



TU/FFI

March 2024



Streamline



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



Event Calendar

March 2nd - Mystery Fly Tournament at the LIR (Hey, that's tomorrow!)

March 7th - "Fishing With Joel" at the Hardesty Library

March 9th - Learn To Fly Fish Oklahoma Class at Jenks Community Center

March 14th - IF4 Film Showing at the Circle Cinema, Tulsa at 7 PM

March 16th - Kids and Family Outing at Tulsa Trout Pond

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}

Gosh, this sunshine and warm weather have me pondering fishing adventures this spring. The lower Illinois fishes fairly well if you can catch the low flows. I had one of the best soft hackle days in a while at the end of Feb. The Mystery Fly outing was rescheduled for March 2nd, so you won't want to miss it! Full disclosure, I have plans with my wife that I cannot break. We are picking up a new puppy which has been in the works for a while, but you all enjoy yourselves.

One aspect of this club that I like is the sense of community. I know it sounds cliché but mesh together the diversity of the backgrounds experiences results in an eclectic mix or folks gathering over a passion for the outdoors and fly fishing. I encourage you all to engage with us over outings, educational opportunities, monthly meetings, and special events such as the IF4 event coming up at the Circle Cinema on March 14th. Our board is a small group of folks who work hard to bring relevant content and activities so please join us soon. We appreciate you all and hope to see you regularly.

Back to fishing. Crappie and sand bass should be right around the corner. Smallmouth will be calling your name while you work, well some of us must work. I am excited about the bounty the outdoors has to offer this spring. I have a few new spots picked out that may allow for some mushroom hunting as well. Thank you all so much!

Russell Vaughn

President

420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers

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Fishing With Joel

Guest Speaker: Long time friend to many in our Trout Unlimited Chapter and past President of both the Tulsa Fly Fishers and the Oklahoma Chapter of TU, now The Dave Whitlock Chapter will be **Joel Kantor**.

We will let Joel explain his presentation in his own words:

"To my friends of TU and Tulsa Fly Fishers. I'm honored to be asked to share with you a few recent fly-fishing outings I have had. The first will be a short picture show on fishing a tributary of the Rio Negro for peacock bass and the other species which roam these waters.



The other discussion will be on a small river northeast of Atlanta GA for rainbow and brown trout, extremely large fish. I hope you can join in the discussion."



Date: Thursday, March 7th

Time: 6:30 PM

**Where: Hardesty Regional Library, Tulsa
Different Room - The Maple Room**

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

February Raffle Winner



In all the excitement, your fool editor forgot to get a picture of our winner.

Ryan Cragar won the complete set of fly tying materials and tools. Please forgive me, Ryan.

We promise to get the next winner's picture.

Attend the March meeting and that could result in your picture being displayed in the April Streamline.

Kids, Families at Tulsa Trout Pond

Tulsa Fly Fishers and The Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited March Outing

Join us Saturday, March 16th for some fun with the family and some close to home trout fishing. We invite all supporters, their families, and their children to join us from 10AM – 2PM as we close out the trout pond for this season.

We'll have fly casting demonstrations and hands on lessons available as well as a few spare fly rods. The Gardens Park Pond at LaFortune Park is a great way to introduce a youngster to fly fishing. All Oklahoma fishing regulations apply and anyone over 16 years of age must have an Oklahoma fishing license.

Lunch will be available to all OKTU/TFF members and their families at no cost. Non-members can enjoy lunch for a small donation. We'll have hot dogs, chips, snacks and soft drinks available.

The Tulsa Trout Pond is located on the corner of 51st & Hudson in Tulsa. Parking is available at the library and in the LaFortune Gardens Park parking

presented at the end of the meeting.

Pat Daly Memorial Scholarship Fund Update



The Late Pat Daly Tirelessly Campaigning for Clean Water

It has been decided that the Pat Daly Memorial Scholarship will be a \$25K endowment to the Oklahoma State University (OSU). The endowment will create a forever annual scholarship.

An agreement has been signed with OSU. and here are some excerpts from the document:

"Recipients of the Scholarship will be selected by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, or its designee.

The fund will be used to support the Pat Daly Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

The recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student at the University. The recipient must be enrolled in the Ferguson College of Agriculture, pursuing a degree in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology with a degree option in Fisheries and Aquatic Ecology. The recipient must be a senior level student with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale."

We hope to see the first student winner of our scholarship during the 2024-2025 Academic year.

Mystery Fly Tournament

Join us on **March 2nd** for our 6th Annual Mystery Fly Tournament. This fun event will feature a fly that should fish well on our local home water, the Lower Illinois River. We'll meet in the Watts parking lot at 8:00AM. Flies will be available for a \$5 donation.

Initially, everyone has the opportunity to purchase one fly. Once everyone has purchased a fly, if there are any left, the rest will be made available for an additional \$5.00 donations.

lot adjacent to the pond. Enter off 51st street. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, March 16th

10AM – 2PM

LaFortune Gardens Park

5105 S Hudson Ave

Tulsa, OK

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

TIC RELEASES BEGIN

After going full steam ahead over the last several months Trout In the Classroom begins it's winding down period with trout releases from now and until May. (In fact, when you are reading this, we will have already had the first release by some 50 or so, 5th graders from Kellyville Elementary School.) It all starts with our volunteers getting our trout travel tank to the school a few days before the planned release. Basically, a cooler with a mobile battery powered bubbler mounted to the lid. After removing the fingerlings from the classroom tank, teachers are instructed to float a couple frozen bottles of water in the transfer tank to keep the water cold for the trip to the lower Illinois River. The little mobile tank is loaded into the bus, with the students and they are all off to the Watts WMU where the release takes place.

After checking in and getting your fly you do not have to stay at Watts. All legal access areas of the river are open to the tournament. Tournament scoring begins at 9:00AM and ends at Noon. Please return to Watts for lunch and to turn in your score.

We'll have prizes for the most trout caught and the biggest trout caught. Lunch is provided by TU420 and will be served at 12:30 in the Watts parking lot.

6th Annual TU420 Mystery Fly Tournament

Watts WMA, Lower Illinois River

8:00AM Sign Up @ Watts Area

\$5 donation per fly

9:00AM Scoring Begins

12:00PM Scoring Ends

12:30PM Results and Lunch @ Watts Area

See you there!

March Raffle Prize



In these inflationary times, a complete fiberglass boat, motor and trailer can cost you \$16K. The price of a simple new aluminum boat, motor, and trailer can set you back \$3200.

But what if you want to forego the boat and still fish out in the middle of streams, rivers, and lakes? We have just the equipment for you.

Our March raffle prize is an Original U-Boat Float Tube and accessories. Our prize is valued at over \$200.

For the cost of a donation, you can enter the raffle and



After spending a few minutes on site at the Watts property, answering questions about the area and the river, we will load the students back on the bus for a short trip upriver to the lower parking lot. This is where volunteers from the Dave Whitlock Chapter are waiting to offer a field trip down the river to the cross-vane, some fly casting lessons, fly tying demonstrations, a little geology lesson and if the river is not too high, we get in and net out some of the invertebrate that are present and explain that these are the animals that their little fingerlings will be living on as they grow. Each day is a treat for all, teachers, students, and volunteers alike.

In March we will host releases for: Tulsa Met HS and Anderson Elementary on the 6th, Waleetka HS on the 11th, Sand Springs HS Spl Ed on March 14th, Jenks Freshman Academy on the 27th and Keifer HS on April 1st. At the present time we could use a couple of extra volunteers on the 27th as that group will number about 60 students. Buses will arrive at the Watts WMU around 9:30am and you'll be on your way home (or fishing if the river is down) by 1 or 1:30.

If you are available and can volunteer on March 27th, please email Scott Hood at tu420edu@gmail.com

Thank You.

Scott Hood
Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

Saturday, March 9, 2024

That is the name of our Dave Whitlock TU Chapter's fly-fishing education program offered via

possibly find yourself floating safely down the Lower Illinois River.

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 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

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

This all-in-one, single day course on fly fishing covers the basics of many things in fly fishing. Terminology, when, where and how to catch a variety of Oklahoma's many species, recognizing these species, covers fly tying, learning the most important fly-fishing knots and how to tie them and finally, how to cast a fly using a fly rod.

The clinic is offered at the Jenks High School Aquatics Center on the campus of Jenks High School where we can teach casting technique on the water. Offered indoors, rain or shine for a fee of only \$35, it is a course many, now seasoned fly casters, have taken. All proceeds go to your Chapter for other programs.

Seating is limited and classes do sell out So please sign up today.

Sign-up on the [Jenks Community Education](#) web site. Registration is also available by calling 918-299-4415, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.



Oklahoma BHA Set to host the International Fly-Fishing Film Festival

The 2024 International Fly-Fishing Film Festival (IF4) is coming to Tulsa on Thursday, March 14th, featuring 9 official selections.

The Oklahoma screening of IF4 will be at Circle Cinema on March 14th. Doors will open at 6:30 PM and the film will start at 7:00PM. Get there early for great raffle and merchandise opportunities!

Tickets can be purchased through the flyfilmfest.com or at the door and are priced at \$20.00. This event tends to sell out so get your tickets early! Total running time of the film is one

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

“WHAT HAS TROUT UNLIMITED DONE FOR ME LATELY?”

Many worthy causes are advertising for your support today. You hear of those asking for just \$19 a month (63 cents a day) and they will include a gift if you sign up.

But what about Trout Unlimited? “Why should I join? What do I get for my \$35 annual fee?”

A clear answer to your question is the **PRIORITY WATERS INITIATIVE** by Trout Unlimited. A sort of who's who and where's where of what Trout Unlimited is doing, anywhere and nearly everywhere cold clean water is freely flowing and, in some places, where it is not so freely flowing. (Klamath dams are now being removed in Oregon and perhaps in the future, the 4 lower dams of the Snake River will come down.)

Some leaders are lucky and have those cold clean waters near them and it's relatively easy to point to River XYZ and say to the questioner ... “Trout Unlimited did this or that to River XYZ and it will benefit the area for ages to come.” However, like it is for me, those pristine waters, the one's Trout Unlimited National has had a hand in preserving and protecting, well, they are an 8-to-10-hour drive or expensive airline flight from me.

Now, with the Priority Waters initiative I can say, have you looked? Check it out for yourself. Search nearly any state in America where clean cold waters flow and you'll find what TU has or is doing. Now, if you get a: Yes, but what about me? You should be prepared with an answer. Here is my simple answer. Think of it this way Joe. (Joe is my fictitious numbskull who needs help deciding about the mere \$35 dollars it costs to be a TU member.) I say, “Joe, I have children and they have my

hour and forty-five minutes.

About the films:

Among the official selections in the festival are Pinawaca, a jungle adventure, led by popular angler and guide, Jako Lucas, in search of legendary and oversized peacock bass; Vivid Dreams, a breathtaking film about a group of friends in search of oversized sea-run brown trout in rugged landscapes; Tunulik, a northern adventure to Nunavik in search of trophy brook trout, arctic char and Atlantic salmon; The Runaround, a high-energy film following a group of friends on an adventure from Walker's Cay to the famed everglades; Tension, a cinematic tale celebrating legacy, conservation and the American West; and A Ride with Clyde, an unforgettable, unconventional and memorable trip with salty friends into the Tennessee hills.

Others include Kendjam, a tale of Bolivian adventures and; The Golden Ride, an unforgettable fly-fishing trip centered around a community of friends as they travel south to Argentina in pursuit of aggressive Golden Dorado.

For more information on the film festival, featured films, dates and locations, visit flyfilmfest.com.

WHEN

March 14, 2024 at 6:30pm - 10pm

WHERE

Circle Cinema
10 S Lewis Ave
Tulsa, OK 74104
United States

[Google map and directions](#)

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grandchildren and I do not have a crystal ball. I have no clue where my children might move to next year and live in ten years. Nor do I know where my grandchildren might live when they grow up. However, what I do know is that Trout Unlimited is playing a major role in insuring that many of the places where I still dream of fishing, many of them currently Priority Waters will be there for them and may even be better for my offspring than they are for me today! So, Joe, that's why your \$35 is important and what TU has and is doing for you today."

Have you asked the question, What has TU done for me lately? I invite you to go to: <https://prioritywaters.tu.org/explore-the-map/> and you'll quickly discover the answer to the anywhere and nearly everywhere answer to your question.

Scott Hood

Trout Unlimited Life Member, Member of The Dave Whiltcock Chapter #420

Etc

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

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Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

April 11th - General Meeting at the Library

May 9th - General Meeting at the Libraty

December 12th - Holiday Party at McNellies South (SAVE THE DATE!)

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