

# The Fly Line

Monthly Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers

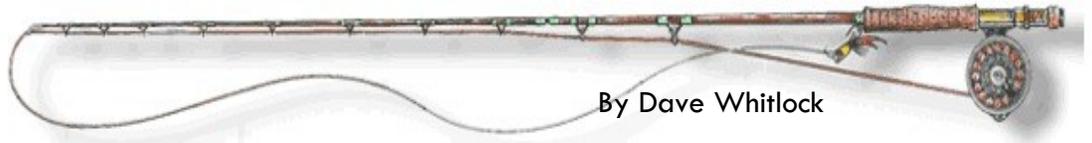
November 2025

First FFI Affiliated Club in Louisiana



North Louisiana Fly Fishers

Established in 1984



By Dave Whitlock

**The NLFF:**

We meet locally

We travel to beautiful places

**We Fish!**





**Cover: Brian and Denese Landry at Broken Bow OK Above, Denese with beautiful trout !**

# **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:*

# ***November***

## ***NLFF***

### ***Events...***

- **Oct. 31 and Nov 1st: Toledo Bend Fly Tying Rendezvous.**
- **Tuesday November 4h: Brews and Bugs at Great Raft**
- **Nov 7th –10th: Trip to Little Red at Heber Springs**
- **November 11th: Monthly meeting and cookout social**
- **Thur. November 20: Fly Tying Lesson at Bass Pro**

Laid-back Monthly Event ( November 4th ).....

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 traffic rush and arrive at 5 PM.

**When: Tues. Nov. 4th 5-8 PM**

1st Tuesday of each month at 5 PM

**Where:** 1251 Dalzell St, Shreveport 71104

Monthly Meeting, Tuesday November 11th 6 PM

# NOVEMBER NLFF COOKOUT AND SOCIAL



**TUESDAY NOV 11<sup>TH</sup> 6PM**

When: Tuesday Nov.  
11th at 6 PM

Where: Red River Ref-  
uge conversation confer-  
ence Center. 150 Eagle  
Bend Point, Bossier City  
LA 71112.

November is a good time to pause, have a meal together, and enjoy each others company. This is a great time to get to know new members and get reacquainted with old. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. Feel free to bring a side and /or desert.

After dinner we will conduct elections and preview upcoming club outings. This will be a fun and important meeting. All are welcome to this social event and club meeting.

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

**November 20th, 6:30 PM**

New Date:

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

## Formal fly tying lesson at Bass Pro...



Jack Wiener has had great success with Walt's Worm on the streams in North Carolina.

Come and tie this proven fly with Jack!

**When:** Thursday November 20th at 6:30 PM **Where:** Bass Pro in the Fly Shop

Fly Tying lesson continues from previous page...

# Walts Worm



Walts Worm

Walts Worm is a truly tremendous fly. Currently it seems to be a favorite trout entrée.

The cool thing about this fly is once you can tie the basic Walt, you can easily tie the Sexy Walt and other variations. Come to this fly tying lessons and become a Walt Expert and leave with a bountiful supply of free flies.



Sexy Walt

**Beginners:** Come on out and tie this fly. It is easy and it starts you on the road to tying many effective but easy patterns. It would be helpful if you could whip finish. Just go to Youtube and type “how to whip finish a fly” in the search box. We can provide you everything you need to tie this fly at the lesson.

**Advanced Tyers:** Come on out for a fun evening. You can help pass on fly tying skills to new students.

## 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 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:**

**[Waltermclendon.blogspot/2025/10/rendezvous-2025-october31-2.html?m=1](http://Waltermclendon.blogspot/2025/10/rendezvous-2025-october31-2.html?m=1)**

**\$10 admission (includes 3 meals)**

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.

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.



3 meals served Saturday!



**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**

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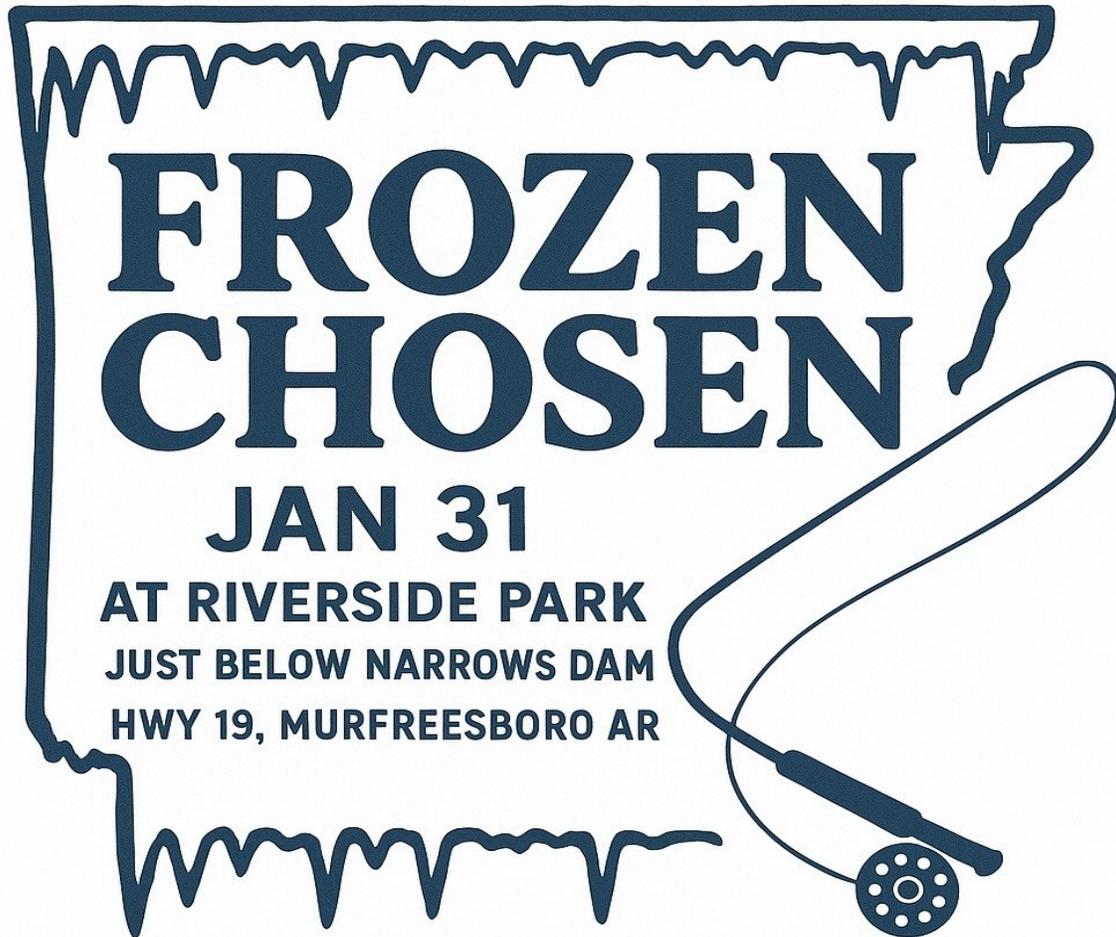
Equipment: No special equipment needed. This is not a fishing event. It is a festival. Just come ready to have a good time.



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

## April NLFF Outing:

### Equipment Needed:

Waders are necessary. It is possible to kayak portions of the river.

# ILLINOIS RIVER JOURNEY



**APRIL 17TH-20TH, 2026**

This outing is a first for the NLFF. The Illinois River is considered the home waters of Dave Whitlock. This fantastic trout river is not that far of a drive, closer than Mountain Home and/or the Little Red at Heber Springs. Make reservations now if you need a campsite or cabin. Both are available at Tenkiller State Park. The phone number is 918-776-8180 or look them up on the web. The place fills up fast. Most will stay Friday and Saturday nights, April 17-18. Some will stay Sunday night also, the 19th also.

# NLFF Roster:

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Membership Expiration</b>			
			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)

\_\_\_ 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.**

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

# NLFF October Photos:

**NLFF Banquet 2025...a packed house and huge success.....**



Over 50  
quality  
bucket  
draws!



## Members had a delightful time at Branson MO Fly Fishing Expo



L-R: Steve Oliver, Scott Irwin, Larry McCarver

# Over 65 Tyers present at Branson Expo...



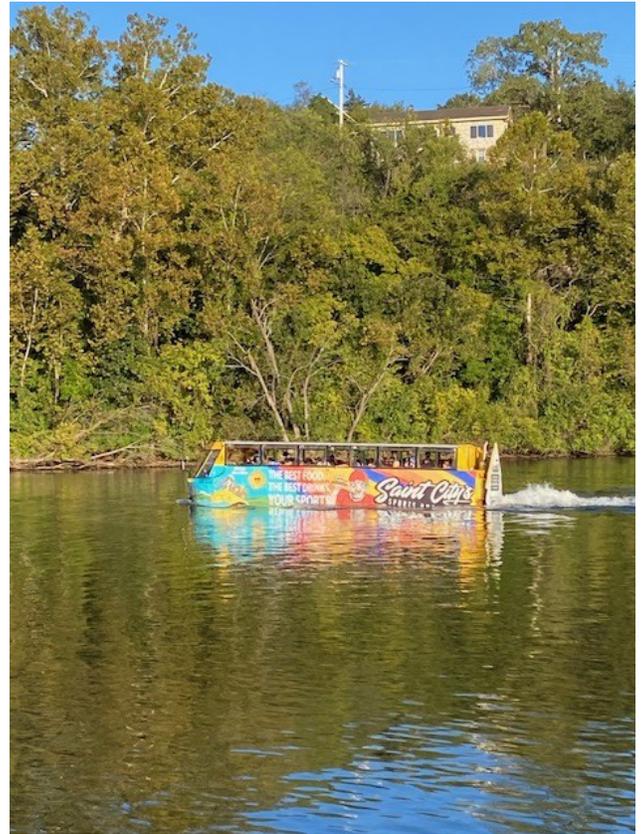
Fishing was tough, but we caught trout in lake Taneycomo...



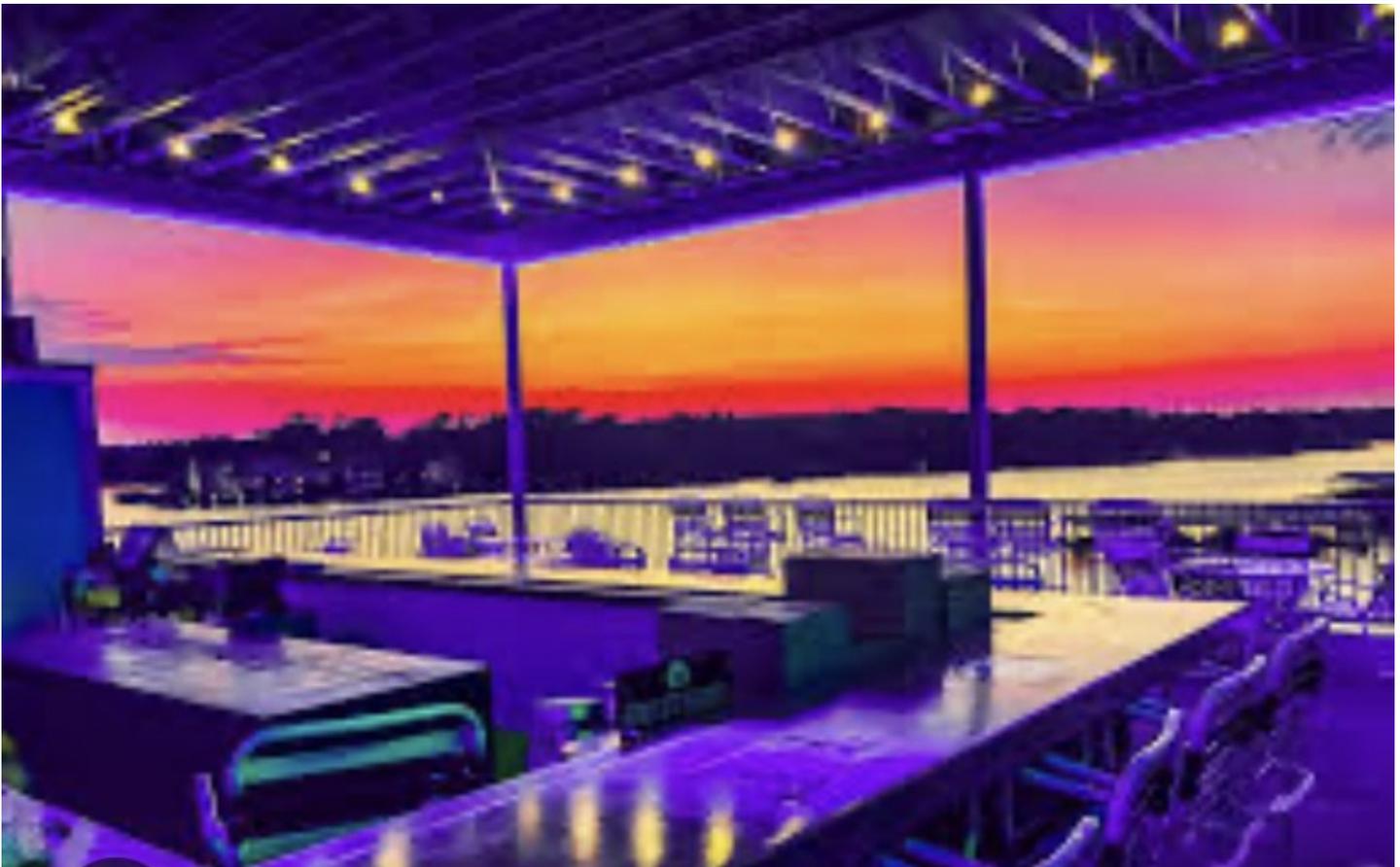
October is a beautiful month to travel....



Sunset on Lake Hamelton:



Tour boat on in Branson.



Fish were biting...



Scott King with nice Bass



John Reisz with a good redear....

# Scott King teaches fly tying lesson at Bass Pro:



# The Bass Pro Tying lesson is a great place to learn...

Joni Addison



Phil O'Briant



Chuck Tiller



Rhonda Periez



# Natchitoches Youth Fishing Festival



Joni Addison and John Reisz teach fly tying at Natchitoches fishing festival....



October is a great month to hit the road and explore...



Come join us...