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Streamline



**Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliate Club of Fly Fishers International**



Event Calendar

Happy New Year!

January 8th - "Chasing the Large Brown Trout with Cody Griffin"

January 10th - Roaring River Outing

January 24th - Broken Arrow Events Pond Fishing Assistance Day

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}

As we welcome in the new year, I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, or at least a peaceful holiday season filled with family, friends, and a few quiet moments reflecting on experiences on the waters we cherish. The LIR is fishing well with the accumulation of fish since stocking has resumed. I have heard good reports from the LMF as well. Dedicated anglers who brave the chill are often rewarded with less crowded banks and maybe even hungry fish.

This month I am reminded of the legacy this chapter proudly carries-the name of Dave Whitlock. Dave was not just a master fly tier, artist, and innovator whose patterns such as Dave's Hopper and the Red Fox Squirrel Nymph fill our boxes, he was a true champion of conservation and education. His passion for connecting people with both cold and warm water continues to inspire us to this day. My hope is that more of us will catch the spirit of protecting our waterways and truly understand the importance of maintaining the delicate balance of ecosystems.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. There will be opportunities to engage with our community, whether in participation or

Chasing the Large Brown Trout!



Cody Griffin (center) with friends

Cody Griffin is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and grew up on a rice farm in Northeast Arkansas where a strong work ethic and connection to the outdoors were instilled at an early age. Cody has been fishing Arkansas trout waters his entire life but began tying and selling flies as a way to afford his fishing addiction. What began as a side business, tying flies, has grown into a full-scale operation, with Cody now working as a full-time guide and owner and operator of Fin & Feather Fly Fishing.

Cody guides on the Little Red River, White River, and Norfolk River, with a particular passion for chasing large brown trout. A self-proclaimed streamer junkie, he has developed more than ten original streamer patterns and is currently in the process of becoming a signature fly designer for a major fly company.

Education is at the core of Cody's guiding philosophy. He places a strong emphasis on helping anglers grow, no matter their experience level, from complete beginners to seasoned experts. Cody believes a great angler never stops learning, and that there is always something new to learn. His goal on every trip is for each client to leave the river a more confident, capable angler than when they arrived.

Cody is especially passionate about showcasing how exceptional the Little Red River truly is, with a focus on how fly fishing there changes throughout

volunteer efforts, or simply by renewing your membership. Please help us keep water clean and flowing.

Tight lines,

Russell Vaughn

President

420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers

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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Trout In the Classroom December progress report:

As of this article, things in our TIC area are going quite well.

We've had one report of a significant Elvin die off. About 2/3's of the original hatch of 300 were lost. This was basically from a filter problem that was drawing the young fish into the filter via the chiller. This is an old set up at the Broken Arrow HS location. The problem was solved by replacing the chiller and filter with the models we use at all the other schools.

Webber Falls HS also reported a small die-off. Water qualities were tested and retested, seemingly perfect, a water change of 10% was done, just in case and perfect water quality was established. Based on observations, we have determined that it's possible that a number of the hatched Elvin didn't go through the "swim-up" phase as they should have. It was noted that the dead were significantly smaller than those thriving well in the tank. Because they never learned how to eat after losing their yoke sac they most likely died of starvation. These are the things that happen and all are learning experiences for teachers and students alike.

Now the goal will be to get the tanks and the young fingerlings through the extended holidays where the tanks aren't usually attended to on a near daily basis.

Looking forward into next year, we have already begun to schedule school field trip / release dates

the seasons. The Little Red is home to the only self-sustaining brown trout population in the southern United States and was the site of the previous world-record, a 40lb 4oz brown trout. Arkansas Tailwaters offers anglers a rare opportunity to pursue trophy brown trout year-round.

Cody promised to share some of his techniques that he uses in the hooking of the elusive brown trout. Don't miss it!

Date: Thursday, January 8th

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Hardesty Regional Library

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.

Help and Fish ... Broken Arrow Events Park / Pond

Trout Season

Looking for volunteers to help with Fly Fishing Clinics on Jan.24th and Fish Out Saturday Feb 21. Weather permitting ... 10am to noon each Saturday.

We'll have demo rods for volunteers to use while you show interested people how to cast a fly using a fly rod. Just the basics. You don't have to be a "certified casting instructor" to help. No need to sign up to help. **Just show up at 9:30am and offer to help.**

After ... stay and fish. In the past a standard black jig under an indicator has produced.

Events Park is located at 21101 E. 101st St in Broken Arrow. Just east of the Creek Turnpike. Parking is now available on the WEST side of the pond.

to the Lower Illinois River. Having volunteers from the ranks of our DWTU chapter members being available for these 14 releases and not wanting those volunteers to be worked to death, we strive to schedule no more than 2 releases a week beginning in late February.

At this writing these are the scheduled schools and dates: Sapulpa High School / Tuesday, March 3rd ... Jenks Freshman Academy / Thursday, March 5th Tulsa Met High School, Tuesday, March 10th ... Sand Springs Page HS Thursday, March 12th ... Undercroft Montessori 3rd Grade Tuesday, March 31st and Union High School, Thursday, April 30th.

By the next report many of the dates between the first and last current schedule will fill in.

If you'd like to witness a release or be a volunteer at any of the releases, please reach out to Scott Hood at tu420edu@gmail.com . For the most part volunteering means helping to keep eyes on the students, watching that they stay close and not wander off, staying away from the river, sometimes our releases are set when generations are happening, and high-water levels can be dangerous to those unaware.

In our next report we'll list all that we do at a field trip/ release.

Scott Hood
Youth and Adult Education Coordinator
Dave Whitlock Chapter #420 Trout Unlimited

LIR Safety Tips

Carry This Email With You

Gore Police Department: [918-489-5963](tel:918-489-5963) or 911

Local Game Wardens – [918-431-2550](tel:918-431-2550) or [918-431-2544](tel: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

Roaring River Outing

Join us on January 10th for our annual outing to Roaring River with members of Project Healing Waters.

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 12:00. 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.

Please make sure you have your Missouri fishing license and Trout Permit, 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.

12:00PM - Lunch at the Pavilion

1:00PM - 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 - \$9.00. (January 10, 2026)
A Trout Permit will also be required - \$12.00.

Note: If you purchased a 2025 Trout Permit, it is valid until 02/28/2026.(Please verify)

You will be able to print your permit at home, or for an additional \$5.00 purchase of a Missouri

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**.

Etc

Scribblers Unite!

"As a streak of daylight crests the horizon, the lonesome cry of the jackalope breaks the silence of the fisherman wading surreptitiously into the river. Quickly, he casts his homemade fly(designed to imitate the mating dance of the crusted zwieback) into the awaiting riffle."

Our readers are a dedicated bunch of anglers, and they don't want to read about how you came to love fishing despite the relentless beatings you endured each time your father caught you with his fly rod. Your stories must start with a bang. You must cut right to the chase, so to speak.

Please 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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Conservation Card, it will contain all your permit/license 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!

Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma is Back!

Yes, after renegotiating our arrangement with the Jenks Community Education folks we are again offering a one-day program to teach the how to, what, when and where's about fly fishing in Oklahoma. But not to be thrown by that brief outline, anyone taking the clinic will walk away with a new knowledge of being able to fly fish ANYWHERE, not just in Oklahoma.

The five-and-a-half-hour program offered in a classroom setting where the terminology of fly fishing is covered, line and rod weight meanings, casting outlined where the science of the basic cast are revealed, flies and the importance of matching the hatch and more are covered. To end the clinic participants are broken into smaller groups where they will rotate through a "learn to tie knots" session, hands on, see how flies are tied and finally and perhaps most important of all, there is a hands-on and in-person casting session, on the water in the Jenks High School swimming pool. All who are reading this know the importance of water when it comes to the cast.

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January Raffle Prize



January's Raffle prize is a Collapsible Wading Staff and Holster, and a Dave Whitlock Smallmouth Coffee Mug. The prize is valued at \$80.

Bring your cash to donate. Tickets are \$1.00 each with a price break beginning with 6 tickets for \$5.



The clinic is set for Saturday, March 21st from 9am to 2pm. (rain or shine, it's all in-doors) Cost is \$60 per person (With proceeds going to DWTU420 Chapter) Register for the clinic by calling this number: 918-299-4415 or Online at: [Jenks Community Center](#)

And what we always say ... If you know someone that wants to learn to fly fish and you don't want to be their teacher, this is the clinic for you/ ther

Holiday Party Shenanigans



Participants who were willing to be photographed



You must be present to win.

All losing tickets can be entered into our Annual Prize awarded in November.

Above are winners of our Holiday Party Raffle. All winners received a Dave Whitlock signed print. They are (left to right) Frank Kohn, Bruce Burton, and Ryan Crager.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

February 12th - "Everything You Don't Know About The Brazos River"

February 21st - Broken Arrow Events pond Fish Out

March 12th- General Meeting at the Library

March 21st - Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

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