



Streamline

April 2014

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited

Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

Event Calendar

- April 5 - Fly Fishing Seminar at Jenks HS
- April 10 - General Meeting, TU and You with Scott Hood
- April 12 - Outing on the LIR. LUNCH provided

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



Trout Pond Catch December 2, 2013

Hello,

Wednesday was the Trout in the Classroom release day

General Meeting

TU and You

This month's meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Tulsa Fly Fishers will be held Thursday, April 10th. We will meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the North side of the Creek Turnpike off Memorial Drive. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, and the doors open shortly after 6.

Come hear Scott Hood, he has done much when it comes to TROUT UNLIMITED.

He has been a member for 15 years, Oklahoma Chapter 420 President serving multiple 2 year terms, Chapter

for Broken Arrow. Thanks to Scott Hood for all the work he has done over the past couple of years getting this started. Also, thanks to Jerry McConnell, Pat Daly, Ed Wampler, Randy Byrd, Phil Curtis, Bill Dungan, and Jim Scheidt for helping out. I am very proud that we had a volunteer turnout like that on a weekday.

For those of you that aren't familiar with the program, Trout in the Classroom is a program where a chilled aquarium is set up in a school classroom and trout are raised in the aquarium from eggs to fry and eventually released into an approved trout stream. In the case of our Chapter's program, the trout are released into the lower Illinois river during a field trip and our chapter volunteers participate in the day by giving casting lessons, discussing stream entomology and trout habitat and giving a fly tying demonstration.

The goals of this program, as outlined on Trout in the Classroom's website are to:

- Connect students to their local environments and their local watershed
- Teach about watershed health and water quality
- Get kids to care about fish and the environment

Our Chapter's Trout in the Classroom program has grown from a single tank at East Central High School in the 2011/12 school year to 4 schools this year. We will likely be in at least 5 schools for 2014/15. I am proud that our chapter has adopted this program and hope that we are successful in turning a generation of kids into trout fishers.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our meeting this month on the 10th.

David

TU Women's Initiative

As part of a drive to encourage women membership in TU, until June 15, first-time women members will be able to sign up for a free membership their first year and half price (\$17.50) their second year.

Click on the link below if you want to apply.

<https://gifts.tumembership.org/women>

V-President a number of times, Indian Nations Council Chair, INC Treasurer, served as Oklahoma's National Leadership Council member for the Indian Nations Council and most recently was elected to the Trout Unlimited Board of Trustees and he is a Life Time member of TU.

Scott's presentation will be a PowerPoint/video presentation and an overview of his experiences in service of Trout Unlimited and to its members.

Plus... back by popular demand, Scott will also dedicate 30 minutes of his presentation to "How & Where to fish the Lower Illinois River... favorite spots and how to get to them." Very valuable information as the Chapter outing, Saturday, April 12th will be to the Lower Illinois River. Lunch will be provided at the Watts Wildlife Management Unit. Come, fish, work up an appetite, and bring a side dish if you can.

Mark your calendar and we'll look forward to seeing you there. If you haven't paid your Tulsa Fly Fisher dues, bring green, checks are also accepted.

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LIR Outing

The Broken Arrow HS students who participated in Trout in the Classroom went to the Lower Illinois River Wednesday April 2. While there they had a chance to cast a fly rod, discovered what creatures live in the water and observe fly tyers emulating some of those same animals.

Here's a link to pictures from their outing.

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsjW88oCP>

Many thanks to Bill Dungan for the pictures.

Did You Know?

By: Scott Hood

I recently became a Life member of Trout Unlimited. Last week at our monthly board meeting I asked our membership chairman Mike Shuman, how many Life members we had in our Oklahoma Chapter. He says that we now have over 50. That means that nearly 10% of our 525 Oklahoma Chapter members have joined as Life members.

What does it mean to be a Life member? Besides not being hassled any longer for your annual dues and thus not wasting TU money to encourage you to "re-up" for another year each year, it means you'll get some really sweet fly fishing gear for doing so. And for some of you younger members it means saving some money. The TU Life membership is \$1200 and you can make \$100 "installment payments" if you want. But if you are 40 years old or under and you plan to live 32 more years the \$1200 paid now will be less. (Not to mention that you'll get some fantastic equipment to use now for the rest of those 30+ years!)

So consider this please, as a TU Life member, you'll enjoy knowing you've made an extraordinary commitment to the conservation of wild trout and salmon and the places you love to fish. And in thanks for your generous support TU will give you FREE the choice of a Sage ONE 5, 6 or 8 weight fly rod and a Sage 2250 or 2280 reel. You'll love your new rod and reel combo, but you can also look forward to a lifetime of TU member benefits

including your Oklahoma Chapter membership, your TROUT magazine and the annual TU wall calendar. Plus, no more renewal reminders in your mail box and something many of you complain about getting all the time! Learn more and please join me and 50+ other Oklahoma Chapter members by signing up TODAY at www.tu.org/life.

NOTICE ALL ... "DID YOU KNOW?" is new feature to our monthly Streamlines newsletter. Do you have something you think ever member needs to know? Just write a couple paragraphs and send them to us. (Editors Note, we reserve the right to determine whether your item is truly something everyone needs to know. Facts only please.)

Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

- May - 2 & 3 - Small Mouth Rendezvous in Tahlequah
- May - 3 - Fly Fishing 101 at The Gadget Company
- May - 8 - General Meeting with Brian Wise; Fly Fishing the North Fork of the White River
- May - 17 - Float trip on the Upper Illinois River
- June - 12 - Annual picnic and fishing outing (location TBD)

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