

Banquet

With the banquet only about a month and a half away here are some of the things you need to know:

- 1) There is a planning meeting on February 21 at Panera Bread set for 7 pm. All can attend.*
- 2) Please keep the donations for the raffle and silent auction items coming in. John Wenzlick is taking the donations. Please bring to meetings or get ahold of John directly at 573-821-6813.*
- 3) Banquet Date is April 8 at the American Legion hall at 1423 Tanner Bridge Road. Social hour from 6 – 7 pm. Food Service to start at 7 pm.*
- 4) If you would like to come early to help set up, it would be most appreciated.*
- 5) Tickets are on sale now!!! Please get with Melvin Schulenburg to purchase. Melvin can be reached at 573-636-9953*
- 6) All family and friends are welcome at the banquet. Membership not required to join the fun. Please purchase your tickets by March 28 so we are able to give an accurate head count for food.*
- 7) Ticket prices are as follows:
Adults - \$15
16 and under \$7.50*

I hope to see everyone there!!!

Stream Team Update

There is a sign at McKay Lake saying Fish and Wildlife will do some restoration. Parks and Rec told me Conservation is handling it and they have no other information. I left a voice mail asking Brian McKeage for details, and will share his reply when I get it.

I hope you got a chance to fish McKay before it got crowded. The Bennett hatchery and MDC did a fantastic job providing good size trout and we should thank them.

You may have read Blaine Luektmeyer's comments in the Feb 4 News Tribune or in his bulletin. He praises removal of the Stream Protection Rule. This rule prevents mining companies from dumping their waste into streams. Both the House and the Senate voted to remove the protection and allow pollution of rivers. He says this will bring back coal jobs. Since coal is more expensive than natural gas, wind and solar, that does not seem likely.

If you have not signed up for the introductory water quality monitoring class, please plan to attend the training in Columbia and do your part for clean water.

4-H Center for Youth Development
1110 South College Boulevard
Saturday, April 29
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Register by Wednesday, April 12 and here is the link: [Stream Team | Workshop Online Registration Form](#)

Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator

Fly Tying

There is just one session left for the fly tying classes. We have had some great flies this year and I wanted to thank everyone who helped organize, tie, and take time out to train at the beginner's table. I have used a couple of the flies and caught fish. What else can you ask for. Thanks for a job well done!

Be sure to check the CCFE website if you need to reference all the fly recipes.

Here is a photo taken from the StreamerFest down in Arkansas of a fly tier demonstrating to a curious onlooker.



"Teacher training Pupil"

Start of Fishing Season

Now that the catch-and-release season has drawn to a close, it is time to gear up for the start of the regular season on March 1. If anyone goes out on opening day, please snap a few photos of the day. Whether it is a nice catch or the craziness at one of the parks, I would like to have something for the newsletter. Let me know if you have any success with any of the flies that were tied in this year's classes. Unfortunately, I will be working that day so I can continue to put money in for social security. Don't forget to pick up your new license.

If you need any tips on catching fish, you may want to talk to this guy:



"Jackson Semkin getting it done!!"

I'll be waiting to hear some new Fish Tales. Until next month, Happy Fishing!!!!