

# *The Fly Line*

Monthly Newsletter of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers

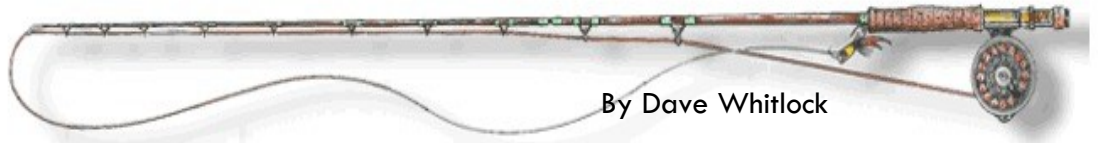
January 2026

First FFI Affiliated Club in Louisiana



North Louisiana Fly Fishers

Established in 1984



By Dave Whitlock



# **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.

**Cover Photo: After a three year pause from flyfishing, Jeanine Mosery catches a trout in Waskom. Welcome Back!**

**Summary of:**

***January***

***NLFF***

***Events...***

- **Tuesday January 6th 5-8 PM: Brews and Bugs at Great Raft**
- **Tuesday January 13th 6 PM: Monthly meeting: The Lower Mountain Fork, by Austin Sanchez**
- **Thursday January 22th: Fly Tying Lesson at Bass Pro at 6:30 PM**
- **Saturday January 24th: Cenla Fly Fishing Expo (Alexandria)**
- **Saturday Jan 31: NLFF Fishing outing: Frozen Chosen (many attend Friday and Saturday)**



*Laid-back Monthly Event ( Tuesday Jan 6th ).....*

*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. January 6th 5-8 PM**

1st Tuesday of each month at 5 PM

**Where:**

1251 Dalzell St, Shreveport 71104

# Monthly Meeting, Tuesday January 13th, 6 PM



## Lower Mountain Fork...by Austin Sanchez

Fishing tactics have shifted at the Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend. Come and hear guide Austin Sanchez as he updates you on fishing strategies for this gold star river located in our backyard.

When: Tuesday January 13th at 6PM

Where: Red River Refuge conversation conference Center. 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City LA 71112.

## Bonus:

Austin will also conduct a casting lesson including tips and techniques ideal for the LMF river. Don't miss it....

Thursday January 22 at 6:30 PM

# Fly Tying Lesson at Bass Pro



## Mean Green Midge

Expert fly tyer Tim Powell will lead you in a step by step lesson in tying this important midge. From the Roaring River to the Lower Mountain Fork and rivers beyond this is a “Go To” fly! If you are a beginner, this is an important fly to master. Advanced Tyers, this fly is for you and can be tweaked into many additional patterns. We have equipment if you need it. You do not want to miss this through lesson.



## 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 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!

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!

# 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.

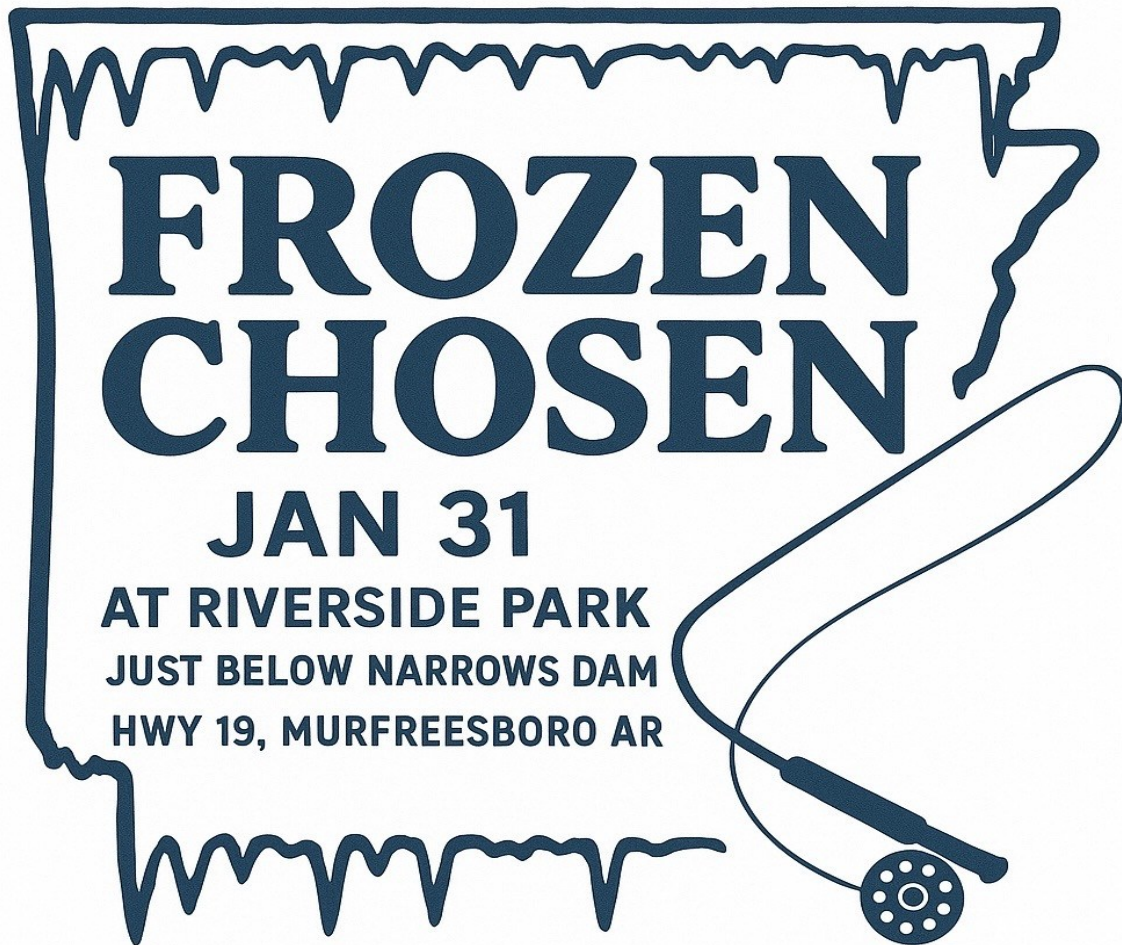


This is a fantastic fly fishing festival that is close to Shreveport. It is an easy day trip. It is sponsored by Kisatchie Fly Fishers in Alexandria. This club supported the Caddo Fly Fishing Expo sponsored by the NLFF. Lets support the Cenla Festival. Make plans now to attend.

# January 31

Suggested Equipment: Waders,  
felt boots, wading staff

***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



# March

Equipment Needed: None. This is a festival. If you plan to fish, waders, a staff, and felt bottom boots are needed. Kayak is optional.



The Sowbug Roundup is one of the top fly fishing festivals in the nation. It is packed with seminars on all aspects of fly fishing. Casting lessons are offered. There are expert workshops on fly tying. Hundreds of fly tyers attend and demonstrate at this festival. Admission is just \$10 for this 3 day event. Hotels are available starting at \$50 a night at Super 8 in Mountain View.

The White River, Norfork River, and Crooked Creek are all close by to fish. This is one of the most enjoyable 3 days on earth for a person that loves fly fishing. Join a group of your NLFF friends and attend. Contact Steve Oliver with more information 318-349-6411.

## 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.



## May NLFF Outing

Equipment: Piers are available but a kayak is very helpful.



This is a unique event. It combines fishing in a 5 star warm water lake with attending the largest flea market in the world, Canton Trade Days. Bring your spouse. Campsites available at Purtil Creek Campground. Hotels are nearby. Some fish all three days, some mix it up with the market and fishing. This event was on a weekend but had to be shifted to mid-week do to availability of the campground. This is one of the few events that we schedule during the week. (some folks will be camping starting May 22nd. Feel free to come the 22nd if that works better in your schedule (Flea Market starts May 28th)

**When: May 26– May 29**

**Where: Purtil Creek State Park (about 15 miles south of Canton. )**

# NLFF Roster:

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

# NLFF December Photos:

Busy December calendars did not interfere with fishing...



Chris Horsely





Teresa White catches small fish. She claims it put up a fight though:)





Mark Chrisman



Pam Hopkins

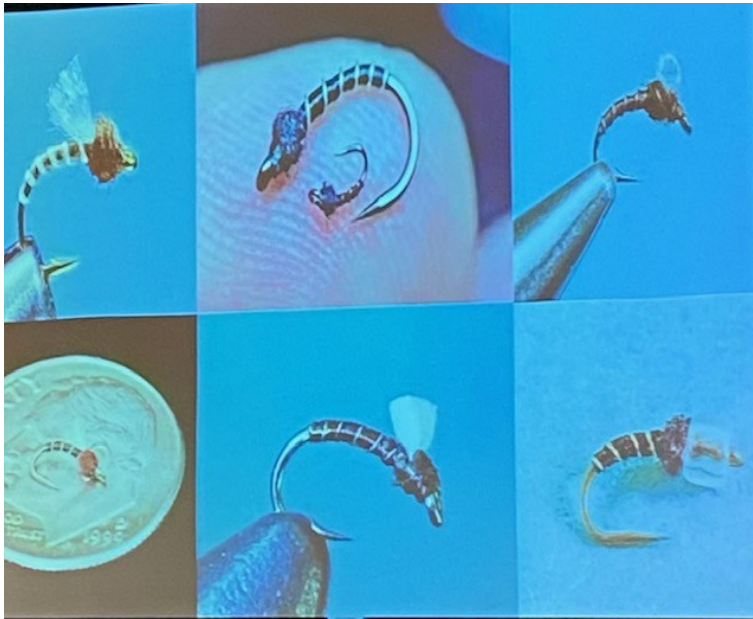


A fun time fishing together.....





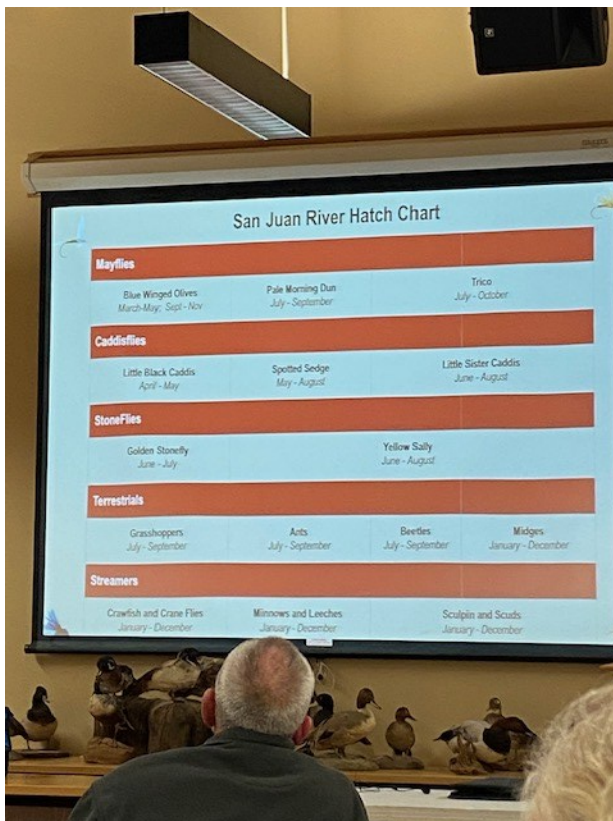
# Keith Burton conducts presentation on San Juan River



Flies to use on San Juan



Keith discusses secrets of the river...



Hatch Chart for San Juan



Key fishing locations on San Juan



# Fly Tying at Great Raft....

Come join Us...



Chuck Tiller



Jack Wiener



John Reisz



2026 Promises to be a great year.

*Come and join us.*

If you like to fly fish,

If you like to learn,

If you like to teach,

If you like to travel,

If you like to eat,

If you like to tie flies (or learn to tie),

If you like to meet interesting people,

If you like nature and the outdoors,

If you like to kayak,

You will love the North Louisiana Fly Fishers.

All are welcome. Come join the adventure!