

The Fly Line

Monthly Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly Fish-

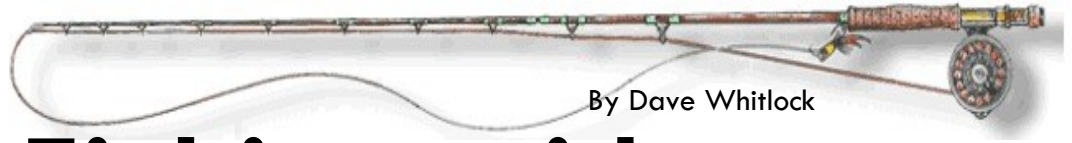
September 2025

First FFI Affiliated Club in Louisiana



North Louisiana Fly Fishers

Established in 1984



Fishing with a Purpose...





Cover Photo: Kalie, a foster child participating with the Mayfly Project out of Texarkana, catches her first fish on a fly rod. She earned two badges, “catch and release” and “litter pickup”. Find out more about the Mayfly Project, come to an NLFF meeting!

Purpose Driven Fishing.....

Mayfly Project

The gold standard of non-profits....



I have discovered something inside myself concerning fly fishing. Sometimes the passion to fish is strong, sometimes it wanes. Sometimes reigniting the passion comes from fishing a new fly, fishing with new people or a new place. Sometimes it is reignited by the spiritual re-charging that takes place on the river. I have discovered a new way to light the fly fishing fire....fish with foster children. The Mayfly Project provides this opportunity. These children were amazing. They were delightful. They were eager to fish. They were fly fishing knowledge “sponges”, just soaking up the instruction.

They say with Christianity that you don’t “get it” until you give it away. That’s the Great Commission. It could be that you don’t “get” fly fishing until you give it away. That’s fly fishing with a purpose.

Scott Irwin

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers is a comprehensive flyfishing club:

Established in 1984, The NLFF is affiliated with Fly Fishers International and is composed of a core group of very experienced fly fishers. In addition to this group of experienced fly fishers is a large population of intermediate fishermen. Most importantly, the NLFF club has a healthy contingent of people just learning how to fly fish who are members of the club. No matter what your skill level, you are welcome to join. The goal is to help each other in the sport. The goal is also to enjoy the magnificent fly fishing journey. The sport can refresh the soul, mind and spirit. Come join us on the journey.

6 Main components of the NLFF:

- 1) **Education:** We teach all aspects of skills and techniques associated with fly fishing. Casting, rod assembly, knots, fly ID courses, line management, gear reviews, and safe wading are just a few of the topics addressed.
- 2) **Destination Programs:** We provide programs and lectures on ideal locations to fly fish. Secret locations, easy wading river bottoms, rivers, ponds, lakes and streams are all presented. Some close, some more distant. We also share current fishing reports.
- 3) **Fishing Trips:** We organize trips to rivers, streams, ponds and lakes. We fish cold water and warm. We even offer salt water trips.
- 4) **Fly Tying:** We offer complete fly tying instruction. We provide you all the tools you need to tie you own fly, plus a one on one instructor.
- 5) **Social Activity and Community involvement:** The NLFF has given back to the community with involvement in Veterans Projects, Reel Recovery, Refuge summer camps, and more.
- 6) **Travel:** We support, participate, and travel to regional fly fishing conventions, and gatherings.

Coming soon...

The Stupendous NLFF annual Banquet!

- ♦ Fly Rods
- ♦ Flys galore
- ♦ Fly Vests
- ♦ Fly chest bags
- ♦ Tying vises
- ♦ Tying Materials

And much , much more

You could completely outfit yourself for fly fishing by attending!

The NLFF only has one fundraiser a year. And it is a doozy! We already have many *new* items donated. This is the largest dispersion of fly fishing gear in the ArkLaTex.

Admission is for you to bring an item to donate. Don't have an item? A gift card to Bass Pro or a restaurant will do.



When: October 14 Six PM

**Where: Shanes
9176 Mansfield Rd Shreveport,**

Prices on next page...

Banquet Details:

The NLFF Banquet is the only fundraiser for the club all year long. Most fly fishing clubs have low priced annual dues, such as our club, and they supplement their finances with constant raffles at every meeting. We found this wore thin on new people visiting the club. We were always asking for money. So we discontinued constant raffles at meetings and have just one fund raiser. We sincerely appreciate you participating in the Banquet and bringing an item to include in the bucket draws. Thank you for buying tickets. These funds support the Mayfly Project foster children, The Caddo Expo, and more. You do not have to be a member to attend the banquet. Bring your spouse. Bring the kids. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

When: Tuesday Oct 14 at 6 PM

Where: Shane's (9176 Mansfield Rd, Shreveport LA

- Tables of bucket draws!
- Grand Prize: A \$300 TFO bug launcher!

Ticket packages:

Small Fry: \$40= 20 bucket-draw tickets and 1 Royal Draw Grand Prize ticket.

Whopper Package: \$100 =3 Small Fry Packages (60 bucket tickets and 3 Royal Draw Grand Prize Tickets)



- The Banquet is Dutch Treat. No advanced tickets required. Just show up with a item to donate, purchase a ticket package, then order off the menu. It's a delicious evening out loaded with fly fishing gear.

Summary of:

September

NLFF

Events...

- **Tues, September 2nd Brews and Bugs at Great Raft**
- **Tues September 9th : Monthly Meeting: The Ouachita River! Plus: Casting instruction.**
- **Thur. Sept 18th : Fly Tying Lesson at Bass Pro: Poppers!**
- **Sept 19 –21: NLFF fly fishing outing to Beavers Bend. This is a joint outing with the Contraband Fly Fishing Club out of Lake Charles.**

Laid-back Monthly Event (Tuesday September 2nd).....

1st Tuesday of the Month!

Brews and Bugs

A social time and fly tying practice time at Great Raft Brewery



What could be better than tying a few flies, hearing a few nuggets of fishing wisdom, and sipping a local brew (nonalcoholic beverages also available) in a classy atmosphere. Come out for this relaxing and enjoyable monthly break from the normal routine. Bring you spouse or significant other. If they do not tie flies, they are welcome to take along any craft they enjoy. It could be sewing, crocheting, painting... Anything. The point is just to get together and enjoy each other's company. Discount beverages offered to all that tie flies. A food truck is on site with sandwiches and chicken dishes. Beat the rush hour and arrive at 5 PM.

When: Tues. Sept 2nd 5-8 PM

1st Tuesday of each month at 5 PM

Where:

1251 Dalzell St, Shreveport 71104

September 9th

Monthly Meeting

Rush Clay

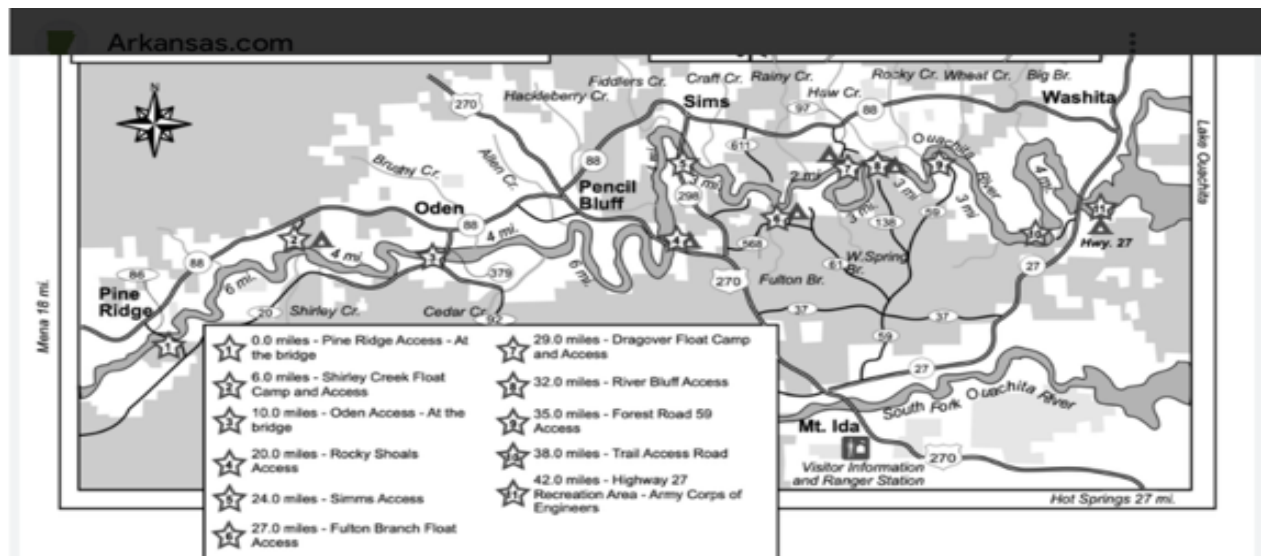
Presents the...

Ouachita River

Bonus! Casting Instruction

This is our last meeting of 2025 where we will have evening light. We will take advantage of that by conducting casting instruction.

The Ouachita River is close and accessible. It's usually a calm, friendly stream, pulsing with clear water. Withing it's confines smallmouth bass, bream, and other warm water species swim with wild abandon. Come and hear about this incredible gift of nature by Rush Clay who has a house on it's banks.



At meeting...

When: Tuesday September 9th at 6 PM

Where: Red River Refuge

150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City

NLFF HATS FOR SALE

\$10

September 18th

New Date:

Fly tying lesson is the next to last Thursday of the month!

Formal fly tying lesson at Bass Pro...

Poppers!

By Brett Rowell



We have not had a through lesson on Popper flies in a while. These flies are essential for bass fishing and effective on almost all fish. They are not difficult to tie, but are unique. In addition to tying the Popper, Brett will demonstrate how to paint a popper body.

Beginners: This is required instruction. You will have a blast tying this fly, plus learn new techniques. We will provide you a vise, tools, materials, and teacher.

Advanced tyers: We need your expertise. Come and show us how it is done and help new students learn the art of fly tying

When: Thursday Sept. 18th at 6:30 PM

Where: Bass Pro in the Fly Shop

Recurring Events:

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the Month

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Red River Refuge in the Conservation Conference Center at 6 PM. Bring your fly tying equipment to meetings and come tie flies.

Red River Refuge

150 Eagle Bend Point

Bossier City LA 71112

Officers: Steve Oliver: President 318-349-6411 Mark Chrisman: Treasurer 318-797-8790

Board: John Reisz 318-560-5831, Ed Cates 318-560-8675, Brett Rowell 318-207-6097
Scott Irwin 318-469-0854

1st Tuesday of the month at 5 PM: Brews and Bugs at Great Raft Brewery

1251 Dalzell St, Shreveport LA 71104

Come out for a relaxing start to the month tying flies with your friends in a classy environment. This is the perfect time to practice tying what is taught at the 3rd Thursday formal fly tying lesson. But you can tie whatever you like. This is also a good time to ask for help with any techniques you wish to master. Alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks are available. A food truck is on site with tasty sandwiches and chicken offerings.

Next to last Thursday: Monthly Formal Fly Tying Lesson at Bass Pro:

Come join us for a enjoyable evening of fly tying at Bass Pro on the next to last Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. . If you are new to fly tying this is a great place to start. We provide you with a vise, tools and materials to tie your first few flies. If you are an experienced fly tyer, come and demonstrate your skill. We always enjoy sharing new and different techniques.

The fly tying session is organized in a lesson format. An instructor chooses a fly that is a guaranteed fish catcher in the Ark-La-Tex. The lesson follows the process of constructing the fly step by step. An experienced floater tyer is available for those that desire a little extra assistance.

It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters. We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refugee (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 6 pm, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!

**Upcoming
NLFF
Outings**

A little bit about NLFF fishing outings...

Variety:

At the NLFF we strive to have outings perfect for everyone, no matter what their skill level. Some trips are more challenging than others. Some require no special equipment, just a swim suit and tennis shoes. Some require waders and wading equipment, some are best enjoyed in a kayak. Some offer pier fishing and no special equipment at all is required.

Length of time:

Many of our club outings are day trips. Some are overnight trips during the weekend. Some are 2 or 3 night trips. From time to time we schedule trips mid-week if required due to conflicting events. Often mid-week trips avoid weekend crowds.

Distance:

Some trips are local, some are a easy drive appropriate for a day trip such as Jefferson TX or Kisatchie Bayou. Some trips are over night. Most trout trips are over-night. Some trips are 2 and 3 nights at more distant locations such as the Little Red at Heber Springs.

There is a trip for everyone. Some go to them all. Join the adventure!

Make Reservations NOW! Campground filling up!

September 19th: Beavers Bend

(Must be a member to attend)

Joint Outing! (Rescheduled from February)

North Louisiana Fly Fishers +

Contraband Fly Fishers (a Lake Charles Club)



**Make Reservations
NOW! The campground
and cabins are already
70% occupied!**

One of the many benefits of participating in a fly fishing club is the chance to meet incredible people in other clubs. Some of these clubs are close to salt water, some cold water, some warm water. But the fellowship is always warm. Join the NIFF and the Contraband Fly Fishers for a trip to The Lower Mountain Fork at Beavers Bend Oklahoma. (Three hours from Shreveport). Get a cabin, stay in the park lodge, or camp at Beavers Bend State Park. Make reservations early. You can always cancel a reservation. AGAIN, RESERVE NOW!

When: Arrive Friday September 19th, Depart Monday September 22nd (3 nights)

Where: Accommodations at Beavers Bend State Park. Fishing: Lower Mountain Fork River

More info: Scott Irwin: 318-469-0854

October 10th and 11th



This is a very well run fly fishing show in an incredible location. There is world class fishing on Taneycomo. The fly show is filled with high lever tyers. There are lots of prizes and food as well. Join your friends from the NLFF and attend this 5 star show.

When: October 10th and 11th, 2025 9 to 4 PM

Free Admission!

Where: Branson-Hollister Lions Community Center. 1015 E State Highway 76, Branson MO

October 31 & November 1

Toledo Bend Rendezvous

This event has it all. And its very close to Shreveport! Come for the day on Saturday November 1st or the whole weekend, Friday Oct 31 to Saturday Nov 1st. Depart on Sunday.

A group camp, cabins, and a campground are available. As low as \$20 a night.

For details go to:

Flycasting.bravesites.com

\$10 admission

Bring a pot-luck dish. This is a fly tying extravaganza and a food fest. Fishing is available on a pier behind the conference center.

Fly Tying



Fishing



3 meals
served Saturday!

Food



When: Friday Oct 31 to into the evening . All day Sat. Nov 1st

Where: North Toledo Bend State park

Admission: \$10 + bring a pot-luck dish

Many different fly fishing clubs participate in this event!

This can be a day trip or an overnight trip. No special equipment required if you just are a spectator. Bring fly tying gear if you want to tie flies. Fishing on Toledo bend is available on a pier (behind conference center) or in a kayak.

Nov 7-9

This is an overnight trip that requires wading gear. A kayak is optional.

Fishing the Legendary

Little Red River

At Heber Springs



This is a delightful trip to a record breaking fish catching river. We will fish the waters adjacent to JFK trout park. We will plan group meals and help each other figure out these intelligent fish. Stay in a camper at the campground or get a hotel room in Heber Springs just a few miles away.

When: Arrive Friday Nov 7th. Depart Monday November 10th

Where: JFK campground, Heber Springs Arkansas

NLFF

Roster:

As of July
2025

Member Name	Membership Expiration
Irwin, Scott	12/31/2027
Linder, Joe	12/31/2026
Oliver, Steve	12/31/2026
Rowell, Brett	12/31/2025
White, Rex	12/31/2026
Clay, Rush	12/31/2025
Higgins, Archie	12/31/2025
Lamb, Jack	12/31/2025
Peace, Ardis	12/31/2025
Roat, James	12/31/2026
Rogers, Randy	12/31/2025
Seale, Dick	12/31/2026
Seale, Arthur	12/31/2026
Tiller, Chuck	12/31/2025
Horsley, Chris	12/31/2025
Rowe, Allen	12/31/2025
Turner, Thomas	12/31/2026
Chrisman, Mark	12/31/2027
Kennedy, Richard	12/31/2027
Carter, Alan	12/31/2026

Schroder, Mark	12/31/2026
Sheppellman, Antionette	12/31/2027
Turner, Dickie	12/31/2026
Kendall, Matt	12/31/2025
Cates, Ed	12/31/2027
Hopkins, Tom	12/31/2026
Fontenot, Colin	12/31/2026
Leahy, Patrick	12/31/2025
Roat, Jim	12/31/2026
Rogers, Russ	12/31/2027
Reisz, John	12/31/2027
Fontenot, Rick	12/31/2025
Mee, Tom	12/31/2025
Sikes, Jay	12/31/2025
Scarborough, John	12/31/2025
Powell, Tim	12/31/2025
North, Dennis	12/31/2025
Mccarver, Larry	12/31/2027
Frey, David	12/31/2026
Williams, Terry	12/31/2025
Garland, Chad	12/31/2027
Burton, Keith	12/31/2027
Meaney, Bill	12/31/2025
O'bryant, Phil	12/31/2025
Kelly, Wendy	12/31/2025
Wiener Iii, Jacques	12/31/2025
King, Scott	12/31/2027
Degravelle, Grant	12/31/2025
Perez, Rhonda	12/31/2025
Behrend, Michelle	12/31/2025
White, Teresa	12/31/2025
Brian Landry	

Don't see your name on our membership roster? Join today. We would love you as a member of the NLFF. The club is diverse. It revolves around fly fishing but also includes travel, regional fly fishing conventions, interaction with other fly fishing clubs, and plenty of "eating meetings" You can find a membership form on our website "Northlaflyfishers.org" or use the form below.



North Louisiana Fly Fishers

P.O. Box 29531 - Shreveport, LA 71149

www.northlaflyfishers.org

Club Membership Form

Member Information*

Primary Member's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Other Active Member or Spouse: _____ DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FFI Member?: Yes or No (Circle One) Home Phone: _____

Fly Tyer? Yes or No (Circle One) Cell Phone: _____

Kayaker? Yes or No (Circle One) Other Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Wireless Carrier (Need to send texts): _____

*NOTE: All information is confidential and for the private use of the NLFF.

Membership Type (Check One)

___ Family (\$35)

___ 3-Yr Family (\$90)

___ Individual (\$30)

___ 3-Yr Individual (\$75)

___ Student (\$20)

___ Active Military (\$20)

A parent or parents along with their children under 18 years of age. Limited to a two vote maximum.

All individual members are allowed one vote.

Any student under the age of 18, but not included in a Family Membership. Student members are considered to be full members and have one vote.

Any active member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Active military members are considered to be full members and have one vote.

Payment Method: _____ Cash
_____ Credit Card _____ Check

NOTE: Dues are payable by the end of January of each calendar year. Make checks payable to North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF). Dues for **new** members joining on or after September 1st shall be valid through the end of the following year (excludes Multi-Year, Military and Student Plans). For example, if you joined on Sept. 10, 2024, your membership would be valid through the end of 2025.

WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY EVERY PARTICIPANT

In consideration of my participation in activities arranged for me by NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS, I hereby release and covenant not to sue NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS, its owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and lessees from any and all present and future claims resulting from ordinary negligence and inherent risk of my participation in any activities or arrangements and use of the facilities and equipment of NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS including but not limited to any loss, injury, damage, or liability sustained by me while on or about the premises of the club.

I am fully aware and understand that NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS does not have on or about the premises, or employ or contract with any medical services, provisions for ordinary or emergency medical services including but not limited to emergency cardiovascular assistance.

I agree that immediately prior to participation in any activity arranged for me by NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS, I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used and if any defect(s) is/are apparent, I will not use the facility or equipment and I will notify the management of NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS of the defect(s).

I further agree that if I am not knowledgeable in the proper use of any of NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS facilities or equipment, I will obtain proper instruction for the correct use of such facility of equipment from a qualified individual before I will use the facility or equipment.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS, its owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and lessees from any and all claims arising from my involvement in or receiving instruction for activities incidental thereto wherever, whenever and however the claims may arise including but not limited to travel to and from the activity site and participation at remote sites.

I assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for any damages and loss following any loss of property, injury, permanent disability or death resulting there from, for as long as I hold a valid membership in the NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Any person under the age of 18 years must have a parent or guardian co-sign this form.

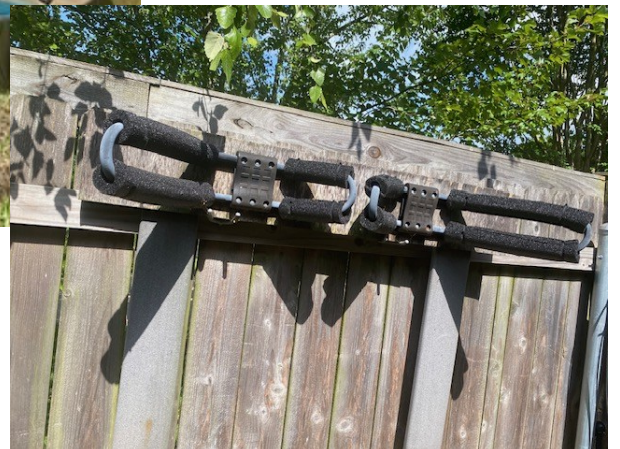
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Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

(This form to be kept on file for as long as the above signee(s) is a/are member(s) of the NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS and then for a minimum of five years thereafter.)

For sale....

These items are for sale by Ken Wojcik. Call him for details. Ken lives in the Haven.
Phone: 318-230-9070



Kayaks, complete with paddles and carrying racks. \$500 for both. Call to negotiate for a single kayak.

More items for sale by Ken Wojcik (Phone 318-230-9070)

Most of these items have been used once.



Large Waders: \$50



Net: \$15



Korker boots: size 13: \$50

Boat FOR SALE...



Must go.....make offer.

Call Joe Linder: 318-245-9385

August NLFF Photos

Show and Tell at August meeting..



Steve Oliver's Motorcycle Camper



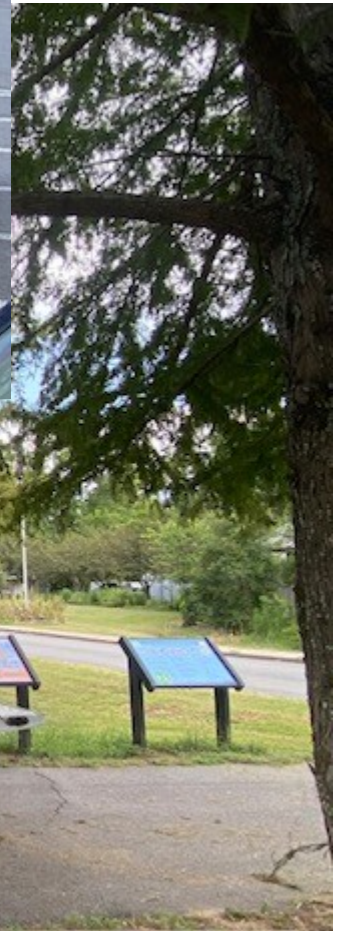
Camper does
double duty as a
kayak trailer.

Golf Cart converted to ATV...



Complete with underbody LED lights! By Ed Cates

DIY Truck Camper



It's bug-proof, waterproof, Cool in the summer with A/C and warm in the winter with ceramic heater. Cost under \$300 to construct.

Step by Step fly tying lesson at Bass Pro

(next to last Thursday of each month at Bass Pro)



Casual Fly Tying at Great Raft Brewery

(First Tuesday of each month at Great Raft)



More Mayfly Project Photos:

The Children....





More Mayfly Project photos:

The Mentors...



Jay and Katy Sikes listen to lead mentor Austin



Mayfly Project in action...





Very nice
Smallmouth
bass...

Dear Prospective Member,

If you see something in this newsletter that interests you, we encourage you to attend the next monthly meeting or event.

You must be a member to go on a fly fishing outing. You do not need to be a member to attend the monthly meeting at the refuge, the Formal Fly Tying Lesson at Bass Pro, or Casual Fly Tying at Great Raft.

Come on out and join the adventure....

All are welcome!