



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

Hey Everybody,

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up!

First is Women's Fishing Day at Bennett Spring. That's next weekend (9/27/25) and we currently have Jim W., Mark J., Michael D., Raymond B., John G., Phil W., Tom P. (+1), Melvin S., John W., Bob L., Greg C., Phil C., and me volunteering. If you'd like to volunteer, please let me or Greg Curtin know ASAP.

The following weekend (10/4/25) is the Redington Home Waters event at Hidden Valley Outfitters in Leababon, MO.

The following weekend (10/10/25) is the White River Fly Tying Expo at the Branson-Hollister Lion's Club in Branson, MO.

Then, on the following Tuesday (10/14/25) is our October meeting. Our guest speaker is our very own Michael Collins. He'll be presenting about the Trout Slam (along with other things), so you won't want to miss it.

God Bless,  
Justin

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## **DAN WYNN – WHITE BUFFALO FLY SHOP**

Dan, the co-owner of the White Buffalo Fly Shop in Rolla, MO was kind enough to speak at our September meeting. You can see and hear the passion he has for fly fishing and the chance to build a community of fly fishers in the area. He and his wife hold several events at there shop to encourage the growth of fly fishing and fly tying. Take the time to stop at their shop, if you are in the Rolla area.

Dan brought along Billy Edgar, a member of the Roubidoux Fly Fishers Association(RFFA). The RFFA is Stream Team #1 for Missouri which now has over 5000 teams across the state. Billy talked



about what the RFFA has going on. Thank you to both Dan and Billy for their insight. They will both be great contacts if you want to fish the streams in central Missouri.

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## **WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY**

Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park is next weekend. If you want to **share a ride with someone please let me know right away** and we will see what arrangements can be made. People will want to leave at different times so you may need a little flexibility. Some may go back home right away, while others may want to stay and fish for different lengths of time. Bring your fishing equipment for some fun.

The tent will be set up in Zone 2 between the stream and the parking area. I'm sure parking will fill up fast, so I would suggest getting there at an earlier time.

Location: Bennett Spring State Park  
Date: September 27, 2025  
Set up Time: Set up 8-9 am  
Activities Start time: 9am  
End Time: 2 pm

**We have a sign up list of volunteers, but we can always use more help at events like this. It's not too late!!!!**

## **REDINGTON HOME WATERS**



The Redington Home Waters event takes place October 3-5 at Hidden Valley Outfitters just outside of Bennett Spring State Park on the Niangua River. There will be Demos, Vendors, Giveaways, a 1-Fly contest, Food, and lots of Fun. If anyone from the club is interested in tying flies at the event we will have space to do some tying demos. The main activities will take place on Saturday, October 4 from 8am to 5pm. Bring your friends and family for the day. 1-Fly Contest from 9 am to 11 am.



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

## **WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK  
7:30 AM TO 7:15 PM**

### **For Ladies of all ages**

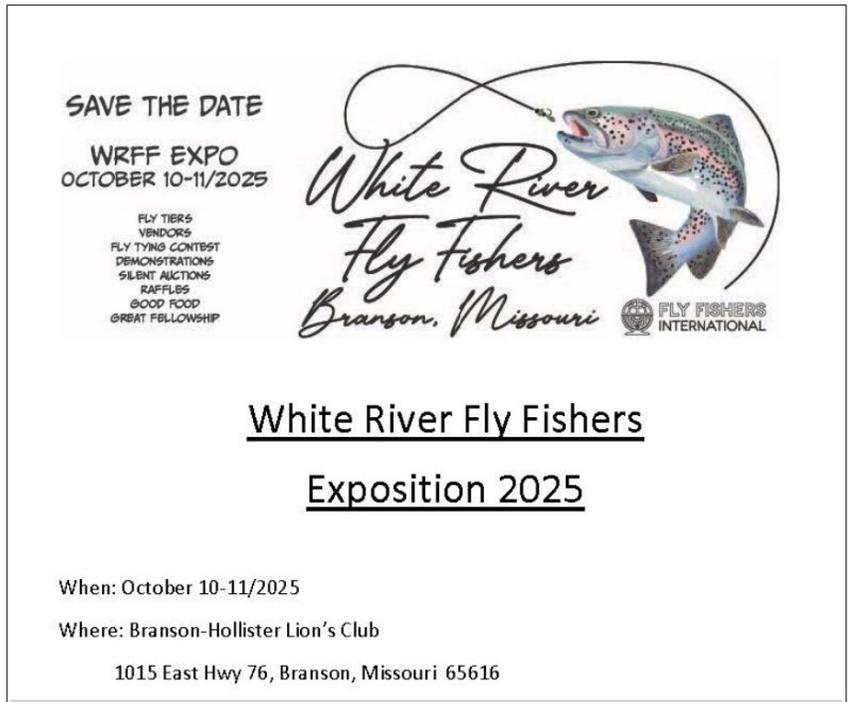
Special fishing area reserved for Ladies only.  
Pick up your free tag at the park store on  
September 26th or the day of the event.

### **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES RUN FROM 9AM TO 2PM**

LEARN ABOUT:  
MISSOURI CONSERVATION EFFORTS  
A CAREER PATH IN MISSOURI CONSERVATION (MU Program)  
FLY CASTING AND FLY TYING  
SOME OF THE GREAT FISHING CLUBS AROUND THE STATE  
**FREE** FLIES AND FISHING GEAR WILL BE GIVEN AWAY  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

# WHITE RIVER FLY FISHERS EXPO

There will be several CCFF members either tying or attending the White River Fly Fishers Expo on October 10-11. This is a Friday and Saturday and runs from 9am to 5pm on Friday and from 9am to 4pm on Saturday. Admission is free and there will be many fly tying demos, Vendors, Raffles, Auctions, and Food. There is something in Branson, MO for the entire family to enjoy. The ad to the right provides the address to the Branson-Hollister Lion's Club, where the event takes place.



SAVE THE DATE

WRFF EXPO  
OCTOBER 10-11/2025

FLY TIES  
VENDORS  
FLY TYING CONTEST  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
SILENT AUCTIONS  
RAFFLES  
GOOD FOOD  
GREAT FELLOWSHIP

*White River  
Fly Fishers  
Branson, Missouri*



White River Fly Fishers  
Exposition 2025

When: October 10-11/2025  
Where: Branson-Hollister Lion's Club  
1015 East Hwy 76, Branson, Missouri 65616

# KID'S TROUT FISHING DAY

With all the fly boxes packaged for Women's Free Fishing Day and the event taking place next Saturday, we will shortly turn our focus to Kid's Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park. With the flies leftover from from Women's Day, we have a good start to the fly boxes and will determine what we need at September 30 Informal Gathering. That gives us a month to tie some more flies.

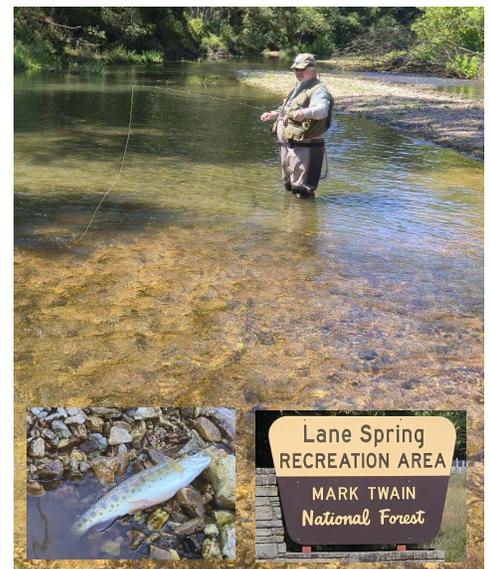
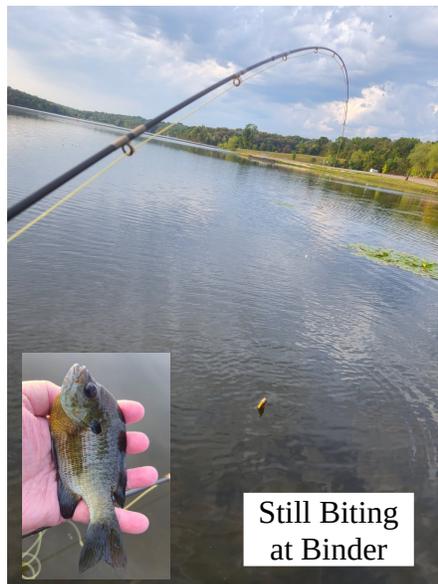
Location: McKay Park (Sunset Lake), Jefferson City, MO

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Set up: 10 am

Time: Noon – 3 pm

Fly tying demos, casting demos, fly box giveaway, and gear giveaway will all take place at the event. A sign up sheet circulated at the last meeting and will come around again at the October meeting. **Once again, we need all hands on deck for this one.** Bring your kids to participate!!!



## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

I will not be able to make the October meeting, but we planned to **monitor on October 18. We will meet at the Assembly of God at 6:15 and car pool.** Then we will go to Bennett and fish, so bring a lunch and your fishing gear. We have 6 guys signed up, but can use more if anyone else wants to come. Lenny Liebler, one of our newer members is a master naturalist and is level 2 certified. He asked if another master naturalist can join and he is certainly welcome.

There are no water quality classes scheduled in the area, but here are some great pictures to help you identify bugs we find <https://www.mostreamteam.org/macroidvertebrates>.

**EPA to Halt Additional Wastewater Regulations for Livestock Industries - Not good news for streams and lakes we fish and oh yea, what we drink!**

[EPA Announces Action to Support Lower Food Prices for Americans and Reduce Burden on American Farmers by Addressing Meat and Poultry Discharge Regulations](#)

[EPA.Gov](#)

### **5 Tips for a Plastic-Free Celebrations**

1. Use reusable plates, cups, and utensils instead of disposable plastic ones.
2. Ditch bottled beverages and use large beverage dispensers for water, lemonade, and iced tea. Bonus points for encouraging people to bring their own reusable cups
3. Buy your meat, veggies, or buns from your local butcher, produce stand, or bakery to avoid plastic packaging. Farmers' markets are great sources for good inexpensive local food and Patchwork Farms in Columbia offers lots of choices.
4. Offer regular condiment bottles instead of single-use packets.
5. Use reusable banners, tablecloths, and string lights instead of balloons and plastic streamers.

### **MORE THAN JUST A FISHING TRIP**

On this year's TU's Expedition, teens experienced the ultimate lesson in conservation in the Klamath Basin.

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/headwaters/tu-expeditions-the-next-generation-of-river-champions/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=hTXe4](https://www.tu.org/magazine/headwaters/tu-expeditions-the-next-generation-of-river-champions/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=hTXe4)

### **HOME RIVER**

Our home rivers give us so much as noted in this dispatch about the Baldwin River in

Michigan. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00NTE0MDk2JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01Mjc5Mjk4NA/index.html>

### **TROUT TIPS - LAKE FLIES**

Why not try fishing a lake you've never before fished? Give these flies a try when you go.

<https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tips-stillwater/>

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## **TROUT TIP - BALANCED BUGS**

Add these balanced bugs to your box for greater success on your next lake fishing outing.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/>

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## **FAITH AND CONSERVATION**

**Faith is a critical piece to successful conservation as shown by a successful mom.**

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## **10 THINGS YOU CAN DO IN ROADLESS AREAS**

Fishing, hunting, grazing and more—here's what's possible on protected National Forest lands.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/>

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## **MORE BASS FISHING TIPS**

Late summer waters are hot, so go fish for bass in structure with these tips from Orvis.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/>

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## **Man Rescued Swimming Across the Missouri River**

[Man Rescued Swimming Across the Missouri River](#)

KETV

## **No Immediate Concern with Missouri River Discoloration**

[NDDEQ Reports no Immediate Concern with Missouri River Discoloration](#)

KX News

## **River Monsters**

[River Monsters: Discover the Biggest Fish in the Mississippi River](#)

A-Z Animals

Get out and fish when you can,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

## **\*\* A SECOND REMINDER FOR NEEDING HELP\*\* WE NEED YOU**

### Banquet committee

Next March we will be having our members only banquet. In order to be ready and organized for it, we need a banquet committee. The committee shall be formed consisting of three board members and two regular members. We still need two regular members to volunteer.

Again, this is the members only banquet and not the big fundraising banquet we have every other year. If you are not able to be a board member, this would be a great way to contribute to the club. Thanks in advance

### Veterans volunteers

We could still use some more volunteers for fly tying with veterans up at the Columbia VA Hospital. This happens every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The crew would leave Jefferson City at noon and be back by around 3 pm. Please be available to help, even if it's just filling in once in awhile. Let Jerry Kemple know you are able to help.

### Nomination Committee

We need 3 people for a nomination committee. This committee will help to find candidates for Board and Officer elections in November. We need nominations submitted at the October meeting so that means we need you on the committee now. If you want to get to know more club members this is the perfect opportunity. This is a short term committee lasting about 2-3 months every year. Let Justin Beyer our President know you can help.

## **TRIP TO LAKE TANEYCOMO**

Over the last couple of years, I have gone with my folks and my cousin and his family to Branson in late October. I was able to fish much of this time and spend some time with the family as well. This year my cousin and his family are not able to make the trip. **If you might be interested in going please let me know.** I have booked 2 adjacent studios with 1 bed and a sleeper sofa each. So we could have at least 4 people with spots to sleep. The dates for the stay are from Saturday, October 25 through Tuesday, October 28. The brown trout are up into the blue ribbon area at that time. If you want some variety, we could also try The Roaring River, Crane Creek, or another part of Lake Taneycomo. Thanks, Greg Curtin



# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **September**

- September 23 – Informal Gathering
- September 27 – Women's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
- September 30 – Informal Gathering

## **October**

- October 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 4-5 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rose Holland Derby – Montauk State Park
- October 4 – Redington Home Waters at Hidden Valley Outfitters??
- October 7 – Informal Gathering
- October 10-11 – White River Fly Fishing Expo – Branson, MO
- October 11 – Clarence Holland Derby – Bennett Spring State Park
- October 14 – Monthly Members Meeting – Guest Speaker – Michael Collins
- October 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 21 – Informal Gathering
- October 28 – Informal Gathering
- October 31 – Last Day of Catch and Keep season at trout parks

## **November**

- November 1 – First day of the urban fishing program around the state
- November 4 – Informal Gathering
- November 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park
- November 11 – Monthly Members Meeting – Guest Speaker - Sam Stewart
- November 14 – Start of the Catch and Release season at trout parks
- November 18 – Informal Gathering
- November 20 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 25 – Informal Gathering

## **December**

- December 2 – Informal Gathering
- December 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- December 9 – Monthly Members Meeting – Christmas Party
- December 16 – Informal Gathering
- December 18 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- December 23 – Informal Gathering

Ken going after a Roaring River Jumping fish



Greg Fishing by the Bennett bluff



**Please share your fly fishing stories, photos, events, and/or gear to go in the newsletter.**