



Streamline



Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International



Event Calendar

March 10th - April 4th - Virtual Fly-Fishing Tour

March 11th - Bruce Burton, "Exploring Okmulgee and Dripping Springs Lakes"

March 13th - Family Fishing Day at Tulsa Trout Pond

March 13th - Water Testing Event on the Arkansas River

March 20th - March Outing - Save the Date - Location to be Determined

March 27th - Learn to Fly Fish Oklahoma Class

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

A Message from Your President



Heath Tiefenauer

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's},

The month of March is almost always an unpredictable month in Oklahoma. It's still winter, but the promise of Spring is just over the horizon. Spring brings with it a welcome change in weather and fishing conditions, I'm sure many of us are looking forward to both. While we wait out these last few weeks before winter, Tulsa Fly Fishers and TU Chapter 420 have a lot on the calendar to help you pass the time.

In March, we'll be hosting multiple events, some outdoors in person and several virtual. We're happy to be partnering with F3T to make the film tour available to our supporters. This year you can enjoy the film from the comfort of your home, while supporting TU420 at the same time. The film tour goes live on March 10th and will be available for viewing, at your convenience, for several weeks. Tickets can be purchased using the link on the TU420.com website and in this Newsletter. The film has some great content again this year.

March 11th at 6:30PM brings our general meeting, another online event. Join us for a Zoom meeting and presentation by Bruce Burton. Bruce will be sharing his thoughts on fishing Oklahoma Big Bass on the Fly.

Ready to get outdoors? March 13th we'll be hosting a Family Fishing Day at Trout Pond at LaFortune Park. It's time to take the trout from the pond

Okmulgee & Dripping Springs Lakes



Bruce Burton

Bruce Burton studied Marine Fisheries at Humboldt State University and the University of Idaho. He retired from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation as a Wildlife Management Biologist.

Presently, he works as a part-time science teacher for the Wilson Public Schools. Bruce has the education, work experience, and a passion for fishing that rivals other well known anglers.

Please join us via zoom and gain decades of experience catching big bass on the fly and in depth details about two very special OK lakes. This is a can't miss meeting by one of our top state fly fisher.

Subject: " Exploring Two Warm Water Fisheries in Green Country, Okmulgee and Dripping Springs Lakes"

Date: Thursday, March 11th

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: ZOOM Video Conferencing – <https://zoom.us> - on your computer.

The Zoom App is available free at your Android/Apple App Store.

Important Link for Zoom

Below is the **Zoom** link for our March General Meeting on the 11th at 6:30 PM.

before warmer weather arrives.

March 20th we're please to offer our monthly outing, focused on warmer water fishing. March weather and rainfall is often unpredictable so keep your calendar open and look for the venue announcement as we get close to the event date.

We have several education events this month. Learn to Fly-fish Oklahoma (sold out event) is scheduled for March 27th, watch for future classes if you are interested in helping someone you know begin the love of fly fishing. There are also four Trout in the Classroom fish releases this month and volunteers are needed to help the area's youth fully embrace this experience, look for more on this in Scott Hood's article in this newsletter.

While fly fishing is a passion for many of us, conservation is also part of our mission at Tulsa Fly Fishers and TU Chapter 420. Spring brings change in this area also and we hope you will continue to help us advocate for clean water, sportspeople and the outdoors. We are very grateful to all of our existing Trout Unlimited and FFI members. Thank you! Not a member? We'd love your support! Trout Unlimited and FFI are great organizations and your membership contributes to our combined voice for positive influence. Join us today!

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

Learn to Fly Fish Oklahoma



That's the name of our OKTU420 fly fishing education program offered via the Jenks Community Education Program.

Our motto has become ... "If you want to learn to fly fish or know someone that wants to learn to fly

You should click on this link between 6:15 - 6:30 and join the meeting via your personal computer or smart phone. The website is listed in the above story or you can join through the Zoom App.

Please **MUTE your Microphone**.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83446660618?pwd=K1pxREU4dktOdTdsanl4MDFXOFhMUT09>

Also, our **Zoom link** will be posted on our **Facebook page** and at the **TU website** (tu420.com).

Outings

In March, we'll be looking to warmer water for our outing. Our event is scheduled for **March 20th**, but with March weather and rainfall as unpredictable as they are in Oklahoma. Warmer water species are very responsive to these conditions so we've decided to see what Nature brings us before making the final selection of our venue.

Please save the date and plan to join us March 20th. Updates will be available on our Facebook Page, at TU420.com and delivered to your email inbox.

Trout in the Classroom

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic the Trout In the Classroom program has progressed through it all just as many of you have. Classrooms have been disrupted, just as lives have been disrupted. There has been anguish over the loss of life and students have cried when they discovered, through no fault of their own, that disinfectant sprays were used in the room where the tanks were located, killing the innocent little trout. And the weather, just as it has in past years, has claimed some trout during power outages causing chiller and air pump filter to fail. But lessons were learned and now we move on those year-end releases and field trips to the lower Illinois River.



Recently, teachers have been reaching out to schedule their release day field trips. And for each we need volunteer support for chapter members to help watch over the kids and aid in casting lessons, fly tying and bug collections from the river.

Currently scheduled are: **March 2** ... Collinsville HS: We need 4 volunteer helpers, 1 fly tier ... 1 caster ... and 1

fish and you don't want to teach them yourself, send them or come to us, we teach fly fishing."

Our next class at the Jenks Aquatic Center on the Jenks High School Campus is **sold out!** All 15 seats have been filled. Please stay tuned for additional classes in the future, and sign up early.

Reminder for those signed up:

Class Date: March 27th

Time: 10 AM to 2 PM

Thank you for your enthusiastic response.

Scott Hood

Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

2021 GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

April 8 – Stephen Ruiz – Euro Nymphing Techniques for Big Trout

May 13 – Lt. Gov. Matt Pennell – Oklahoma Fishing Trail & Importance of Fishing to the OK Economy

Starting in January 2021, all meetings will be on the Zoom Video Conferencing. The links will be available in Streamline, TU420 Facebook Page, and the TU420 website (tu420.com).

Please provide Pat Daly, pat@cimtel.net, with any recommendations you have for winter/spring fly fishing topics and guest speaker.

Family Fishing Day



All trout stockings have taken place. However, the pond was frozen over for the Kids Only Day on Feb. 15th. Because of this your OKTU / TFF chapter has determined and is planning a "learn to fish family fishing day" on Saturday the 13th of March.

wader to collect bugs from the river. **March 3** ... Wilson School: We need 4 volunteer helpers, 1 fly tier ... 1 caster and 1 wader to collect bugs from the river. **March 11** ... Sand Springs Page Academy: we need 4 volunteer helpers, 1 fly tier ... 1 caster ... 1 wader to collect bugs. **April 9** ... Beggs HS: We need 4 volunteer helpers, 1 fly tier ... 1 caster ... 1 wader to collect bugs. **April 22** ... Tulsa St School: No volunteers needed; this one is covered. **May 7**... Riverfield HS: We need 5 volunteer helpers, 1 fly tier ... 2 casters ... 1 wader to collect bugs from the river.

Please don't be shy about offering to help. More is better than not enough. These events usually last from about 10am to 2pm. Kids will have to gather their trout early in the morning, load on the bus or buses and commute to the Watts WMU, where we unload the kids and their trout. The trout are released there and then we move everyone to the lower parking lot at the dam where we can spread out for the other activities. After the buses depart, if we are lucky and the river is down, we don't waste the trip and we fish for a while.

Contact [Scott Hood](#), if you'd like to help.

Scott Hood

Education Coordinator for TU420

2021 Conservation Issues

Conservation is Our Passion

I wanted to introduce our newsletter readers to some of the other voices of conservation around the state that speak to issues that we care about. As we walk through this legislative session, we have several partner organizations that we rely on for help with defeating and supporting different bills. We strategically combine ourselves under the umbrella of the Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma. Every Friday we meet to discuss all of the bills that we are currently concerned with or excited about. Our most recent meeting had all of us excited about Senate Bill 774 and frustrated with Senate Bill 776. Below is an official statement from the CCO concerning both of those bills along with an equally frustrating co-mingling of the bills in HB 2214.

Legislators could set things right for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation by letting it manage its own licensing system but the same sponsors who brought the bills seem intent on destroying them.

Several bills are in play but only one should pass. Senate Bill 774 by Sen. Casey Murdock, R-Felt and Rep. Kevin McDugle, R-Broken Arrow is ready to go to the Senate Floor—if Murdock allows it.

It deletes a cumbersome licensing system from statute and puts hunting and fishing license price-setting authority with

All are welcome to come and enjoy the day while being prepared to offer your assistance to those people who may be there only to learn to fish. We plan to extend our offer to come and learn to fish via a couple of media outlets that helped us promote the pond earlier in the year. If you have an extra fishing rod and reel spinning or fly fishing please bring it and be prepared to loan it to a stranger or be prepared to just help bait a hook or answer a question about fishing. Offering your helping hand to a new comer to fishing can be a very rewarding experience and we hope to see many of our membership there to help out.

The pond is located at the corner of 51st and Hudson at the Gardens Park / LaFortune Park ... 10am to 2pm weather permitting.

This event qualifies as an "outing" for those who are playing "OKTU poker" you'll receive a poker card if you show up to help.

Contact [Scott Hood](#).

Scott Hood
Youth And Adult Education Coordinator

Mystery Fly Revealed



Crackleback Dry fly, Silver, Size 16

The Crackleback turned out to be quite a mystery to the fish. Only a few of our 37 participants caught fish. Many avoided being skunked by switching to their favorite flies and enjoyed success over competition.



the agency where it belongs, where it can be simplified, where it can nimbly react to market forces and respond to the needs of those who pay for these licenses.

Two other bills, the House version of the licensing bill, House Bill 2214, and a public lands bill, SB776 by Murdock, must be voted down.

McDugle inserted the Murdock public lands bill language into HB2214. This tied the licensing fix to language that violates personal property rights by forcing Oklahoma landowners to advertise their property in newspapers for six months before considering a sale to the Wildlife Department.

Not only does this prevent landowners from selling to whoever they see fit without delay or added expense, it puts the federal government, out-of-state or even overseas land buyers in line to buy our lands ahead of the state's own wildlife department, which works on behalf of Oklahoma's outdoors enthusiasts. This is wrong-headed.

Tell your legislators now that SB774 needs to pass without amendment.

Please consider contacting your legislators and giving feedback on these very meaningful bills. If you don't know who your legislators are, you can find them by going to the website

<http://www.oklegislature.gov/FindMyLegislature.aspx>.

On another note, your efforts in writing to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in February have paid off. They were overwhelmed with input from individuals and organizations alike, and will be spending most of March figuring out how to respond to the logical concerns dealing with the new phosphorous rules in the Illinois River watershed. Thank you for writing and concerning yourselves with our local fisheries. I'll make sure to keep you all updated as they formulate and release responses.

Jake Miller
Conservation Chair

Virtual Fly-Fishing Tour

The 2021 Fly Fishing Film Tour is here, and tickets went on sale February 17th. We are proud to have partnered with the F3T to bring you the tour virtually this year. This is a great opportunity to sit back with family and friends and enjoy the Fly-Fishing Film Tour on your own time. This year's F3T has an incredible line up with everything from Arapaima in the Amazon basin, Bream and Tarpon in the same film, Smallies, Pike, Steelhead, some of the best trout footage ever captured! Did you know Dr. Martin Luther King JR had a special relationship with long time bonefish guide Ansil Saunders and the island of Bimini? All these stories and more are part of the 2021 F3T streaming virtually March 10 and tickets are on sale now.

Photo Courtesy AP Fletcher

We fished from 10:30 to 1:30 and reassembled to feast on Heath's delicious chicken stew (you don't go away hungry at our events!). Lack of fish dominated the conversation, but two contestants shined under tough conditions. David Games and Rick Howerton caught 3 fish a piece. They each received a \$25 Bass Pro Gift Card.

Wait! Wait! There's more! Staggering into our picnic area was one participant after the dinner was eaten and the awards given. He had fished up and down the river without success until 1:15, when suddenly the dry fly bite turned on. He caught several fish and was therefore, late in his return. Isn't that just like fishing?

Bruce Brewer
Editor

Help for Website

Occasionally, you may experience a broken link on one of our web pages. This usually happens as the source provider has done some maintenance requiring a change to that link or is no longer publishing that website.

In either case, if anyone runs into this situation, it would be helpful if you could contact me at:

tu420web@gmail.com

so that link can be corrected or removed from the webpage.

Thanks for your help.

Frank Kohn
Webmaster

Water Testing Event



March 14 is International Day of Action for Rivers. Please join Lauren Haygood on Saturday, March 13 at 1:00pm at the 41st Plaza. For Citizen science, we will be doing water quality analyses on the Arkansas River. All participants will have the opportunity to get their own free personal testing kit, which they can use to test water systems of their choosing. For more information about the

Click the below link to purchase tickets for this year's Fly-Fishing Film Tour

[TU420 Ticketing Link](#)

As well as having access to the films you will be helping **TU420**. As part of our partnership this year \$2.00 of every ticket sold through our link will be given back to us! So, if you have friends or family that may be interested please share the link so we can work together to strengthen our fishing community. Remember the more tickets sold through the link the more money we raise!

Share the Stoke Reel on your own social channels with the links below:

Facebook: [2021 F3T Stoke Reel Facebook Post](#)

YouTube: [2021 F3T Stoke YouTube](#)

What comes with my ticket?

Full access to the 2021 F3T, from March 10th at 6:00pm EST thru April 4th.

You can watch it as many times as you would like from the original device used to play the movies. (Only 1 device can be used per ticket)

RAFFLES!!!!

A chance to enter the Trout Unlimited COSTA 5 Rivers Conservation Sweepstakes, found on the event page. All proceeds go to those chapters at college campuses nationwide, promoting the sport and conservation to the next generation of anglers.

F3T Grand Prize worth \$85,000. Go to flyfilmtour.com/win to sign up! Have the chance to win a trip to Australia, Mexico, Bahamas, Russia, and the Seychelles! As well there is an incredible list of gear and merchandise from the F3T sponsors! **BY FAR THE BIGGEST GIVEAWAY EVER ASSOCIATED WITH THE F3T!**

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE! [TU420 Ticketing Link](#)

FEBRUARY 2021 JOINT VENTURE

Fly Fishers International and Trout Unlimited have entered into a formal conservation partnership, consummating the collective conservation focus of each organization to greater substantive effect.

The agreement formally recognizes and acknowledges the shared conservation commitments of FFI and TU on behalf of the organizations' members and the fly-fishing community. It also establishes communication between the groups as they collaborate on mutual conservation goals.

project, please visit the google site: [What's in Your Water](#)

Recap:

Date: Saturday, March 13th

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 41st Plaza (41st Street and Riverside Drive, Tulsa)

Outings Poker

Outings Poker is a new outing and event-oriented game for the 2020-2021 season. No purchase is necessary, and everyone is welcome to play!

How to play:

Receive 1 fly fishing themed playing card for each outing or special event you attend.

No purchase is necessary. Cards will be distributed at the start of events.

Each card will be specially stamped and the stamp for each event will be different.

At the end of the season the player with the best traditional 5 card poker hand will win a new fly rod!

Your 5-card hand can only contain 1 card from each event. Any hands with duplicate markings will be disqualified.

It is not necessary to fully spell TROUT if there are no duplicate markings.

Cards will be available at every monthly outing and certain special events.

Attend every event and collect 10 cards total. Double the chance for a winning hand!

Each event card will feature only one of the stamped letters shown below:

The partnership has been approved by FFI's chairman of the board and president and CEO upon recommendation by the board's Conservation Committee.



Patrick Berry, President and CEO of Fly Fishers International commented: "FFI is dedicated to partnering with leading conservation organizations such as Trout Unlimited to ensure protection of our fisheries and their associated habitats for the benefit and enjoyment of the broader fly-fishing community. When we work together to achieve our collective missions, we are able to realize more success than working individually."

Trout Unlimited President and CEO Chris Wood said the partnership makes good sense for both TU and FFI. "Fly Fishers International is driven by the three fundamental pillars of conservation, education and community," Wood said. "That philosophy perfectly aligns with Trout Unlimited's vision. Because we share mutual conservation goals, we are natural allies."

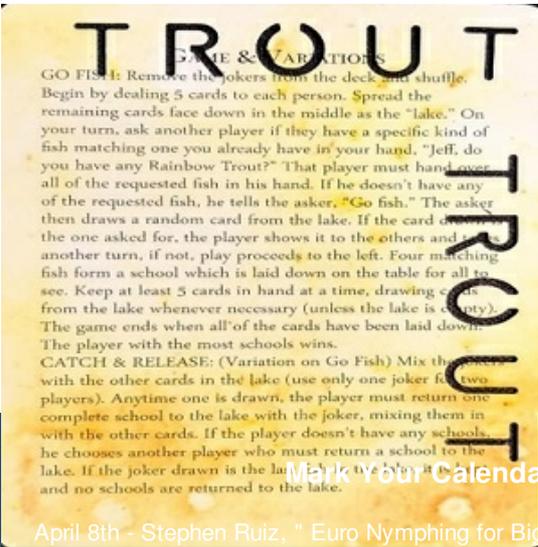
FFI conservation programs are focused on conserving All Fish, All Waters. The organization also preserves the legacy of fly fishing by focusing on the importance of a thriving community of individuals who value the camaraderie of angling and appreciates that learning never stops.

Announcement courtesy of Fly Fishing International

Addendum

Trout Unlimited's main focus is on its namesake, trout. **Fly Fishing International** expends its energies on the whole gamut of fly fishing.

It is for this reason we encourage our TU members to also join FFI. You can do that on our website (tu420.com), or the FFI site (flyfishersinternational.org). When you join FFI, please specify **Tulsa Fly Fishers** as your local chapter. Thank you!



Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

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May 13th - Lt. Gov. Matt Pennell, " Oklahoma Fishing Trail"

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