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



Event Calendar

April 1st - Fool a Fish Day

April 9th - "Everything You Always to Know About the Tenkiller Dam*" by Scott Hood

April 23rd - Combination Outing and 20th Annual Fly Fishing Film Tour at Circle Cinema

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}

Spring has officially sprung in Oklahoma with unusually warm weather. With it comes the promise of rising water temperatures, longer days on the water, and finned prey eager to take a fly. Tie up those fresh patterns whether for trout or to catch the annual migration of a fan favorite temperate bass species, the white bass. I usually deliver a timely word camped out on the subject of "sand bass". However, this year, I'd like to shift focus to our name's sake, Dave Whitlock. I was able to attend the ceremony unveiling an absolutely stunning mural honoring the life of Dave Whitlock painted by Duane Hada.



Dave Whitlock and his passion for fly fishing and art touched the lives of so many in such a profound way. Duane is the proprietor of Rivertown Gallery in Mountain Home, AR, an art gallery offering original paintings of Ozark landscapes and wildlife. I want you all to know that the Dave Whitlock Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 is a proud contributor to the mural. The ceremony was very moving, and the unveiling of the mural was spectacular celebrating the life and legacy of Dave Whitlock. I can't express enough to you how fortunate we are as a

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Tenkiller Dam*



Scott Hood, Ex-Everything TU420

We have all been there. After pulling into the parking lot, we suit up and rig our fly rod with our favorite fly. Just as we approach the river's edge, The horn sounds indicating a change in water level. When we arrived the generation schedule promised no increase in water flow until the afternoon. Now, our 200 fps water flow is giving way to a 3000 fps in a matter of minutes. Our plan for a lazy day fishing has now become a game of sudden death if we get too close to the water's edge.

Scott Hood, life member of Trout Unlimited and past holder of every position at the local and regional level for the 420 Dave Whitlock Chapter, has promised to share with us all his knowledge of the Tenkiller Dam. He even said, if provoked, that he would reveal some of his favorite fishing spots in the Lower Illinois River flowing out of the base of the dam.

Most of you have heard of his favorite fly that catches everything in the LIR. Scott doesn't want you to live your life without knowing what it is. So look closely on his attire for that night, he might be wearing his favorite fly.

Water safety is also a main subject at our April meeting. Scott will talk about dangerous parts of the river.

group of fishermen to carry on Dave's legacy not only in name but in hopefully action as well.

Looking back and forward. February's Annual Mystery Fly Outing was another fantastic success with strong participation, plenty of laughs and no shortage of line being stretched. Big thank you to all of the volunteer who helped in the effort especially Heath and the juicy burgers he provides. I hope you all plan to participate in our upcoming meetings and events. We have some excellent speakers in queue this year. Sneak peak, I made arrangements with Davy Wotton to be at our September meeting. I have been tying flies for around 20 years and am amazed at how much I learned about tying from the short time I got to experience tying lessons from Davy. Davy simply is a living legend in the fly fishing industry. You won't want to miss that event!

I hope you all appreciate how blessed we are to have the opportunity to carry on Dave Whitlock's legacy by practicing good stewardship of our natural resources, enjoying those wild places we encounter, inviting others to share in our passion for fly fishing and having a positive influence on our community.

Thanks for allowing me to capture your attention. Please let me know if you enjoy our contributions. Stay engaged and look forward to speaking with you at our next event.

Russell Vaughn

President

420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers

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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Spring Trout In the Classroom Update:

As I write this, nearly all of our TIC schools are preparing for the finale of their year. A field trip to the Lower Illinois River to release the trout they have been raising from eggs.

It's an exciting time. Today, however, I must report first, that several tanks did not make it through the Christmas season. Water quality is important to the

In addition, we will have **Binnie Jones** to give CPR and basic First Aid lessons. She is an excellent instructor and what she teaches you will stick in your memory.

Date: Thursday, April 9th

Time: 6:30 PM

**Where: Sheels Tulsa, Mickey Mantle Room,
2nd Floor.**

420 Dave Whitlock of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers meet at Sheels, Woodland Hills Mall, 6929 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa, OK 74133.

Doors open at 6PM with the meeting commencing at 6:30. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the meeting.

***but were afraid to ask**

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Henceforth, with occasional exceptions, we will be conducting our monthly meetings at the [Sheels store](#) at the Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa (the official address has been noted above). See also the highlighted Google Map link for assistance in finding your way.

Here is a simple guide you may find useful in navigating your way to our new location:

1) We will be meeting in the Mickey Mantle Room on the 2nd floor.

2) Park at the North Main Entrance to Sheels



survival of the trout and without daily attention tragedies do happen. Two schools lost all their trout; teachers and students alike cry about the losses. However, it's a learning experience. A couple other schools report only 10 to 30 remaining survivors. (To be blunt, we all know that even the trout that do survive through it all will most likely not survive once released to the wilds of the LIR. But that's our secret. It's the circle of life. Even in the wild, when a female trout has her 3,000 to 5,000 eggs only 2 to 3 will survive to propagate the species.)

Now, with what's next ... the releases and field trips. Below I will post all the dates of the coming releases. All who read this are welcome to attend and witness the joy the students have when they bend to release a trout to the river and watch it swim away free, free at last. Here's what occurs: my volunteers arrive at the Watts WMU near and around 9:30 am to prepare for the arrival of the bus or busses. (Sometimes 15 students and sometimes over 100.) We escort the fingerlings down to the river and one at a time the trout are released. After all are set free, I give a quick speech about the Watts WMU and encourage those interested to come back some day to fish.



Rain or Shine, the Releases Must Go On!

Then, we load back to the buses and travel up to the lower parking lot where volunteers are waiting to show hands on fly casting, fly tying, and a nature walk as we journey into the river to net invertebrates for the students to observe. It's a fun couple of hours. Usually by 1pm the buses are loaded and the student and teacher head back to

3) Enter Scheels and walk passed the cash registers and turn Right.

4) Look ahead - see Ginna's Cafe. Just before entering the cafe turn Right and see a hallway containing two elevators.

5) Enter the elevator of your choosing and ride to the 2nd floor.

6) On the 2nd floor turn Left (and follow the EXIT sign before the bench). Go Through the Double Doors.

7) The Mikey Mantle Room will be the first room on your left. There will be a sign posted outside the room door.

Editor's Note: Come early and dine in Ginna's Cafe. They make a great B.L.T. on sourdough.

Read This!

This is the age where everything is iconic, nothing is ordinary. When you dare to venture into a fast food establishment, you're confronted with the decision of whether you should make your meal a combo. On the airwaves you are encouraged to bundle and save.

Not to be outdone, you're club has taken it upon themselves to combine two normally separate events into one.

The 20th Annual Fly Fishing Film Tour is being combined with our monthly outing to be a one night extravaganza!

Now, you can eat popcorn while living the dream on the big screen.

Read about the details of this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

You Had To Be There!

The Fly Tying night at the Green Country Fly Company in Owasso was a success.

Many participated in sharing their knowledge with those who never touched a fly vise before.

school. (Some of us will stay to fish.)

Here is the list of schedule dates: **Trout In the Classroom Field Trips Scheduled:**

Keifer High School... Thursday, April 2nd

Collinsville High School... Friday, April 3rd

Beggs High School... Thursday, April 9th

Broken Arrow High School... Tuesday, April 28th

Union High School... Thursday, April 30th

Kellyville Elementary... Monday, May 11th

Bixby High School... NO Date Yet

Felix Menendez Canceled trip

Bixby and Felix are the 2 schools that had issues over the Christmas holiday.

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)

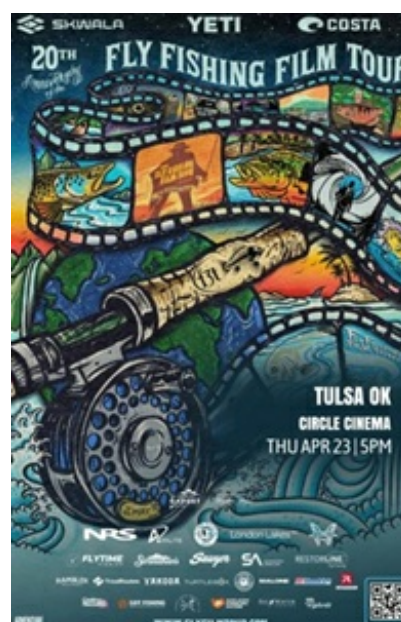
Gore response time is approximately 5 minutes.

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



Watching the wrapping of the thread, dubbing of glue, and the radiation of UV light, one wondered if the lateral line of any fish in nearby sources of water were tingling in anticipation of chasing the finished fly.

You just had to be there!



This year's showing of the Fly Fishing Film Festival will take place on April 23rd at Circle Cinema in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Doors will open at 5PM and the films will begin promptly at 6:30PM.

This year's program includes films documenting the pursuit of Pacu, Rooster Fish, Mako Sharks, and of course trout. Live music from Jared Tyler will begin at 5PM in the theater foyer. Heirloom brewed a special beer for the event called Bumblepuppy, a homage to one of the very first streamers ever tied, that will also be available starting at 5.

The theater concessions will also be available throughout the event. Old Dog will be serving the best fried catfish and chicken that you've ever had,

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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so make sure you come hungry.

A raffle will benefit the Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Raffle winners will be drawn during the film's intermission. Prizes include an Airlite Aspire 6 wt combo, a pair of Costa Jose Pros, a Benchmade Mini Adira, 2 Flytime Quickdrift Systems, Yeti Loadouts, and more.

The event is for all ages, and tickets can be purchased on the Circle Cinema website or at the door for \$15 each.

We hope to see you there!

April Raffle Prize



In the spirit of compilation, this month's Raffle Prize is made up of several components.

That orange thing is a Fishpond Thunderhead roll-top dry bag.

In the foreground from left to right are a Gadget Company Magnetic fly patch, Atollas micro box, and an Atollas fly caddy.

Bundle retail value is \$115.

All these items are available from the Gadget Company in Tulsa.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each with price breaks beginning at 6 for \$5. **Bring your cash!**

Losing tickets can be entered into our Annual Prize

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Another Tip

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Drawing that we hold at the November General Meeting. You don't have to be present to win our Annual Prize.

Hot Flash from the ODWC



We have confirmed the first invasive black carp in Oklahoma. These invasive fish are a major threat to our native mussels and fish.

Anyone who catches a fish they believe is a black carp should humanely dispatch the fish, keep it on ice and report it to fisheries staff.

Black carp look similar to native fish, and so anglers are encouraged to know the difference before taking any action.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

May 14th - General Meeting at Sheels

May 24th - Start of the 15X15 Tournament

September 7th - End of 15X15 Tournament

September 10th - Davy Wooten at Sheels, Tournament Winners announced

October 8th - General Meeting at Sheels

November 12th - General meeting at Sheels

December 10th - Holiday Party at McNellies Pub in South Tulsa (Save the date)

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