



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everyone,

I wanted to update everybody on Rachel & I's honeymoon. We traveled through Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, back through South Dakota & Iowa on the way home. We crossed many things off our list including zoos, the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Teton National Park, the Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore, Old Faithful, Crazy Horse National Monument, Wild Bill Hickok & Calamity Jane's burial plots, more! Unfortunately due to travel times & weather, we didn't get to fish during the honeymoon. We did however visit three fly shops (Yellow Dog Fly Fishing in Bozeman, MT, Snake River Angler in Moose, WY, North Fork Angler in Cody, WY) and I bought the book "Favorite Flies for Yellowstone National Park". I'll tie up some of the flies & see how they do around here (hint: I think they'll work fine). Attached are some pictures, but we have more, and if you have any questions let me know.

God bless,

Justin



SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 8 is the next monthly meeting. Some of the topics we will discuss are Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring, Kid's Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park, Water Quality Monitoring, Miles for MO 5K, and More. To go along with that our **guest speaker will be**

John Bledsoe. He is the creator of the Co-Angler app. He lives in the Springfield, MO area and in October 2021, he had the idea for an app that could connect anglers. An individual could have a fishing buddy, share costs on a fishing trip, and share experiences. In 2023, the app launched and has been building success ever since, including the support of fishing legend, Bill Dance!

Meeting starts at 6:30 pm and will be preceded by a board meeting at 6 pm. Bring your flies for the fly box drawing.

CFM PULL FOR CONSERVATION

Thank you to Mike Dean, Phil Wisch, Ted Ellsworth, Mark Javersak, and Dan Davis for joining me at the CFM Pull for Conservation Clay Shoot in Columbia on August 8. Luckily, the heat was not too overbearing and everyone enjoyed the day. We will receive \$250 donation for our efforts.



WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY AT BENNETT SPRING

We are about a month away from Women's Free Fishing Day on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The list of volunteers has a great start. More help is always appreciated. The sign up sheet will be at the September 8 monthly meeting.

There will be some great groups joining us this year. Friends of Bennett Spring will be tying flies, Ozark Fly Fishers, Mid-MO Trout Unlimited, WildHERness, and potentially more could show up to represent their organizations.

We will start organizing the give away fly boxes at the September 1 informal gathering. If all the flies are on hand, we should be able to get them done that night. We won't turn down help.

Set up on the day of the event will start around 8am and kick things off at 9am. We will need people to hand out the free fly boxes, to give away fishing gear, tie flies, and to provide club information. If requested, we also want volunteers available to help set up fishing gear and/or help on the water. We will have a few extra indicators, extra leaders, extra tippet, and a few rods on hand to get everyone ready to go. Please, spread the word!!



The Missouri Department of Conservation
Bennett Spring Fish Hatchery
Invites you to:

WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK
7:30 AM TO 7:15 PM



For Ladies of all ages

Special fishing area reserved for Ladies only.
Pick up your free tag at the park store on
September 25th or the day of the event.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES RUN FROM 9AM TO 2PM

**FIRST 100 TO
RECEIVE A
FREE FLY
BOX!!!**

LEARN ABOUT:

MISSOURI CONSERVATION EFFORTS
FLY CASTING, FLY TYING, KNOT TYING
FISHING and OUTDOOR CLUBS FROM AROUND THE STATE
CHECK FUTURE EVENTS
PICK UP SOME SWAG

WITH A GRANT FROM THE CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION OF MISSOURI CHARITABLE TRUST
FISHING GEAR WILL ALSO BE GIVEN AWAY
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



HELP SUPPORT
MISSOURI CONSERVATION

PARTICIPATING GROUPS - WITH MORE POSSIBLE ADDITIONS!!



Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers
28TH ANNUAL THE TRI-LAKES FLY FISHING EXPO
Two Days. One Passion. EVERYTHING FLY FISHING!

50+ EXPERT FLY TYERS
VENDORS GALORE
WITH FLY CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR JIM ROGERS
GREAT SPEAKERS & SEMINARS
SILENT AUCTIONS & RAFFLES
KID'S TYING TABLE

FEATURED SPEAKERS & TYERS

NATHAN (NATE) BETTENCOURT Get on the Fly TLF President	RYAN WALKER (Owner/Guide) Quark Trout Unlimited FlyCo Season of the Greenhead (Streamers Tactics for Breakthrough)	JOHN VAN VLIET Angler, Author & Promoter Fly Fishing the Black Hills in South Dakota	TERRY TANNER Featured Tyer	DAVE BOYER Featured Tyer
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SEP. 11 & 12, 2026
FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM • SATURDAY 9AM - 4PM
BENSON CENTER
CLINTON, MISSOURI
FREE ADMISSION!
HOMECOOKED BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVED DAILY
SCAN FOR MORE INFO
TRILAKESFLYFISHERS.COM

READING'S FLY SHOP
Presents
NIANGUA OUTDOOR DAYS
HOSTED By Hidden Valley Outfitters
October 2nd and 3rd

JOIN READING'S FLY SHOP AT HIDDEN VALLEY OUTFITTERS FOR A WEEKEND OUTDOORS WITH HUGE SALES, VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, A ONE-FLY TOURNAMENT, PRODUCT DEMOS, GIVEAWAYS, RAFFLES, GAMES, AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
FRIDAY - NOON TO 7PM
4PM TO 7PM: Cappy Hour SPONSORED BY GRUNDENS - Pick a HAT and customize with a PATCH of your choice!
SATURDAY - 8AM TO 10PM
JOIN US ON THE RIVER at NOON!

8AM TO 9AM - ONE FLY REGISTRATION
DIVISION 1 - UP TO 33 YEARS
DIVISION 2 - 34 YEARS AND UP
9AM - One Fly Begins
10:30AM - ANNOUNCE WINNERS/GIVE OUT PRIZES

Bring your CAMPING CHAIRS and LOVED ONES for some SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS with CHARLIE READING and OTHER Fishing EXPERTS from the area.
Keep the kids entertained with GAMES BY THE RIVER!

3PM - KAYAK RACE For Kids
5PM - GIVEAWAYS AND RAFFLE WINNERS - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
7PM - MOVIE BEGINS

BOOK YOUR STAY AND MAKE IT A FULL WEEKEND!
CAMPSITES | RV SITES | CABIN RENTALS AVAILABLE AT HIDDEN VALLEY OUTFITTERS
FOR EVERY NIGHTS STAY, YOU WILL RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR SATURDAY'S DRAWING
(417) 333-5628 HVOUTFITTERS.COM

COME FOR THE SALES, STAY FOR THE STORIES, LEAVE WITH THE PRIZE

Everyone is Welcome! **Free**

Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers
Family Fly Fishing Festival
Saturday October 24th, 2026
Bennett Springs State Park
9:00am to Noon

First 100 Participants to complete the Fly Fishing Festival Trail will earn a SMFF Fly Cup and a free \$5 Daily Pass to fish Bennett Springs State Park

Learn to Fly Cast, Tie Flies, Rigging Stations, Specialized Fly Fishing Knots.
Meet Stream Team #57 from Crane Creek.

CFM
CRANE CREEK FLY FISHING TEAM
MISSOURI

Jim Rogers
Fly Fishing

MILES FOR MISSOURI OUTDOORS 5K

CCFF will be setting up at the Miles For Mo Outdoors 5k. This will be an opportunity for us to talk with the participants and their attending family and introduce them to our great organization. We will share some of the events and programs we have throughout the year. Especially the upcoming Kid's Trout Fishing Day in November. It will also be a good time to tell people how they can get involved with CCFF.

The plan is to tie a decorative safety pin fly that people can wear on their clothes. We are looking for volunteers to tie some flies ahead of the event and for a few people that would be willing to attend the event to represent the club. A sign up sheet will be sent around at the next monthly meeting. It probably wouldn't hurt to bring your own chair.

Event Info:

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Time: 7am to 1pm

Location: North Jefferson Recreation Area, 927 Fourth Street, JC, MO 65109

KID'S TROUT FISHING DAY

Start spreading the word now about Kids trout fishing day on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Let's try to beat last year's attendance total of 108 kids. There will be a flyer made up before the next monthly meeting in September. We need to start tying flies now for this one. We will tie 5 or 6 flies for the free fly boxes. If you would like to volunteer to tie one of the flies just let Justin Beyer or Greg Curtin know. We are tying 100 of each fly. We can split things up if you think you can only do 50. Please let me know if you need any promotional flyers to hand out.

ELECTIONS

The best way for the Capital City Fly Fishers to continue to be successful is to get help from its members. Becoming an officer or a board member is one way to accomplish this. Nominations take place in October with the elections to follow in November. Be passionate about the club's success. We will need some new people on the board.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) is currently accepting requests for relevant conservation issues and topics. You must include enough detail so that anyone reading about, or assigned to your submission understands the exact nature of the conservation issue. For pre-filed resolutions to be presented at the annual convention, this electronic form needs to be submitted via Jotform by August 31.



RUN. SUPPORT. CONSERVE.

Every mile helps protect and enhance Missouri's outdoors.

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
8:00 a.m.

CONSERVATION FEDERATION OF MISSOURI
EST. 1935

NORTH JEFFERSON RECREATION AREA
927 4th Street,
Jefferson City, MO

PARTICIPANT PERKS
All runners will receive an event t-shirt*, finisher medal and more!
* if you register by August 30th

FUN FOR ALL
Runners, walkers, families, and any loves of the outdoors are welcome to participate in this event.

SUPPORT CONSERVATION
Proceeds benefit the Conservation Federation of Missouri to protect our natural resources, land, water, and wildlife.

REGISTER TODAY!
confedmo.org/miles-for-missouri-outdoors-5k

SCAN ME

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

It's time again to plan our next monitoring trip. Greg is a key player and has monitored about the longest of anyone in our club. His only open Saturdays during the next two months are October 10 & 17. During our September 8 meeting we will choose one of them so check your calendars. Our usual plan is meet early and car pool to the stream for a donut and group picture before we get in the water. We often fish at Bennett after, but nothing is set in stone, so we will decide at the meeting. I have had phone issues on group texts, so please let me know at the meeting if you can help.

Water Quality Monitoring Training:

Unfortunately there is not a field test available locally, but you can learn a lot from the video and I encourage you to watch it.

Level 1 videos https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy

KEEP IT ROADLESS

Speak up for keeping our roadless areas intact. Some of America's best trout and salmon fishing depends on it. We can comment until September 21. Please keep our best fishing and hunting spots free of roads.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NzQ3MDkyJnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NzgxODI5Mw/index.html>

DROUGHT AND TROUT: COLORADO AND RIO GRANDE RIVERS

Yes, the situation is dire, but thanks to restoration projects across the West, native trout have a fighting chance to survive.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NzMzNTk1JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NzU4NDEwOQ/index.html>

RECONNECTION IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Replacing 63 culverts and restoring 44 miles of stream for brookies on the Moose River has its challenges but many more successes.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NzM4MDgwJnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NzY1MDcyMQ/index.html>

RISING FROM THE ASHES

Watch how summer steelhead make the most of a reconnected habitat and rush back in once a dam comes down.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NzQ3MDkyJnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NzgxODI5Ng/index.html>

Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- September 1 – Informal Gathering
- September 3 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 8 – Monthly Members Meeting
- September 12 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- September 11-12 – Tri Lakes Fly Fishers 2026 Expo – Clinton, MO
- September 15 – Informal Gathering
- September 17 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 19-20 - MTFA Tournament – Montauk State Park
- September 19 – CFM
- September 22 – Informal Gathering
- September 26 – Women's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park **Volunteers Needed**
- September 29 – Informal Gathering



Uldis with his Montauk catch

October

- October 1 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 2-3 – Niangua Outdoor Days – Hidden Valley Outfitters
- October 3-4 – 63rd Annual Rose Holland Derby – Montauk State Park
- October 6 – Informal Gathering
- October 13 – Monthly Members Meeting
- October 15 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 20 – Informal Gathering
- October 24 – SMFF Family Fly Fishing Festival – Bennett Spring
- October 27 – Informal Gathering
- October 31 – Last Day of Catch-and-Keep at the trout parks

November

- November 1 – Urban Winter stocking program scheduled to begin
- November 3 – Informal Gathering
- November 5 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 7 – Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park – **Volunteers Needed**
- November 10 – Monthly Members Meeting
- November 13 – Catch-and-Release season starts at the trout parks
- November 17 – Informal Gathering
- November 19 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 24 – Informal Gathering



Construction Workers spotted at Bennett

**Please share
your fly fishing
stories, photos,
events, and/or
gear by
submitting
something to
the newsletter.**



Mark, John, and Phil enjoying Bennett Spring