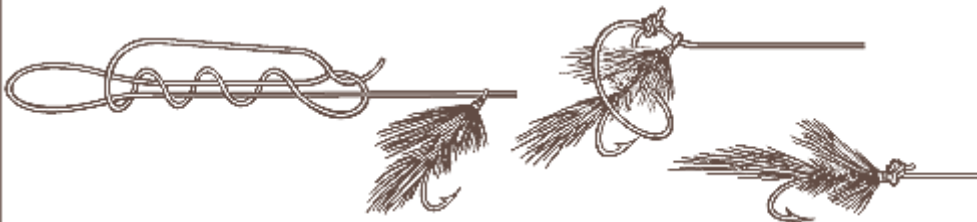
Tulsa Fly Fishers is sponsoring a family event entitled ONE FOR THE ILLINOIS RIVER on March 22, 2008 on the Illinois River just below the Tenkiller Dam. The Play Day will include instruction for fly casting, tying, and fishing. Music entertainment and prizes will be available for your enjoyment. Raffles on really neat fishing items are on sale now. Barbeque sandwiches, chips and drinks will be available for a \$5.00 donation. All net proceeds will be donated to improve access, habitat, and water quality for the Illinois River. Everyone is invited to attend and admission is free. Please bring your own chairs. This celebration for the river is scheduled to begin at 9:00A.M. and will continue until 3:00 P.M. Further information will be available on the website Tulsa Fly Fishers.org or contact the Play Day chairperson, Valley Branscum by e-mail troutbuzzer@yahoo.com.

Fly Fishing legends Dave and Emily Whitlock along with other great fly fishing guides, instructors and fly tying gurus are scheduled to join together to promote the water quality of the Illinois River. Everyone is invited to join, have fun, win prizes, and learn more about enjoying and protecting our river.

The economic impact of fishing on the Illinois River is astounding. However, just imagine how much more of an impact an improved river will bring to our region and our state.

Specialist Fly Knot

The Specialist fly knot is used to attach the fly to leader.



1. Place leader through fly eyelet and slide fly up the leader out of the way before beginning knot.
2. Make an oval loop and hold each end while wrapping the leader around the loop center 3 or 4 times.
3. Stick end of leader through loop closest to fly and cinch knot snug.
4. Trim tag end then place the fly through the loop and pull snug.

Volunteers Needed

With preparations under way for a great time on the Lower Illinois outing 'One for the River' March 22, We are looking for volunteers to help with food service. We will be selling BBQ sandwiches and need as many helpers as we can get for 1/2 to 1 hour shifts between 11am and 2pm. We don't want you to miss out on the fun with you families so we are hoping to limit the time to 1/2 hour increments. Since we still have lots of time we will do sign up closer to the time, but just wanted to start everyone thinking about when they could help. The invitation is not limited to club members, we would appreciate anyone that volunteers.

Thanks in advance as we know everyone is always willing to pitch in.

Sandi Scott & Ed Kessey

MEMBER NOTICE!

To all members of Tulsa Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 & FFF: Make sure you have your email junk filters set to accept email from brhoward@cibtulsa.com so you can receive the monthly Tulsa Fly Fishers, Streamlines newsletter without interruption. If your filter is not set to allow email and attachments from my email you may not receive pertinent club news & information.

Tulsa FlyFishers 2008 Membership

Name _____	Regular membership \$15 _____
___ renewal ___ Same address as on file	
Address _____	Supporting membership \$25 _____
City _____	Junior membership (under 17) \$7.50 _____
State _____ Zip _____	
Home phone _____ Work _____	Membership patch \$6 _____
Spouse name _____	
	Total _____
E-Mail Address _____	

Make checks payable to Tulsa FlyFishers, P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155

Tulsa Flyfishers and the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet the SECOND THURSDAY of each month except July, August and December at the MARTIN REGIONAL LIBRARY, 2601 South Garnett, at 7 p.m.

Fly of the Month



Bead-Head Adams

Things needed:

- Hook:** Any dry fly hook.
- Thread:** Brown or black.
- Tail:** Pheasant crest tippet.
- Body:** Grey wool.
- Head:** Bead of choice.
- Wing/legs:** One brown and one grizzly hackle feather (hen),

ONE FOR THE ILLINOIS RIVER MAP...

