

The Fly Line

Monthly Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers

October 2025

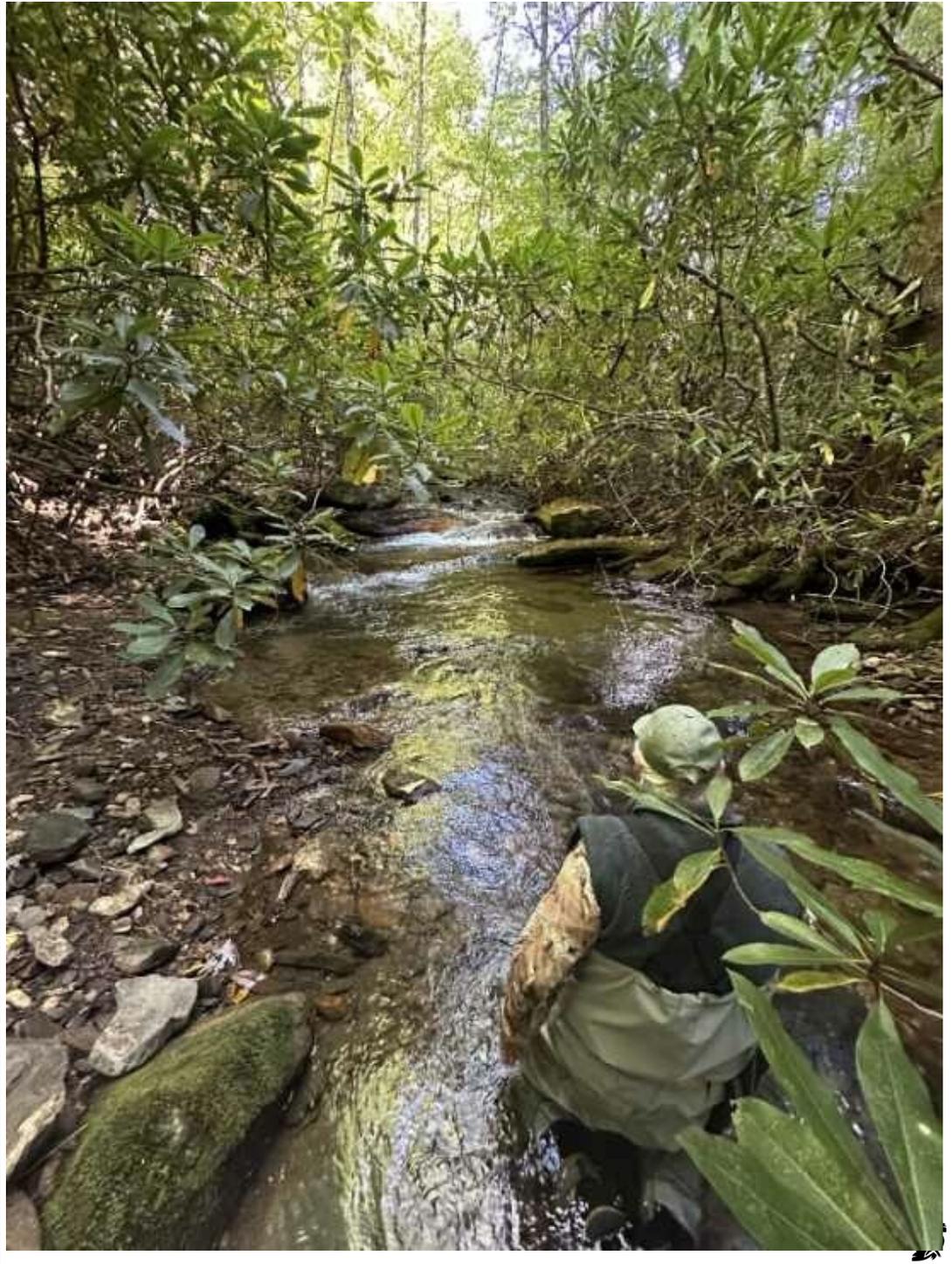
First FFI Affiliated Club in Louisiana



North Louisiana Fly Fishers

Established in 1984

Serious Flyfishing...





Cover: Jack Wiener stalks wild trout in North Carolina.

Above: Objective accomplished!

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.

Summary of:

October

NLFF

Events...

- **Tues October 7 Brews and Bugs at Great Raft 5-8 pm**
- **October 10-12: Branson Fly Fishing Festival**
- **Tues October 14 : Annual Banquet at Shane's (this takes the place of our monthly meeting)**
- **Thur. October 23 : Fly Tying Lesson at Bass Pro**
- **Friday-Sat Oct 31-Nov1– Toledo Bend Rendezvous**

Laid-back Monthly Event (October 7th).....

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 bbq dishes. Beat the rush hour and arrive at 5 PM.

When: Tues. October 7th 5-8 PM

Where: 1251 Dalzell St, Shreveport 71104

1st Tuesday of each month at 5 PM

Tuesday October 14th 6 PM (arrive at 5:45 PM)

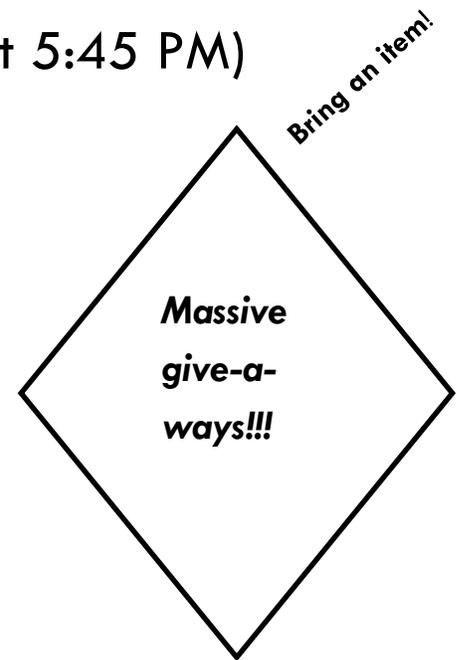
Annual Banquet!

Please bring cash!

The banquet takes the place of our regular monthly meeting at the refuge in October. This event is at Shane's at 9176 Mansfield Road, Shreveport LA

- All are welcome! Members, non-members, children. Bring your spouse! Bring the whole family!
- ***Bring an item to donate to the banquet.***
- The NLFF has one fund raiser a year
- Historically we had raffles at every meeting, nickel and diming people at every turn.
- Now we have one fundraiser. Ticket prices may seem a little high, \$40 to \$100, but it is just once a year.
- Money goes to fund annual club expenses, donations to causes such as the Mayfly Project, and to support the Caddo Fly Fishing Expo.
- This is a massive redistribution of fly fishing items. You could outfit yourself by attending this banquet!

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Banquet Continued:



Photo of folks attending banquet

Just a few items...

New

- High level Redding Fly Rod
- TFO Bug launcher Rod plus reel and line
- Fly bags, hip bags, slings!
- Poppers

Tables and Tables of Items!

- Wet flies
- Youth fly rods
- Nets
- And much much more!

Tickets:

Small Fry: \$40 = 20 tickets

Plus 1 Grand Prize Ticket

Best Deal:

Whopper: \$100= 60 Tickets

Plus 3 Grand Prize Tickets

Details:

No advanced tickets are required. Just show up at Shane's at 5:45 PM. Buy a ticket package. Drop your tickets in buckets.

Bonus: There will be silent auction items

Cost: Your dinner is Dutch Treat. Order anything you like and get your individual bill.

When: Tuesday Oct. 14th at 5:45 PM

Where: Shane's 9176 Mansfield Rd

Thank you for your support

Nominated Officers and Board Members

(to be elected at the November NLFF Meeting)

Officers

President: Steve Oliver

Treasurer: Mark Chrisman

Board Members:

Ed Cates

Brian Landry

Russ Rogers

Scott Irwin

John Reisz

October 23rd

New Date:

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

Formal fly tying lesson at Bass Pro...

It's time to get
the

Red Ass

With

Scott King



The Red Ass is an extremely effective fly when fish are feeding just beneath the surface (like they do most of the time). Let it drift or strip it slow. It drives the fish crazy. This is a “must have” fly in your fly box. Everyone leaves with a handful of free flies that attends this fly tying lesson.

Beginners: This fly is a must for you to tie. You will learn so many techniques in a very forgiving pattern. We will provide you a vise, tools, materials, and teacher.

Advanced tyers: You can really impress with the palmer on this fly.

When: Thursday October 23 at 6:30 PM

Where: Bass Pro in the Fly Shop

Recurring Events:

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the Month at Refuge. (Except Oct.. That is our annual banquet and is at Shanes on Mansfield Rd)

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 Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 6 pm, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!

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!

October 10th and 11th

Equipment: Waders needed if you plan to fish lake Taneycomo.



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 can be a day trip or an over-night 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.

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.

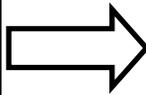
For details go to:

Flycasting.bravesites.com

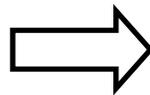
\$10 admission

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

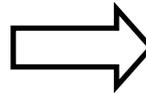


Fishing



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!

Nov 7-9

Fishing the Legendary

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

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

January 24

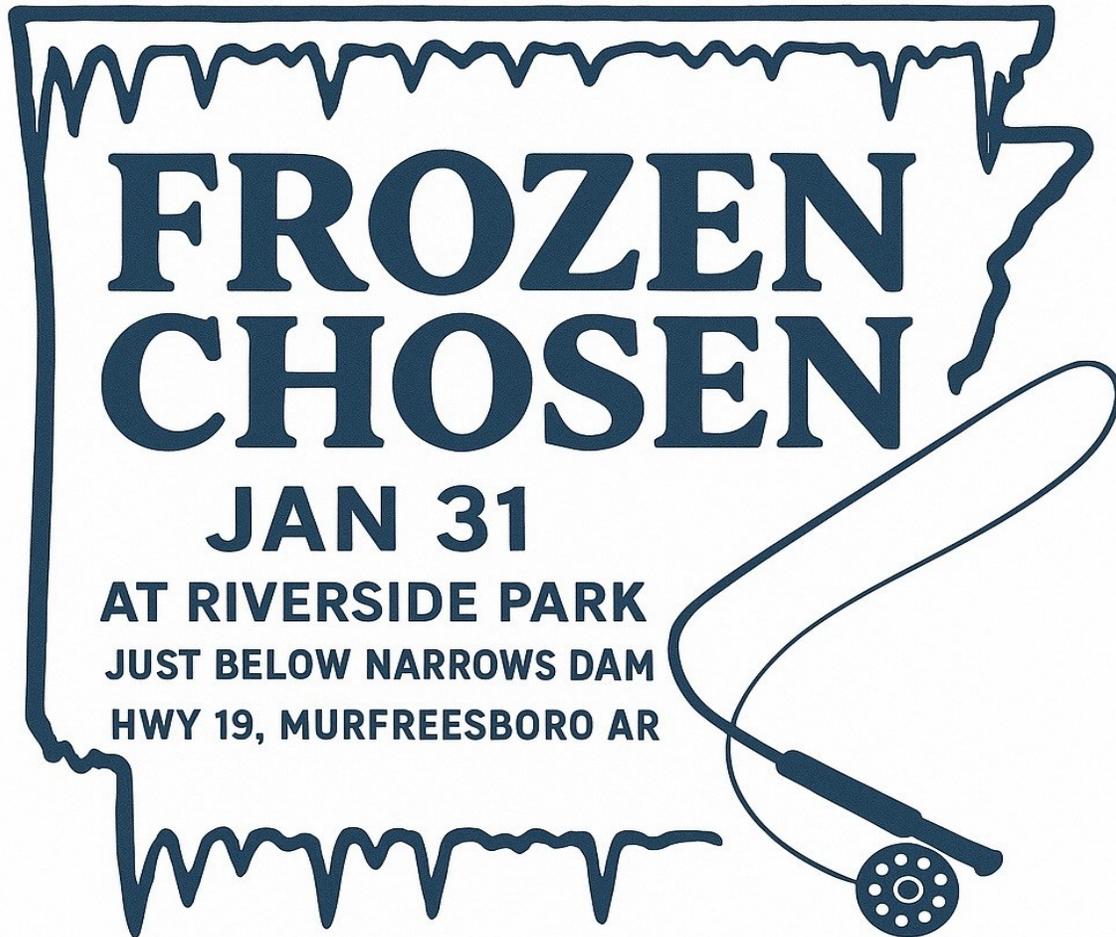
Equipment: No special equipment needed. This is not a fishing event. It is a festival. Just come ready to have a good time.



This is a fantastic fly fishing festival that is close to Shreveport. It is an easy day trip. It is sponsored by Kisatchie Fly Fishers in Alexandria. This club supported the Caddo Fly Fishing Expo sponsored by the NLFF. Lets support the Cenla Festival. Make plans now to attend.

January 31

The #1 NLFF Outing of the year!



This is the Premier outing for the NLFF. Please make all efforts to attend.

Main Day, Saturday Jan 31st:

The main day is January 31st. Fish the morning and afternoon. The club will host a picnic at Riverside park. Club provides burgers and dogs. Bring a side dish and/or desert. This takes place at 12 noon on Saturday Jan 31 at Riverside park just below the Narrows dam on Hwy 19 in Murfreesboro AR.

Details: Most people stay 2 or more days, Friday and Saturday night. Reservations for cabins can be made at SWAHA Lodge (870-285-2272). Prices start at just \$55 but make reservations early. The least expensive cabins may get reserved quickly. There is also a campground next to SWAHA. It is a Corp of Engineers campground called "Dam Area". Make Campground reservations at "Recreation.gov".

February

Equipment: Waders are needed for most fishing locations. Kayak optional

WINTER BEAVERS BEND



EXPEDITION

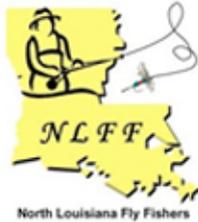
FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 1, 2026

Make reservations now for a cool weather NLFF trip to the Lower Mountain Fork River located inside Beavers Bend State Park (580-494-6300) in Oklahoma. The park has camping, cabins and a lodge 5 star B & B's are close by. This is a beautiful trip with fantastic trout fishing. Contact Scott Irwin with questions: 318-469-0854

NLFF Roster:

Member Name	Membership Type	Membership Expiration			
			Meaney, Bill	Individual	12/31/2025
			Mee, Tom	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2025
Behrend, Michelle	Individual	12/31/2025	Mosery, Jeanine	New Individual	12/31/2026
Burton, Keith	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027	North, Dennis	Family	12/31/2025
Carter, Alan	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026	O'bryant, Phil	New Individual	12/31/2025
Cates, Ed	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027	Oliver, Steve	3 Yr Family	12/31/2026
Chrisman, Mark	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027	Peace, Ardis	3 Yr Family	12/31/2027
Clay, Rush	3 Yr Family	12/31/2025	Perez, Rhonda	New Individual	12/31/2025
Degravelle, Grant	New Individual	12/31/2025	Powell, Tim	Individual	12/31/2025
Fontenot, Colin	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026	Reisz, John	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027
Fontenot, Rick	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2025	Roat, James	3 Yr Family	12/31/2026
Frey, David	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026	Roat, Jim	3 Yr Family	12/31/2026
Garland, Chad	3 Yr Family	12/31/2027	Rogers, Randy	Family	12/31/2025
Higgins, Archie	Individual	12/31/2025	Rogers, Russ	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027
Hopkins, Tom	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026	Rowe, Allen	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2025
Horsley, Chris	Individual	12/31/2025	Rowell, Brett	Family	12/31/2025
Irwin, Scott	3 Yr Family	12/31/2027	Scarborough, John	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2025
Kelly, Wendy	New Individual	12/31/2025	Schroder, Mark	3 Yr Family	12/31/2026
Kendall, Matt	Family	12/31/2025	Seale, Arthur	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026
Kennedy, Richard	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027	Seale, Dick	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026
King, Scott	New 3 Yr Family	12/31/2027	Sheppelman, Antionette	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027
Konnovitch, Mike	New Family	12/31/2026	Sikes, Jay	3 Yr Family	12/31/2025
Lamb, Jack	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2025	Tiller, Chuck	Individual	12/31/2025
Landry, Brian	New Family	12/31/2025	Turner, Dickie	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026
Leahy, Patrick	Family	12/31/2025	Turner, Thomas	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026
Linder, Joe	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2026	White, Rex	3 Yr Family	12/31/2026
Mcbride, Jr., John	New Individual	12/31/2026	White, Teresa	Individual	12/31/2025
Mccarver, Larry	3 Yr Individual	12/31/2027	Wiener Iii, Jacques	New Individual	12/31/2025
			Williams, Terry	Individual	12/31/2025

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)

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

Individual (\$30)

3-Yr Individual (\$75)

All individual members are allowed one vote.

Student (\$20)

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.

Active Military (\$20)

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.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

September 2025 NLFF Photos..

It was a busy month!

Fishing for big bream and bass with Ed Cates



Dickie Turners new rig...



Float tube lessons in a pool....



Rush Clay conducts Ouachita River Smallmouth Presentation...

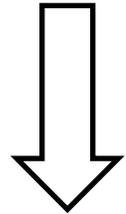


Brett Rowell conducts intense Popper lesson....





Chris and Joni
Addison tie
their first pop-
per.



NLFF outing to Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend State Park...

We Fish...

Ron foreman from Contraband Fly Fishers .



Spectacular
Beauty...



Beavers Bend Continued

We help each other...



Beavers Bend Continued...

We land fish!



Brian Landry has great success...



Beavers Bend. Continued....

We Play...



Jeanine Mosery and granddaughter Kate with Peggy Irwin.....

Beavers Bend Continued..

We eat....
A lot



L-R: Scott King, Russ Rogers, Peggy Irwin, Kate, Jeanine Mosery, Denese Landry, Brian Landry, Scott Irwin, John Reisz

Beavers Bend Continued...



L-R: John , Scott Irwin, John Reisz, Scott King, Ron Foreman, Kenny Breaux, Rod

We seize the day....



Come join us.....