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Streamline



Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International



Event Calendar

Happy New Year!

January 11th - Duane Hada and Tadd Fore, "Everything You Want to Know About Ozark Mountain Fishing!"

January 13th - Broken Arrow Trout Pond - Free "How to Learn to Fly Fish" Event (10AM - Noon)

January 20th - Roaring River Outing - See article below

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



Russell Vaughn

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's}

Welcome all and Happy New Year! This time of year, I often reflect on past fishing excursions and ponder all of the numerous special locations around this region, possibly even around the world. Don't get me wrong, the LIR is a great local escape, but I like to explore new places to catch fish that have never seen my fly. Eventually, my mind takes me to the fly box. What flies should I tie for sunfish or bass, white bass, striper, or even a smallmouth. The preparation is part of the fun as well. What flies do I need for the LIR? If you ask Scott Hood, he may say you only need 4 flies with the flagship TFTCE. I was a young fly tyer when I got connected with the Dave Whitlock TU Chapter 420 and had the impression, I had to tie at least one of everything.

Oh, that YouTube channel has a lot more videos than just that nymph of current interest. What I have learned over the years is one can have a good time at the LIR with a short list of flies. Mayflies, Caddis, Midges are staples on the LIR along with the occasional scud. Be prepared to cover the water column from top to bottom. Streamers, egg & worm patterns are known producers as well. These days I am leaning more toward the KISS line of thinking. Wherever you choose to venture for certain species, feel free to share on our social media pages. I hope this year brings the best of health and happiness to you and yours. We certainly hope you enjoy the fishing opportunities this great state has to offer in the coming year or wherever the fish may take you.

P.S. Our Board of Directors still has the VP & Secretary positions open if you are inclined to get involved. Please contact me if interested to

Ozark Mountain Fishing



Tadd Fore(R)



Duane Hada (L)

"Considered one of the South's foremost authorities on stream smallmouth fishing, **Duane** has spent a lifetime honing his craft. Among many accolades and accomplishments, Duane is an Umpqua royalty tier for his Hada Creek Crawler, and he is a 2022 inductee into the Arkansas Game and Fish Outdoor Hall of Fame for his work in the conservation of smallmouth bass and his work with faith-based outdoors mentoring program Cross Trail Outfitters. Duane is also the co-founder of The Smallmouth Tour, a traveling smallmouth clinic that gives the most in-depth study into chasing bass on the fly you will find throughout the Ozarks region.

Tadd Fore is a fly-fishing guide for both smallmouth bass and White River trout as owner of Ozark Waters Fly Fishing. After a stint guiding in western Colorado, Tadd moved home to his first love- chasing smallies on the fly. He is a sought-after guide who loves nothing more than targeting trophy smallmouth bass in small Ozark streams. Tadd has worked closely with Duane over the last decade to fine-tune his craft and, along with Duane, is the co-founder of The Smallmouth Tour. Giving presentations throughout the South, Tadd has also had work featured in media like The Ozark Podcast, the Dally's Ozark Fly Fisher Journal, and cameos in Southern Culture on the Fly Magazine and Undammed: A Buffalo River Adventure, a film celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Buffalo National River.

Join Duane and Tadd for a fun evening of entertaining banter. Duane and Tadd will talk all things Ozarks, including chasing smallmouth bass and trophy trout on the fly, Duane's 'passing of the baton' to Tadd as one of the region's premier smallmouth experts, and Duane's work as the Arkansas Director for Cross Trail Outfitters."

Date: Thursday, January 11th

Time: 6:30 PM

discuss the details.

All the best,

Russell Vaughn

**President of 420 Dave Whitlock Trout Unlimited
& Tulsa Fly Fishers**

Tulsa Trout Pond Now Open

When you are reading this the TROUT POND FOR TULSA will be opened to all. From Christmas Day and until the end of the day on January 1st the pond was closed to all but kids. Adults could fish with the children they brought to the pond, but only if the children were also fishing.

The pond is located at the corner of 51st and Hudson in The Gardens Park of LaFortune Park a Tulsa County Park. We thank the Tulsa County Parks Department for placing the "rules" signs and for posting the NO FISHING signs after the pond was stocked for the first time on the 20th of December. We also thank NATUREWORKS of Tulsa for their continued support and partnership of the program. Plus, several others who donate to keep the trout coming each year. This year we will be paying a little over \$7.00 per pound for the fish delivered from the Crystal Lake Hatchery in Ava, MO.

Some ask why? Why do we do this each year? When it all started, over a decade ago, we did it for publicity. It was just good for public relations when you do these type of things. But over the years it became more than that. To understand what it means to a kid who is catching his or her first fish, not to mention it is a TROUT you should drop by the pond and ask around. I cannot tell you the number of times I have been there to see the delight on a little boy or girl's face when they land a fish.

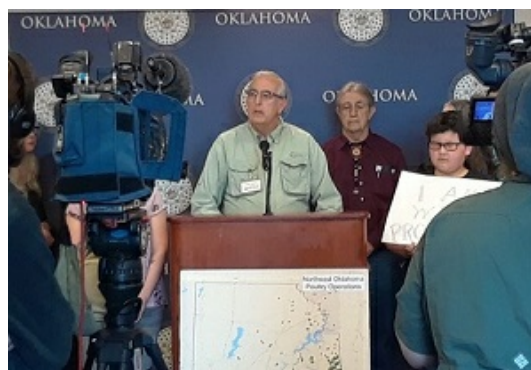


At Trout Unlimited National many say ... once they

Where: Hardesty Regional Library, Tulsa

420 Dave Whitlock of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers meet at Hardesty Public Library, 8316 E 93rd St Tulsa on the east side of Memorial Dr and one block north of the Creek Turnpike. Doors open at 6PM with the meeting commencing at 6:30. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the meeting.

Pat Daly Memorial Scholarship Fund Update



The Late Pat Daly Tirelessly Campaigning for Clean Water

We have good news on the Scholarship front. Another donor has supplied us with an additional \$5000.00. Therefore, we are able to increase our scholarship fund to \$25,000.

We are presently deciding between two Oklahoma universities to establish an endowed scholarship. This means the Pat Daly Scholarship will be given annually in perpetuity.

Our goal is to provide an approximate \$1000 scholarship to an incoming Senior Student.

The final decision as to the major of the student will be determined by which university we choose.

Your board hopes to make the final decision in January, so stay tuned to the February issue of Streamline.

Roaring River Outing

Join us on January 20th for our annual outing to Roaring River. We'll kick off the event at 8:00AM in front of the Park Store and fish the morning. We will gather at the large pavilion across from the park store for lunch at 12:30. A chili lunch will be prepared on site and served by your Tulsa Fly Fishers volunteer staff. We ask that you do not bring food to share with the group. After lunch, the fishing resumes until the park closes.

learn to fish for trout and learn about the trout, they are very likely to become a conservationist. Something we need more of every day.

Scott Hood
Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

You can do your share as a Conservationist by promotion of Trout Regulations while visiting the Pond. "The daily limit is three (3) trout.

All trout caught and placed on a stringer or otherwise held in possession cannot be released later (no culling).

All Trout in possession must be kept on a stringer marked with the angler's name and customer ID number. All anglers must have their own stringer."

Rules quoted from Oklahoma Trout Regulations.

Example: If you see two anglers tossing caught trout into a bucket, this is illegal.

Trout In The Classroom

Well, when you are reading this, we will be more than a 1/3rd of the way through the program year.

It all started with the egg planting day on Oct. 25th when our tank leaders headed off to the various participating schools. Within a week reports of eggs hatching started coming in. Except for two schools all went well.

In the case of Broken Arrow HS all the eggs went pale by Monday morning meaning something went horribly wrong. Going pale means all died without hatching from the egg case. To this day we have not discovered any reason for the failure. In the case of the Menendez International School, the second school to report a problem... some eggs hatched but by the end of the first week all had died. In this case we feel we know the culprit. To make the tank more "presentable" and to appear more like a classic aquarium the teachers placed a piece of driftwood, some rocks, and a floating plant in the tank. This is prior to the eggs being placed in the tank. This is something we do not recommend. I prefer and recommend that tanks are sterile of all things ... just plan clean and clear water. It appears that a "fungus" was just waiting for a "protein" introduction to the tank to attack.

However, it does not end for the schools that suffer a loss like these. We still encourage the teachers to plan and take the students on the end of the year field trip.

Please make sure you have your Missouri fishing license, unless exempt.

Annual Roaring River Fishing with Veterans
Roaring River State Park
12716 Farm Rd 2239, Cassville, MO 65625

8:00AM - Gather at Park Store for morning fishing.

12:30PM - Lunch at the Pavilion

1:30PM - Afternoon fishing

4:00PM - Park closes.

Roaring River License Information

You must purchase your necessary Missouri Fishing permits for our upcoming **Roaring Water Outing** before you leave home. Just click on the following link:

www.mdc.mo.gov/buypermits

For Non-Missouri residents, you will need a One Day Fishing Permit - \$8.00.

A Trout Permit will also be required - \$10.00

Note: If you purchased a 2023 Trout Permit, it is valid until 02/28/2024.

You will be able to print your permit at home, or for an additional \$2.00 purchase of a Missouri Conservation Card, it will contain all your permit information. Please allow 2-3 weeks delivery for the Conservation Card, so order today. Missouri Fishing has an official phone APP where you can carry your permits, but don't let your battery go dead!

For the APP, go to your Android or Apple store, and download the MO Fishing App.

Hope to see you at the Roaring River Park!

Holiday Party Whitlock Print Winners



The next phase gets a little more difficult. When the tanks are left unattended over the holidays plenty can go wrong. Plus, feeding has begun and with the feeding of the little fingerling comes the pollution. Things can happen fast. Spikes in nutrient levels that are not dealt with right away can cause a spike in ammonia gases and as we all know; it is poisonous even in small doses.



Beggs School Tank

Then comes phase three of the program and scheduling releases and field trips for all the students. As of this writing all but 2 of the 12 schools have set dates. Beginning February 27th and all the way to May 15th with some weeks having two trips to the lower Illinois River. I will save asking for volunteers to help on the release date until the next newsletter. If you can attend one or more of them, you will be glad you did.

Scott Hood
Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Do you want to learn to fly fish or know someone that wants to learn to fly fish, but you do not want to be the teacher? Here's a couple of opportunities to consider.

On Saturday, January 13th Broken Arrow Parks department along with volunteers from your Dave Whitlock Chapter will host a Trout Clinic at the BA Events Park Pond, 101st at the Creek Turnpike. 10 am to 12 noon. Learn to cast a fly rod, catch a trout and we will show you how to clean it, fly tying demos weather permitting. FREE

On Saturday, March 9th your Dave Whitlock Chapter, and volunteers along with the Jenks Community Education program will host a day long clinic called FLY FISH OKLAHOMA. This is a more intensive day learning more about where, when, and how to catch fish on a fly rod. This is held indoors, so weather is never a problem. 9 am to 2pm, the cost is \$35, with all proceeds going to the Dave

At our Holiday Party, two attendees were winners of our special Dave Whitlock Print Raffle.

They are Kelly Riley and Judy Fichtl.
Congratulations to our Winners!

The Holiday Party was a grand success due to the congregation of some many anglers in one place.

Please make plans to attend next year's event

January Raffle Prize



In preparation for our annual Fly-Tying Night at the February General Meeting, we are offering a Fly Tying Vise and accessories as the January Raffle Prize.

The assortment is valued at \$80.

Tickets are \$1 each with the price break beginning at 6 tickets for \$5.

You must be present to win. After the drawing, losing tickets go in the tub to be eligible for our Annual Prize Drawing in November.

LIR Safety Tips

Gore Police Department: 918-489-5963 or 911

Local Game Wardens – 918-431-2550 or 918-431-2544

(to report fishing/hunting violations)

Gore response time is approximately 5 minutes.

If cardiac, call for help, start hands only CPR, pushing downward 2 inches on center of chest to

Whitlock Chapter. Sign-up on the [Jenks Community Education](#) web site. Seating is limited.

Etc

It's that time of the year - Time to renew your Fishing Licenses. Remember, all licenses, including lifetime, do not include a Paddlefish Permit. The good news is that they are free. Download the **Go Outdoors Oklahoma App** for your digital device and take care of all your licensing needs there

Input Wanted!

You may not be Gadabout Gaddis, the flying fisherman, but you might be saying to yourself, I could talk for hours spinning tales about my fishing adventures.

We don't need an encyclopedia of anglers antics in the wild, but we are in search of a few tales or tips for our readers to enjoy.

Please don't hesitate to take a firm grasp of the keyboard and reveal to us your experiences or fishing tips (like how to tie a siamese silver beetle bug).

Forward your completed works in **Word format** and don't forget your **pictures** (JPEG) to: [Bruce Brewer](mailto:rbbrewer1@live.com), rbbrewer1@live.com

Concerning Your Address

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Another Tip

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Those using those addresses may not receive their Streamline. You can complain to your email provider or you can provide us with a gmail or yahoo address. Please consider this, if you are not receiving your Streamline, and we have your

the beat of "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gee's. If possible, please note time when CPR is initiated. Landmarks to assist emergency response: The Dam, Lower parking lot, Watts, and MarVal's. Also, let them know which side of the river you're on. Accurate information will allow for quicker response time.

If it is a swift water rescue, call 911, or Gore Police Dept, and they will respond in addition to Sequoyah County team.

If a medical transfer is needed, they will LifeFlight from the baseball field in Gore to either Muskogee or Sallisaw hospital.

Always a good idea to carry baby aspirin and Benadryl in your fishing gear. Also, a first aid kit in your vehicle shows that you think ahead.

Let's help keep our fellow angler's safe.

Life saving instructions courtesy Nurse **Binnie Jones**.

Tulsa Fly Fishers

Trout Unlimited is an organization without parallel in the preservation of it's namesake. But many who are members of TU420 are also card-carrying members of Tulsa Fly Fishers(TFF). TFF's parent organization is Fly Fishing International(FFI).

While TU concentrates on Trout, FFI supports Fly Fishing in all it's forms. This universal approach helps you to be successful fly fishing in ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, and oceans. For FFI members, their website offers many videos on casting and fly tying. At an addition of \$15 a year, you can subscribe to their informative magazine. Member benefits also includes discounts in car rentals and hotel stays; auto, home and health insurance; and shopping discounts.

All of our Officers and Board Members are required to be active members of both TU and FFI, but you can join today without pressure. When you sign up, please select Tulsa Fly Fishers as your local chapter. Just go our website ([tu420](#)) and click on the link:

Join TFF/FFI

correct email.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

February 8th - Annual Fly-Tying Night

March 9th - Fly-Fishing 101 at Jenks Community Education

"Streamline" is published on the first of the month about a week before the next general meeting.

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