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Message From the President

SEPTEMBER IS HERE! The beginning of the BER Months...Football...Pumpkin Spice... Fall...AND...our Annual Fundraiser and Auction!

This year's BIG fundraiser with our Dinner/Auction is Saturday, September 20, at the Elks Club in Fort Worth. Door opens at 6:00 p.m. It's a fun event, offering a great chance to win guided trips or gear. **Buy your tickets NOW!**

We have some AMAZING trips that we'll auction LIVE from ALL OVER THE WORLD, including two amazing, bucket-list trips to Patagonia, Argentina!! One is a trip for two at a wonderful lodge, complete with fishing for giant trout. The other trip is a 4-person excursion to a different region, featuring a "Blast & Cast" that combines hunting for doves and ducks with fishing for Dorado! We also have a trip with Blane Chocklett, renowned fly fisher and creator of the Game Changer Fly (fishing near his home waters in Virginia). Then there are several trips to the West in New Mexico and Colorado. Many of our past speakers have donated trips.

A new addition this year is a Silent Auction of MORE TRIPS. We will have the Rod Wall and Bucket raffles for rods/reels, camping gear, artwork, jewelry, gift cards, gift baskets with all sorts of goodies, and certificates for experiences like Pickle Ball. We will also draw for the Kayak and supporting prizes.

We have a great menu that IS NOT Rosa's (LOL! Not knocking it, but it was time for a change). If you liked the food from Jambo's at last year's Christmas party, Chef Paul Lovato is really going to surprise you with the dinner. Outstanding!

This is our primary fundraising activity of the year. The success of the event is vital to our ability to invite fantastic speakers from around the U.S., support organizations like Reel Recovery and North Texas Patriot Anglers, and more conservation efforts. And let's face it. We're THE largest fly-fishing club IN TEXAS, and it costs money to run a club of this size. Part of the fund supports our ongoing operations.

Thank you for supporting FWFF!! See you at the Auction!!

Kay Jackson, [President](#)



Fort Worth Fly Fishers

Annual Auction & Banquet



Saturday, September 20th

6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 ~ Cocktails & Tickets

Silent Auction & Raffles

Buffet Dinner by Jambos ~ 6:30

Live Auction ~ 7:30



Fort Worth Elks Club
3233 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, Texas

Don't miss the opportunity for a chance to win incredible fishing trips from Northern Colorado, East to Virginia and South to Patagonia! (Trips in Texas and New Mexico, too)
Buy raffle tickets for chances to win a kayak, rods, reels and all the gear you need for a perfect fishing experience...PLUS so much more!

Don't Miss Out ~ Join the Fun
Tickets \$30 per person

Raffle Tickets and Dinner Tickets are on sale now!
(Scan the QR Code or go to [Fort Worth Fly Fishers](https://www.fortworthflyfishers.com))





4 Chances 2 Win!

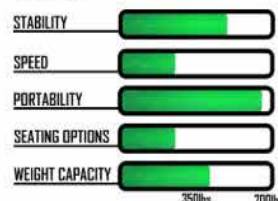
1/\$20, 3/\$50, 6/\$100
Drawing Saturday, September 20, 2025

1st PRIZE - \$1800 MSRP NuCanoe F10 Kayak w/360 Fusion Seat + Paddle

Standard Features



Ratings



Specs

Length:	10'
Width:	39"
Height:	12-17"
Draft:	3-5"
Hull Weight:	62 lbs
Primary Seating:	1-2 Persons
Max Weight:	500 lbs
Self-Bailing Cap:	350 lbs
Max Power:	2.5HP

The F10 is a compact fishing kayak that is perfect for rivers and small lakes and ponds. It combines great stability and super maneuverability, and pairs perfectly with the PIVOT Drive or a motor.

2nd PRIZE - \$500 Echo Rod & Reel with a Guided Fly Fishing Trip

9' 5 weight with line and leaders and a full-day guided trip for two on the Brazos River with lunch.
Both donated by Russell Husted.



3rd PRIZE - \$300 Orvis Gift Card



4th PRIZE - \$200 Del Frisco Steak House Gift Card

GUEST SPEAKERS

September, Donovan Clary



Donovan Clary is the only full-time fly-fishing guide in Oklahoma. He also guides in Missouri. He has been fly-fishing since 1982. Spending an average of 250 days a year fishing, it's easy to say he's committed! He is a volunteer with the Tulsa chapter of PHWFF and has been for a number of years. He also supports and volunteers with KEKOA Outdoors,

another non-profit focused on exposing veterans to fishing and hunting. He is an avid supporter of Trout Unlimited and very active with the local 420 chapter. His family owns and operates a lodge on Tenkiller Lake in northeast Oklahoma, where they offer all-inclusive guide trips for individuals and groups. He loves Oklahoma and the Illinois River. The majority of his time is spent guiding float trips and wading trips above and below Lake Tenkiller for smallmouth bass, especially the Neosho strain smallmouth. He will even take occasional trips on the lake with anglers ready to chase still water bass on the fly. He is a master at finding and catching large trout, striper, carp, gar, and smallmouth bass on the fly. He enjoys both recreational and competitive fly fishing.

October, Nancy Willette



October brings another Okie, Nancy Willette. She is a guide out of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and has guided in Montana as well. Besides being a great authority on catching trout on the fly, she is a real-world character who has stories on her world in Finance, raising kids, and selecting the "right" area to retire to if near year-round fishing is your goal.

When not speaking, consulting

or working Nancy enjoys spending time fly fishing, hunting, and horseback riding in Minnesota, Alaska, Texas, Broken Bow-Oklahoma, Iowa and Montana. Many club members have fished

with her, and everyone has rave reviews. [Learn more.](#)

November, Nick Streit

Nick Streit was born into somewhat of a fly-fishing dynasty. His



father, Taylor, started guiding anglers in Northern New Mexico in the late 70s and has literally written the book on fly fishing New Mexico. His Uncle Jackson, likewise, owns and operates The Mountain Angler in Breckenridge, CO, and has authored the book Fly Fishing Colorado.

Getting into the family business at an early age, Nick was guiding fishermen before

he was old enough to drive them to the river, and by the age of 17, Nick was a member of the U.S. fly fishing team that took second place in the World Championships in Wales. After college, Nick followed in his father's footsteps to such fly-fishing destinations as the Bahamas and Argentina. He also ventured out on his own for a brief stint guiding in Alaska. But the call of his home-waters could not be denied, and in 2004 Nick, along with his wife Chrissy, re-opened the Taos Fly Shop (in the exact location his father had the store in the 80's). The shop has grown from its humble beginnings and is now Northern NM's premier fly shop. In 2012, Nick- along with longtime friend and fellow guide Ivan Valdez- purchased The Reel Life, a fly shop and guide service in Santa Fe.

Nick now spends the majority of his time running his two businesses, guiding and instructing classes. In the winter, he hosts group trips to Argentina, Cuba, and beyond. Nick also enjoys photography, and his work has been featured in publications such as Southwest Fly Fishing and New Mexico Magazine.

Nick is also a passionate conservationist, volunteering his efforts over the years to organizations like Trout Unlimited. He is also the Director of the Friends of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, an organization focused on conservation and community outreach.

If not at work, Nick is usually camping, hunting, or fishing in the woods somewhere with his wife Chrissy and their two children, Taylor and Christian.

FWFF CLUB ACTIVITIES

DATE	ACTIVITY / CONTACT INFORMATION
Friday, September 5-7	Oklahoma Trip / Dan Tatum / tatum.daniel@yahoo.com or 682-201-6113
Saturday, September 20	FWFF Annual Auction / Bill Hodges / bcolhodges@aol.com or 817-528-1157
Tuesday, September 23	High Oak Park, Arlington / Russell Husted / russellhusted@sbcgloabl.net or 682-261-1702
Saturday, September 27	FWFF Clean Up / Paul Lund / lupol63@yahoo.com or 770-294-1940
Saturday, October 11	Epic Lakes Outing / Dan Tatum / tatum.daniel@yahoo.com or 682-201-6113
Friday, October 24-26	Bill Ward's Outing / Dan Tatum / tatum.daniel@yahoo.com or 682-201-6113
Friday, November 7-9	Coastal Trip / Dan Tatum / tatum.daniel@yahoo.com or 682-201-6113
Saturday, November 15	Brazos Clean Up / Paul Lund / lupol63@yahoo.com or 770-294-1940
Saturday, November 22	Local Outing Nature Center / Dan Tatum / tatum.daniel@yahoo.com or 682-201-6113
Tuesday, December 2	Christmas Party / Bill Hodges / bcolhodges@aol.com or 817-528-1157

Oklahoma Trip, September 5-7

We will go to Oklahoma and fish with one of our favorite guides, Donovan Clary. Coincidentally, he is also our speaker for the September meeting. We will be fishing the Illinois River for smallmouth bass and trout. This is a guided trip with Donovan and his guides. We will stay in a hotel there and go out with them on Saturday and Sunday.

Because we are using guides, there is a cost of \$150 per angler for them. They will provide flies and leaders if needed. You will need to bring a fly rod. Donovan recommends a 5wt, 6wt, or 7wt. The cost includes a day float trip. Also, on the days you are not floating, a guide will be available for wade fishing with a group. So this is a really great deal!

I am working on the schedule for the float trips, so please let me know which day you'd like to go. Donovan has made the entire weekend available. Let me know Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

Also, Donovan is going to cook out for us on Friday night at his place. He'll have hamburgers and sausages. Just bring your chair and beverage of choice. Also, bring sunblock and mosquito spray. At this time, he gives a presentation and goes over the fishing areas as well as flies, techniques, and so forth. We will meet there at 7:00 pm.

Here is the location: 15343 West 925 Rd., Parkhill, Ok 74451

Don't follow the GPS up the hill. First yellow 2-story you see after the turn. We will try to have a sign at the entrance.

Saturday evening, you are invited to meet the FWFF at Big Daddy's on the Dam restaurant. You will be on your own for food and drink. We can gather as friends and share our stories.

We were not able to secure one location for lodging. There is plenty to choose from in the area. There's camping at the State Park. There are RV hookups at Gore Landing. There are rooms at Tenkiller Lodge, just tell them you're with Donovan when booking.

This is a member-only outing.

It is a 4 1/2-hour travel time from Ft Worth to Gore, Oklahoma. It's about a 45-minute drive from Gore to the upper river to fish for smallmouth.

You will need an Oklahoma fishing license. You can get a day pass for \$26.

Please let Dan know if you plan to attend. We need to get a headcount. Also, let him know if you would like to fish for smallmouth on Saturday or Sunday. The trout are in the section below Tenkiller Lake, and the smallmouth are above it.

This is going to be a great trip, so let's go fishing!

Dan Tatum, Outings Director

682-201-6113 | Tatum.daniel@yahoo.com

Bill Ward's, October 24-26

The Bill Ward ranch near Mexia is one of the best outings of the year. The fishing is always outstanding. There are several lakes on Bill's property as well as Kent's place across the street. You can fish from the bank, but it isn't easy. Kayaks or small boats are the best to use. The bass are mostly 1 to 2 pounds, but they do reach up to 8 – 10 pounds. Recommended rods are 5-weight or 6-weight. Bass may be hitting topwater, which is terrific when they explode from the surface. They are usually hitting in the water column and a variety of flies such as woolly buggers and crawfish patterns. But this is a great place to try out what you've got.

There is space for RVs but no hookups. You can also camp on the property if you'd like. The city of Mexia is about 5 miles away, where there are hotels.

On Friday evening, a group usually goes to eat in town. Saturday will be spent fishing, and then we will have a fish fry at Bill Ward's place Saturday evening. You will be treated to freshly caught fish fried to perfection and world-famous Dr. Pepper onion rings. Bring a chair. Bring your own bottle and plan to hang out for good food and good conversation.

Sunday is spent packing out and heading back. You may hang around and fish on Sunday before you go home. Be sure to pick up your area so you leave Bill's place better than you found it. We want to show appreciation to Bill Ward, our host, at all times.

Please reach out to Dan Tatum for any questions or the map link.

Dan Tatum, Outings Director

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Coastal Outing, November 7-8

Ok, here's the scoop. We are going to Port Aransas. We will be based at Ocean's Edge Hotel on Mustang Island. This location gives us quick access to some really great fishing areas. It's about 5 minutes from the ferry landing. There are lots of good restaurants close by for those who want to eat out. They have several rooms on the 1st floor (no elevators) with two queen beds. Everyone is responsible for their own reservations. Be sure to request 1st floor and tell them you are with the Fort Worth Fly Fishers. Cost should be about \$40 per person, based on double occupancy. Breakfast is served at 6:30 every morning.

Bring a kayak. If you don't have one, ask around to borrow one. We are reaching out to local guides and will have recommendations for fishing spots and flies closer to the time.

Please get in touch with Dan Tatum with any questions.

Dan Tatum, Outings Director

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**Instructors are
needed to teach
Adaptive Fly Fishing**



**Guadalupe River State Park
Saturday, September 13, 2025**

Hey Texas Fly Fishers! Are you looking for a fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity?

Come out and support veterans and first responders at an Adaptive Fly Fishing class on Sept 13, 2025, from 8 am-1 pm!

We are looking to recruit up to 15 volunteers for 1:1 instruction, so don't hesitate to [sign up!](#)

Casting Clinic

A warm day casting on August 9. Thank you to all who joined us, and special thanks go out to the instructors who took the time to give us top-notch demonstrations and shared experience!!

Rex Walker CI | Jeffrey Graham CI | Bob Garber MCI

Close to 30 attended. We cast from 8-11 and then headed off to a cooler setting!! It was truly a great morning. Awesome to see so many enjoying the casting times that we are having together!! The next one will be September 23 at High Oak Park in Arlington. Hope to see you then.

CONGRATULATIONS



Colorado Trip, July 11-18, 2026 NEW LOCATION!!!!

Club, it is NOT TOO early to start making your plans for the annual summer Colorado trip, July 11-18 in South Fork, Colorado. After unfavorable lodging circumstances we have had the last few years, WE ARE NOW STAYING AT A NEW LOCATION!!! Rooms have been reserved for us, so we kindly request that you start booking for next year. If we DO NOT fill up the allotment of rooms, a charge will be made for the rooms that were not reserved, and we DO NOT want that. Trust me on this. We have been going to South Fork and lodging there for quite a few years now. This is not a club-sponsored event, but we always have a wonderful time. As your host, I will provide assistance with lodging, address your trip needs, and offer information on the best fishing locations for you and your group. We will be staying at the [LOGE](#), which is located just across from our favorite place, Rachel's Food Truck. The place to be in South Fork. LOL. There, you can reserve a lodge room or bring your RV. It's best to travel and lodge as a group. It's not a bad idea to start arranging your travel now by sharing a ride. It's a long day if you choose to drive it in one go, or you can split it up with stops in Amarillo, Dumas, or Raton, N.M. This is a come-and-go trip. You can pretty much make your schedule. This year, there was a below-average amount of snowfall, and river flows were low; temperatures did exceed a trout-friendly range. Hoping for much better conditions, and an end to the drought in 2026!!

South Fork is not the only area we fish. Creede, to the north, and Pagosa Springs to the southwest across the scenic Wolf Creek Pass, are great options as well. Within reach are the San Juan and Arkansas rivers, which are great destinations as well. The Rio Grande is one of the favorite spots, but there are so many small creeks around, with small trout waiting for your tiny dry flies! There are many other things to do besides fishing if you wish. I suggest checking the Chamber of Commerce for any questions you may have. There are also several professional guides serving the area. Let me know if you'd like to attend. Please RSVP to me if you haven't already and are making plans to do so.

Russell Husted, Education Director

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Hill Country Relief Effort and Funds

July 4th. A time of celebration. Texans were out enjoying the great outdoors, doing all sorts of activities. Camping, cookouts, fishing, boating, watching fireworks, and enjoying that great time together with family and friends. Our great nation is one year from our 250th Birthday. On what was to be a special occasion, it turned out to be one, if not the worst disaster Texans have had to experience. A tremendous storm dumped over 20 inches of rain on our beloved hill country, and for many, it will be a day they will never recover from. Our hearts and prayers still go out to the families that experienced a tremendous loss of life and damage to property.

This truly hit many of us in a tough way, and I was no different. Having spent two weeks with young campers in East Texas, teaching kids fly fishing skills, I truly felt very connected with them, and was thrilled to be their instructor for a special week in their lives. My experiences with them at Texas Outdoor Camps were ones I will cherish for a long time. So, when I woke up on the 4th and started to hear about the tragedy unfolding in the hill country, I was crushed. To hear about the kids at camp who are not going back home to their loved ones was too much to take. I was glued to the news for many days, and could not stop thinking about what had just occurred.

As the week ended, news emerged about Texans' support for the flood relief efforts. Search and rescue. Texans are donating food, supplies, clean up, and so much more. I felt compelled to find a way to help, and I wondered what, and when, the time would come to do so. And then, it happened. A way to help!! A group of young men was posting about an upcoming event at the Middleton Brewery, located outside of San Marcos. An event to raise some money for the cause, while promoting a fly-fishing event. Live auction, raffles, casting games, tying flies, while drinking some great local brews. Right up my alley!! I immediately contacted the group and asked if I could help. They said yes, you can, and our group became one. One that was focused and ready to take on a BIG challenge in a very short amount of time. Three weeks until the big day!! Through hundreds of text messages, group calls, and working our tails off, we did it!!! What a day it turned out to be. Our initial goal had been smashed!! 300 pints of great local beer sold!! The bar was full of people all day, having a great time, but still remembering why we were all together, and wanting to support the event that was created to help others deal with the tragedy, while raising funds for those in need.

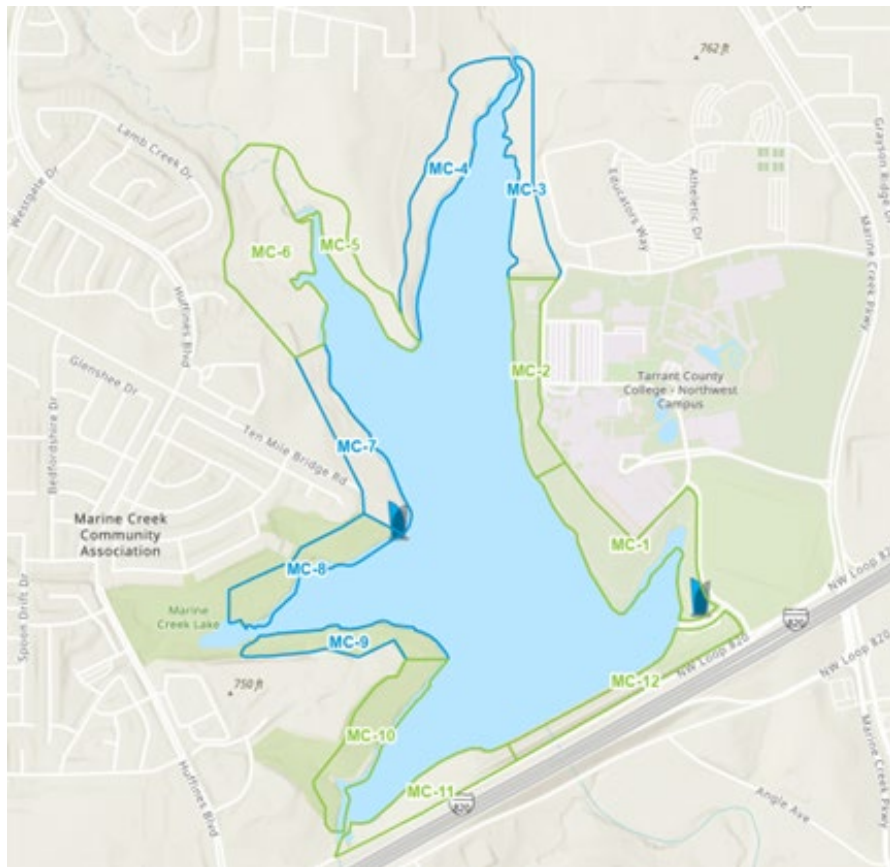
July 4th, I will never forget. August 2nd will also be a day I will never forget. So proud of what we did as one, and how so many came to rally around us. To Calvin, Jose, Russell, Grant, and Chris. We rocked it out!! Special thanks also go out to Alvin and Jerri for coming down to join us and selling a ton of raffle tickets for us!! \$11,000!!!!

Thank you, [Middleton Brewery](#), for allowing us to host this fantastic day and effort. If you are ever in the San Marcos area, make this place a must-stop!! And tell them we sent you. Got time? Check out the recap from the [Wild Life Outdoors Podcast](#).



CONSERVATION UPDATE

Marine Creek Trail Cleanup & Fishing Event, August 27



I look forward to your participation in the inaugural trail cleanup event. We will focus on trail cleanup, bank cleanup, and water line cleanup in our “adopted” section, MC-9. Trash bags and drinking water will be provided. Bring your own gloves.

Fishing should be good from the bank or kayak, so come prepared for early morning work that transitions into fishing fun and meet up for lunch for those who want to.

[Marine Creek Lake Parking Area WEST](#)

8:00 - 10:00 am clean up our adopted Trail Section

10:00 - 12:00 pm kayak or bank fishing

12:00 pm enjoy lunch nearby

Paul Lund, Conservation Director

770-294-1940 | lupol63@yahoo.com

“Let’s make a difference in our community.”

Brazos River Cleanup Below Possum Kingdom Dam November 15

Many members fish this section of the river, so mark your calendars for this 6th annual cleanup event at the Hwy 16 bridge. We’ll have more information coming out soon, so stay tuned! Hope to see you there.

Public Event · Anyone on or off Facebook.

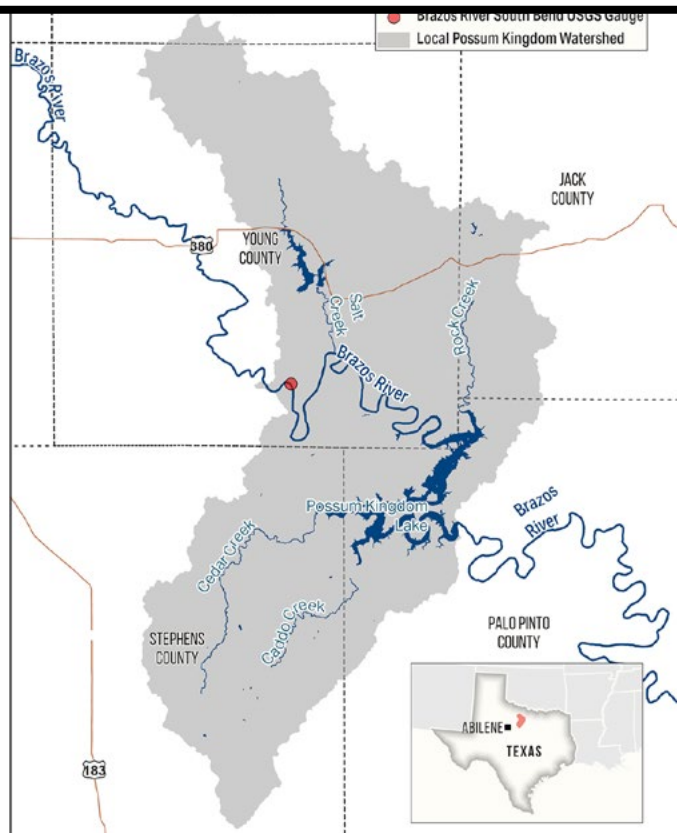
Brazos River Cleanup Below Possum Kingdom Dam

Hwy 16 Bridge / Brazos River

Saturday, November 15

12:00 – 4:00 pm

[Learn more](#)



Benbrook City Council says no to Mary's Creek floodplain rezoning

Many in Benbrook are celebrating a victory after the City Council voted unanimously to deny a request to rezone a portion of the Mary's Creek floodplain for residential development at its Aug. 21 meeting. Council member Larry Marshall, Place 3, said opposition to the proposal was "overwhelming." He made a motion to deny the rezoning request with prejudice, which means the applicant, real estate developer Corey Waldrop, cannot resubmit the same request for at least a year. [Read more](#)



Fall Events in Texas

Yes. It might be time for our favorite Season of the year. Fall in Texas is finally near, and the events going on in Texas are starting to fill up the calendar. From fishing in the salt, tying flies, and eating pies, to floating in the Hill Country, a combined fly-fishing weekend with a flair of pumpkins, and then a lovely night under the stars, enjoying excellent cuisine and a fly-fishing movie. Sounds like some good times ahead. So, take a look at that calendar, and start circling these dates. Hope to see you there.

- [Redfish Rodeo](#), September 20 –22
- [Flies and Pies](#), September 20
- [Oktoberfish](#), October 10 – 12
- [The Round Up](#), October 18
- [The Gathering](#), October 19
- [Fly Fishing Film Tour](#), November 6
- [Brazos River Clean Up](#), November 15

Renew your Texas fishing license

New hunting and fishing licenses for the 2025-26 season are now available for purchase! These new licenses will be valid from the date of purchase through Aug. 31, 2026. All current annual licenses, except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Package, will expire Aug. 31, 2025. Here's the link to purchase your license

[Official Online Fishing & Hunting License Sales](#)



2025 SPECIAL REPORT ON FISHING

57.9M Americans
went fishing
Highest participation on record

5.1M New
Anglers
11.8M returning participants
16.6M lost participants

21.3M
Women went fishing in 2024
Highest number of female
participants on record

6.6M
Hispanic Americans went
fishing in 2024
Participation nearly doubled in
the last decade



36.6M
Men went fishing in 2024
Highest number of male
participants on record

5.5M
Black Americans went
fishing in 2024
Highest number since
tracking began in 2007

85% of current fishing participants
fished before the age of 12



22% of U.S. households with children
fished vs. 16% without children



12.7M
youth went fishing



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VP PROGRAMS

Fish Camp

This is George from Fish Camp. Hope everyone has had a good summer. And now it is time to kick off a new year of fish camp. This past year, we completed a couple of sessions on what Fish Camp was and what it hoped to achieve. We completed six competency clinics, five of which took place at the club meetings, and a sixth was dedicated to casting clinics, which we attended three times, if I recall correctly. We paired folks up with a fishing buddy for outings and learning. We also provided a greeter at the meetings to make folks feel welcome, and we had board members welcome new folks in after the meeting once we knew who was attending that evening who was new. Finally, we held huddles following the meeting to greet new folks to the camp. All in all, it was a good first year.

Now that we have completed this process for a year, we are entering the evaluation phase, and we are transitioning leadership to Don Irvin. We have had nearly 40 members join since June so that we will be folding those people into the program and pairing them with a fishing buddy as well.

Stay tuned, and please consider aspects that worked and features we could add or modify. We can always get better. As I depart this role as the founder...I want to say thanks to the team that helped form the program; they had great ideas, Dan Tatum for greeting, and Don Irvin for assisting me. Mostly to all the fishing buddies who made the new folks feel a quick connection with the club.

Program

We have had a great year of programs, with some of the best speakers in fly fishing, including Blane Chocklett and his "Game Changer" approach to fly fishing. This summer, we had a new meeting venue in July, which allowed folks to recycle their old gear with some proceeds going to the club. It was a great night. Then Russell Husted took charge of the August meeting and made an incredible free casting clinic possible, down at Panther Island. We had several certified casting instructors, and several folks completed their bronze and silver level FFI casting.

In September, we welcome Donovan Clary, who has guided for years in Oklahoma and is a premier euro nymphing expert. In October, from the Broken Bow area, we will have Nancy Willette speak. Some of us have fished with her, and she is a delight, knows that area well, and is a real pro at the sport. In November, we have Nick Streight from Taos, along with many other great speakers. Did you know, auction proceeds help us pay for high-quality speakers? And a follow-on fact, most of the speakers come to us via club member recommendations. Please let me know of anyone you think would be a good speaker match for the club. Many thanks, g

George Prochaska, VP Programs

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Christmas Party Slide Show

Club members, we are planning for the Christmas Party and could use your help. I know it's 100 degrees, and tough to think about Christmas, right now!! But good planning is always a good thing. We had a slide show up during the Birthday party, and it was nice to see some photos, both recent and from our past in the slide show. We want to do that again, during the Christmas party. To enhance that even more, we need photo's. These slide shows take time to put together, hence another reason to start on this now!!

What kind of photos are we looking for? We would like to remember members that are no longer with us, that are part of our great history. Group photo's. We love this. Funny photo's are always a big hit, so send those our way. We will also pay tribute to our Past Presidents, in some way. So start going through your pics, wherever they may be stored, and send to us. Thanks for helping us here.

Russell Husted, Education Director

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Fly of the Month: Redfish Crack Variation

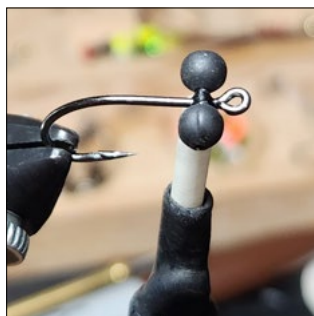
Written and photographed by: Michael Rios

Tying Director



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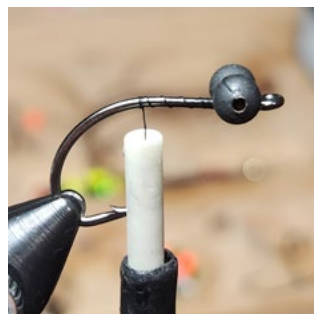
- Large Beadchain eyes
- EP Tarantula brush 1" Black
- Crazy legs Black/Purple tipped
- EP Craft fur brush black/purple
- UV resin
- 140 D Black thread
- any saltwater style sproat, stinger will work. I'm using Ahrex NS122 for this one.



1. Attach your beadchain to the hook shank you would like a clouser.



4. Give this 6 really tight and close wraps before tying off and cutting off the excess.



2. Bring your thread down the shank, stopping right before the hook bend.



5. Grab 2 legs, keep them connected; this will make working with them easier, and tie them on one side of the fly.



3. Attach your brush using the wire core of the brush.



6. Bring the other pair of legs around and tie in a similar fashion. Trim the legs to be as long as the tail.

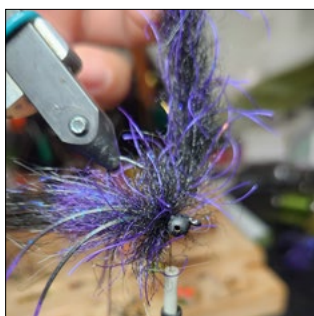
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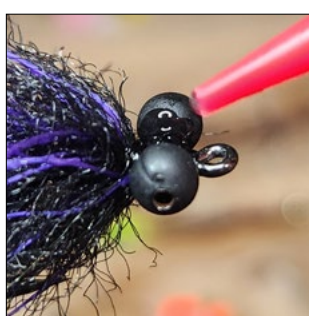
7. Behind the eyes, attach your Tarantula brush.



9. Whip your fly.



8. Give the brush 3 wraps behind the eyes before cutting off the tag end.



10. Secure the threads around the eye of the hook and the beadchain with UV resin. Once you do this, the fly is complete.

FFI Heads to Grand Rapids 2025

[learn more](#)

Fly of the Month

Do you know someone who you think should be featured in the Fly of the Month?

If so, feel free to refer them.

For questions contact Michael at coolimanjaro217@gmail.com.



Fly Tying Groups Around Town

One of the best ways to improve and learn new tying skills as well as make new friends is to attend one of the tying events held in our area on a weekly basis. If you are a seasoned and experienced tyer, many of us would be glad to learn a new pattern or technique from you. If you are new to the whole mystifying ordeal of putting thread and feathers on a hook, do not be intimidated. Come and watch, enjoy a cold one, and catch up on recent fishing reports.

Grapevine

Hop & Stink Brewery
906 Jean Street, Grapvine, TX 76051

The second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. Michael Tulowitski leads a fly tying class for all levels. All materials will be supplied.

Arlington

Arlington Vise Squad, Mixed Up Burgers
510 East Avenue K, Grand Prairie
972-606-6700

Thursday nights, with dinner and drinks starting at about 5:30 p.m. and tying about 6:30 p.m. This event is usually led by a rotating cast of FWFF members who provide materials, but participants should bring their own vise and tools. It meets in a semi-private room.

Fort Worth Fly Fishers Board Members

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Welcome our newest members!

Monica De LaGarza



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Our Purpose

“The purpose of our local club is to provide a forum for the meeting and exchange of ideas among members concerning the art of fly fishing.” Federation of Fly Fishers, Southern Council 2002 and 2003 Club of the Year, Texas Council 2014 Club of the Year