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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good day fellow Texas Council members of Fly Fishers International.

The transition from a scorching summer to the cooler days of fall brings new opportunities and challenges for the Fly Fishers International community. As we look ahead, it is essential to reflect on our achievements and set a course for continued growth and development.

Anticipated weather patterns play a crucial role in shaping our flyfishing experiences. A review of the state's general weather patterns indicates that we can expect milder temperatures and potentially increased fish activity during the fall months. This shift creates an ideal environment for members to engage in their passion for fly fishing.

The fall season also marks the time when we seek new members to join the board of directors. These individuals will play a pivotal role in charting the course for our organization's future. Their commitment and vision will drive our mission to serve the fly fishing community. Currently the following positions needing to be filled are; Secretary, Treasurer, Education Director, Casting Director, Youth Outreach Director and 2 of our At-Large Director positions. Please contact me, your board needs you.

Over the past year, the board has formulated strategies to educate members on the diverse

facets of fly fishing. These initiatives have not only increased knowledge but also fostered a sense of camaraderie within our community. Additionally, efforts to expand our membership base and support charter and affiliate clubs have yielded positive results.

It is imperative that all members, whether affiliated or non-affiliated with one of our clubs, commit to enhancing their knowledge and skills in fly fishing. Through participation in educational programs, workshops, and events organized by the Texas Council, we can collectively advance our proficiency in this cherished and unique art.

As stewards of our natural environment, we hold a responsibility to engage in conservation efforts. By participating in community initiatives, clean-up events, and habitat restoration projects, we reaffirm our commitment to preserving the ecosystems that sustain our beloved sport.

The fall season ushers in a period of renewed vigor and promise for the Fly Fishers International, Texas Council community. Through the recruitment of dedicated board members, strategic educational initiatives, and a collective commitment to conservation, we aim to propel our organization towards even greater heights. Together, we can continue to cultivate a thriving community of passionate fly fishers.

Thanks, I hope to see you on our lakes, rivers and streams this Fall.

Rick Haness

President Texas Council, Fly Fishers International



CLASSIC PRO TIPS: THE 7 DEADLY SINS OF FLY FISHING

Written by: Daniel Parson

Editor's note: This post was originally written in the dead of winter, a few years ago. But its messages hold true today.

It's cold out, the river is mostly frozen, and my time on the water is limited. A wandering mind–unfocused by a regular dose of flinging feathers-is a dangerous thing. I recently listened to an Orvis Fly Fishing Podcast about the "7 Deadly Sins of Streamer Fishing." It was great and got me thinking.

So here are my "7 Deadly Sins of Fly Fishing in General." Don't take this too seriously folks (see #3 below). By the way, I'm definitely a sinner . . . but I'm working on it.

7. Thinking equipment will buy success

It won't. Listen, I love great gear as much as anyone. A sweet rod with a low swing weight and just the right action adds to the experience. But I have been out-fished enough by dudes with big-box-store rods, cheap line, and crap bugs to have learned that it's how you use your equipment that counts, not what you paid for it.

6. Failure to notice stuff

A day on the water is about the complete package: sunrise, a moose cow and calf, a stooping falcon (now that's a cool sound!), the feel of current against your legs, the smell of sage. As the great philosopher Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

5. Counting fish

Why? For what purpose? If at the end of the day you hooked a few, landed a couple, and had a rewarding time, then wasn't it a success? I admit I do silently count in my head while guiding in an effort to compile data on best times of the year, effectiveness of various techniques, and the like because... well I'm a nerd who loves data and graphs and analyzing stuff. (I am a science teacher, after all.) But to be honest, I feel funny about it. When it's just me and a buddy, I don't count. Usually. I still have growing up to do, I guess.

4. Bad manners

I get it. A guy drives three hours to hit a river he only fishes a couple times a season. He has two or three spots he feels confident in and is excited to rig up and get after it. He may only have a few hours to fish before he has to turn around and head home. But when he arrives at the river, some other dude is in his spot. That is disappointing, but it doesn't excuse crowding. Go explore. Likewise, lipping-off at some novice oarsman who low-holes you or accidentally drifts over your run doesn't make the situation any better. There are kinder ways to educate. If the choice is between being right or kind, choose kind.

3. Taking it all to seriously

If your value as a human being is determined, even in a small way, by your success as an angler, I suspect you need to reevaluate what makes human beings valuable in the first place. As John Voelker once penned, "And, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant — and not nearly so much fun."

2. Elitism

Making fun of how other people fish or choose to spend their leisure time is silly. Except bowlers; they are not to be trusted. Just kidding. If you hate nymphing, then don't nymph. If you love dry fly fishing, do it. I happen to hate eating broccoli. It's a godless, evil vegetable, and I would rather consume asbestos than even smell broccoli. But that doesn't mean I judge others who love it. Same logic.

1. Thinking the river owes you something

I hate when I hear someone say, "That river sucks," as if this were high school and the water shot down your prom proposal. Some waters have more fish than others, some have bigger fish than others, and all of them have stories to tell, gifts to give, and lessons to deliver. Take what the water gives you with a grateful heart, and you are sure to enjoy the day more. After all, those who love fishing understand we don't own the river; it owns us.

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Andy Payne

FFI Certified Casting Instructor

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TEXAS FLY FISHERS 14TH ANNUAL SUMMER MINI EXPO 2023





Thanks to all Who Attended The 2023 Texas Fly Fishers Mini-Expo held August 19th was a great chance to get together and enjoy a day of fly fishing learning and fun. The event seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended and participated.

The Mini Expo is an annual event held in place of the club's August regular meeting and is intended as an opportunity for the club members to exhibit their talents and knowledge at fly tying, rod building, knot tying / leader building, casting and fly fishing destination travel. The 2023 event did just that as a good crowd of members and guests came out for a day of fly fishing relaxation and education.

and regional tyers, if you have an interest in fly tying or just want to hang out with others from the fly fishing community, keep an eye on the web page of the Texas Fly Fishers (https://texasflyfishers.org) for further details and come on out for the event; it should be a fun time for all!



Hopefully, next year will be even bigger and better. A few photos from the casting workshops are included.

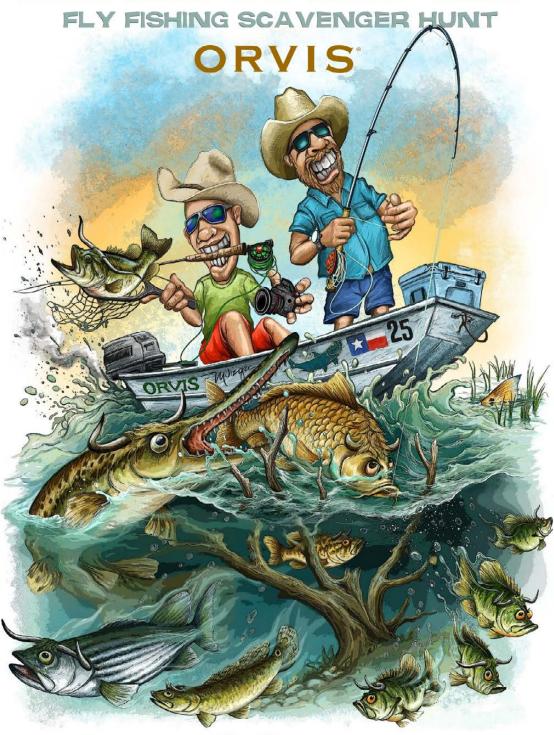
As we head into the 2023 holiday season, the Texas Fly Fishers members are already planning for the club's next major event which will be the 31st Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival to be held in late January or early February 2024. With a featured marque tyer of national presence, along with many other local

THE LONESTAR 25 ON THE FLY



Orvis Texas is hosting the Lonestar 25 on the Fly tournament Saturday, October 7th through Sunday, October 8th, and we are excited to share that Casting for Recovery will be the beneficiary of the tournament! Anglers will have blast on this unique catch-and-release scavenger hunt for Texas species, and we'd love to see teams from the Dallas and Fort Worth clubs. Register online at The Lonestar 25 On The Fly — 25 On The Fly, and join us for the fun events happening at Orvis and Tupp's Brewery throughout the weekend.

THE LONE STAR



OCT 7TH- 8TH 2023



2 DAYS, 25 SPECIES





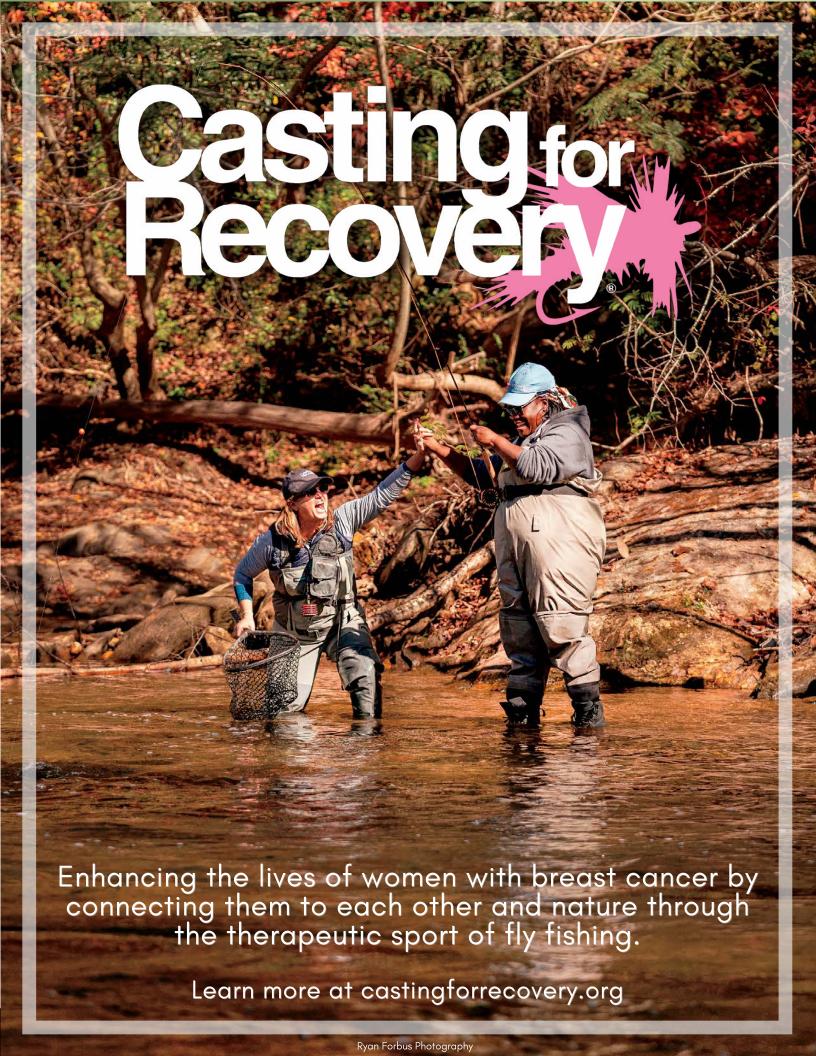












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TEXAS COUNCIL EVENTS

With Fall, finally here, events across the state are back and better than ever!! Starting it off, with the Round Up, hosted by the Aggieland Fly Fishers, and Good Fly. The 2nd annual event will be in College Station, with a complete line of activities, and so much more. Casting, tying, fishing, food, beverages, and games for the kids. September the 30th. See all of the details here. https://www.aggielandff.org/roundup2023

On the 1st of October, the event continues with a gathering of casting instructors, and participants wanting to take casting to the next level. A lineup, of casting experts from some of the best in the area. While the event slots have been filled, what comes out of the event will help change the level of experts we will have available for educating us, building a program second to none.

There is important news from Kerrville, as Oktoberfisch has been canceled for 2023, with plans already being made for 2024. With the huge following for the eclipse epicenter being very close to town, it was decided to postpone the event.

Check out the rest of the events planned for 2023 and beyond.

Hope to see you there!!

- September 30th "The Round Up" in College Station
- October 1st "The Gathering" in College Station
- Octoberfisch has been CANCELED!!!
- November 3rd 5th North Toledo Bend Tying Rendezvous
- January 27th Ed Rizzolo Tying Festival in Houston, Tx
- February 16th 18th Troutfest on the Guadalupe River in Satler, Tx
- February 24th 25th Texas Fly Fishing and Brew Festival Mesquite, Tx
- March 9th FlyFest in Fort Worth

Stay tuned for details!! Maybe something on March the 8th, too!!!

MONEY AND THE FIGHT FOR WATER!!!

We all know that life cannot be without water. Ever since creation, water is at the forefront to our existence. Well documented struggles for water are recorded throughout life on the planet. And it will always be that way. NO different here in Texas, and we are seeing an ever increasing fight for water in our state, and with the heat, drought, and influx of new residents into our state, things are getting even more serious, and to be honest, downright unacceptable.

Let me explain. In Texas, it is illegal to dam up a waterway, without following the procedures, for personal gain. A FULL explanation of the law can be found here!!

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/nonpwdpubs/water_issues/rivers/navigation/riddell/bridgesanddams.phtml

With that being said, there are now **two** dams that have been built in the Hill Country area, without permission. With plans being made for a third one, that is being highly protested by the citizens in that area, and many conservation organizations, specifically the Llano River Watershed Alliance, a very strong group of conservationists, that fight for the river we so love, and use.

https://www.llanoriver.org/

It is unlawful, and unacceptable for anyone to hold back water, that is needed for others, depending on water for their existence, and use. To hear and see these dams being built, must be stopped, and prevented from happening!! If allowed, this will truly be the MOST, CRITICAL issue, in the future of water in Texas. The Llano River already has gaps of dry area, between pools of water in the Mason to Llano cities. Austin depends on this water for their existence, and lake levels to the west of the city are already in trouble!!

You may ask, how can I prevent these events from happening? Well, there are several ways you can do so. First, get involved!! Follow groups that are conservation minded, and are active in protecting the rights for water. Many, many groups in Texas do just that. You can sign petitions, post comments and attend public water hearings on the TCEQ site, and at their public hearings. Luckily, there are many, many citizens that use our waterways, and report issues to the state, that are possibly not allowed, and unacceptable. Without them, these concerns are not brought to the attention of officials that can correct or prevent.

We cannot take water for granted. As a consumer of water, we can all do our part to conserve, and protect our resource. There are many ways that you can do just that! Right here in Tarrant County, we have water issues, and can make a difference. TRWD is a local organization that is all about water and education. Check out this site, on how you too can get involved!! Let's not wait till it becomes an even larger issue that it already is!!

https://www.trwd.com/education/

Sincerely,

Texas Council Conservation Team



RUSTY DUNN RECEIVES AWARD

Congratulations to Rusty Dunn, a longtime resident of the Gulf Coast Council and now an active member of the Texas Council, on being a recipient of the FFI Casting Board of Governors annual recognition awards.

George "Rusty" Dunn, Cl, was presented the Casting Instructor Certification Program Instruction Recognition Award. Rusty has been an active instructor and member of the Acadiana Fly Rodders Club in Louisiana and founded the Louisiana Reel Recovery Retreat Program there as well. He also co-founded "Good Fly" where he and others raised funds to offer free casting workshops.

He was also instrumental in creating The Round Up 2023 in Texas, which brought about 200 fly anglers together at this two day event, which also focused on the value of becoming a FFI certified casting instructor.

The remaining casting awards - Lifetime Achievement and Mel Krieger Awards - will be announced and presented with other annual recognitions at the FFl's Board of Directors Award Ceremony on October 18, 2023.







2023 HOLDOVER TOURNAMENT

The 2023 Holdover Tournament will be held on November 4th. This tournament funds the New Braunfels Fly Fishers club for the year. This enables the club to pay speakers for our monthly meeting, support GRTU Youth Trout Camp with gift bags and other endeavors throughout the year. The catch results are provided to TPWD for their use in determining the health of the fishery.

Please consider participating this year and support our club. The prizes last year included a ½ day float trip for 2, a \$75 gift certificate, multiple \$50 gift certificates, multiple \$25 gift certificates and a table full of gear and this year should be no different. It is a fun time and everyone goes home with a prize or prizes. The entry fee is \$75 to wade and \$200 to float.

Contact Ron DeMeyer by text 830.481.3405 or contact Chris Jackson at Action Angler Fly Shop after he returns from Colorado in October.

You will get a prize and lunch. This has always been a great time, and if you are new to the GRTU LAP program, or just new to the river, this is a great way to find the best place's to fish and learn the river. Our club members like to help you find good spots to fish and advice on fly's that work different times of the year. So come on out and do some fishing for fun!

You do NOT need to be a club member or a GRTU member to participate.

TPWD SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON LAND, WATER PLAN

Dear Friends of the Rivers, Lakes and Tributaries of the South Llano, North Llano and Main Llano River, and all Texas Streams and Watersheds.

As we await news from the permitting agencies pertaining to the proposed private recreational dam on the South Llano River and the dam that was built across the James River, the Texas Park and Wildlife Department is giving all Texans a chance to be heard regarding the protection and restoration of all our Texas rivers, streams and tributaries as well as voicing concerns for a healthy ecosystem, environment, conservation, recreation and much more.

In the article below, "TPWD seeks public input on land, water plan", by Jessica Domel, in the September 12, 2023 edition of the Texas Farm Bureau "Texas Agriculture Daily", it states, "Texans have until the end of September to weigh in on a draft plan outlining the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD)

goals, objectives and strategies for the next 10 years."

https://texasfarmbureau.org/tpwd-seeks-public-input-on-land-water-plan/

This opportunity to be heard could not be better timed! To make a difference in protecting our rivers, tributaries and more, please fill out the simple form by clicking on the link near the bottom of the article: The public can comment on the plan through Sept. 30.

Thank you, Patty Schneider Pfister

TCEQ PERMIT APPLICATION #13524, PROPOSED PRIVATE RECREATIONAL DAM, WATERSTONE CREEK LLC, SOUTH LLANO RIVER

Dear Friends of the Rivers, Lakes and Tributaries of the South Llano, North Llano and Main Llano River,

At present we are awaiting news from all the permitting agencies on both the proposed private recreational dam on the South Llano River as well as the already built dam on the James River, and there are many wheels turning behind the scenes.

In the meantime, the LCRA had their LCRA Water Operations Committee Meeting on August 22, 2023....see the link to the video below. John Hoffmann of the LCRA begins speaking about the proposed dam on the South Llano River at about 29:00 minutes into the video and the proposed dam is discussed on and off until the end of the video....it is most informative.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtMQAvKBV58

According to the LCRA website, "John Hofmann oversees LCRA's water, river, irrigation, dam and hydroelectric operations, water surface management, water resource planning, conservation, water quality protection, water customer services and environmental laboratory services." It goes on to give his credentials and career highlights that include "serving as then-Gov. Rick Perry's liaison to the Texas House of Representatives and working in the TCEQ Commissioner's Office"

https://www.lcra.org/about/leadership/general-manager/

DON'T FORGET TOMORROW: "Protecting Our Water Supply" will be the topic at the Central Texas Water Coalition Annual Water Town Hall Meeting in Kingsland, Texas,



SOUTH LLANO RIVER-CONTD.

tomorrow, August 29th at 6:30 PM at Boat Town, 151 Melodie Lane, Kingsland, Texas.

Below is a great editorial by Llano County's Fermin Ortiz that appeared in the San Antonio Express and News.



A reader says a true Texas rancher would protect the South Llano River.

Not a true rancher

Re: "Texas oilman wants to dam a river to create a giant pool," Business, Aug. 12: Being a Texas rancher takes much more than just buying some dirt. Ranchers need to work with nature, respect nature, and understand and appreciate

True Texas ranchers are there to help their neighbors, not hurt their neighbors. For generations, ranching neighbors have had to rally together to fight fires and defend their properties against all types of outside forces. What this property owner is trying to do by damming the South Llano River for his personal gain will hurt thousands of his neighbors.

I want to believe that in trying to create a private lake he must have not known the negative impact his actions could have on thousands upon thousands of his fellow Texans downstream. The South Llano River is the only source of water for the city of Llano. Approximately 3,500 people totally depend on it. How can one man's vanity be considered more important than the well-being of 3,500 fellow Texans?

Many state agencies profess beautiful, glowing verbiage in their mission statements about protecting our natural resources. The unfortunate truth is the only state agency that truly believes in protecting Texas' natural resources, based on its actions, is the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

We should all pray that God opens this property owner's eyes, ears and heart.

Fermin Ortiz, Llano County

<u>eComment/</u>. Under Permit Number type WRPERM 13524. You must type, not copy and paste, and leave a space after WRPERM.

PLEASE....KEEP SENDING COMMENTS TO Governor Abbott: https://gov.texasgovin order to hear us, he needs to hear from us!

PLEASE.... KEEP SIGNING THE PETITION....NOW **6,225** AND COUNTING! Sign the change.org petition: home page of www.llanoriver.org.

IF YOU CANNOT SEND ELECTRONICALLY, MAIL YOUR COMMENTS to: Ms. Laurie Gharis, Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087

BELOW ARE SHORTCUTS TO THE TCEQ DATABASE:

TCEQ Commissioners' Integrated Database - All Activity Actions

https://tinyurl.com/nr494d7u

TCEQ Commissioners' Integrated Database – All Public Comments for Waterstone Creek LLC that have been submitted to TCEQ since 2022 to present, including all of those from the public meeting, plus a link to click on to hear the audio of the public meeting that is beside each person's name who submitted written comments or spoke during the public comments period. Be sure the page starts with 1-100.

https://tinyurl.com/4kjcjft4

For further information visit Llano River Watershed Alliance (LRWA) www.llanoriver.org and go to their link "Waterstone". Their email is lrwatx@gmail.com . Great documentation and information can be found on the LRWA like the link below to, "The Unknown River of Central Texas, A Characterization of the James River, its springs and its watershed" by Tyson Broad that he prepared for the Environmental Defense Fund.

https://www.llanoriver.org/_files/ugd/f8330c bd141cb0b9ae41e98e10d1f3d9eb75ea.pdf

Thank you, Patty Schneider Pfister

WE MUST CONTINUE TO STAY ENGAGED!!!!!

PLEASE....KEEP YOUR TCEQ COMMENTS GOING TO TCEQ....NOW **1,251** AND COUNTING! Send public comments to TCEQ: https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/



Well we are doing it again!

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Millican Reserve College Station, TX 9am-4pm

Food Trucks, Fly Tying, Fly Casting Instruction, Fishing Tournament, Live Music, Vendors, Bounce House, Kids Games, Fellowship and More!

And then an After Party to Boot!





Parking \$10/ vehicle if purchased in advance. \$15 at the gate.

www.AggielandFF.org/roundup2023

Pre-sale parking registration allows us to better plan the day. Volunteers and vendors need not purchase parking tickets.





The Round Up first annual fly fishing tournament on Lake Prescott.

Prizes for

- Grand Slam: Large Mouth Bass, Pan Fish, & Other "Photo Stringer"
- Largest Kid's Fish
- Largest Large Mouth Bass
- Largest Pan Fish (Sun Fish)

Fly Fishing, Catch and Release only. Managed through the Fish Donkey App. Use the QR to download the app. and register.

Entry Fee \$ 35.00/adult

(Kids under 12 free, must fish with parent.)





2hr Guided Wade, Kayak or Float Fishing Available (For Fee - Sign up on the Round Up Web site)

DIY Wade and Unmotorized Personal Watercraft allowed. (With Signed Release and PFD worn at all times)

www.AggielandFF.org/roundup2023



Bring the Kids!!!!
This 4yr old caught this
from the pier!







THE ROUND UP VIP AFTER PARTY!

A SPECIAL TICKETED EVENT

Saturday, September 30, 2023, The Boat House at Millican Reserve, 5p-9p

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD, MUSIC AND FUNDRAISING!

A live auction including a week of fly fishing in Breckenridge. Co. with accommodations at The Three Sisters Lookout.





A concert by Aggie and up and coming country artist Trey Gonzales

Tickets include food and drink provided by Napa Flats Wood Fired Pizza, Blackwater Draw and Brazos Valley Vodka















Three-year report identifies opportunities for improved conservation education.

ALEXANDRIA, VA (August 24, 2023) – The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) today announced the results of a study aimed at learning more about the connection consumers are making between fishing, boating and conservation. Conducted every three years, the study's findings showcase steady progress in RBFF's goal to drive awareness of the conservation efforts resulting from fishing and boating participation. RBFF will utilize data from the survey to inform actions that continue resonating with consumers.

KEY FINDINGS INCLUDE

- Four in five anglers can cite the benefits of fishing licensing fees with wildlife conservation. This level of recall is up from 2019, when only two in three were able to do so.
- Anglers' awareness that funds generated from licensing go towards conservation is also strong and above levels seen in 2019. Four in five anglers overall make this connection, however, less than 30-percent of anglers cite conservation as a motivation to go fishing. Enjoyment of the outdoors is still the top motive for fishing, followed by being able to spend time with family and friends.
- Although conservation may not stand out as a driver of fishing, it consistently stands out as a passion among anglers. Ninety-two percent of anglers agree that they want to help protect and preserve waterways and 91-percent care about healthy fish populations and public access to fishing opportunities.
- Ninety percent of anglers like that all their licensing fees go towards conservation.
- Among Active Social Families a key audience demographic targeted by RBFF's brand Take Me Fishing[™]- learning about the link between license fees and conservation increased their likelihood to fish.
- Conservation communications should be focused on online and social media platforms. Online articles represent a preferred source of information among most anglers, while social media, including Instagram, is particularly relevant among Active Social Families.
 - Types of content (to learn about conservation) that resonate most are online articles, documentaries, pictures and short video clips.

"This study shows RBFF's efforts to improve education around the ties between licensing and conservation have been consistent and effective," said Dave Chanda, President & CEO at RBFF. "Education is key to continuing to grow conservation awareness. Emphasizing this link will build momentum in the next generation of anglers and boaters since this knowledge increases the likelihood of participation."

RBFF partnered with Savanta, who conducted the online survey of 1,500 anglers in February/March 2023. For complete survey results, visit the RBFF corporate website.

ABOUT RBFF

RBFF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase recreational angling and boating participation, thereby protecting, and restoring the nation's aquatic natural resources. To help recruit, retain, and reactivate participants, RBFF developed the award-winning Take Me Fishing™ campaign to build awareness of boating, fishing, and conservation and educate people about the benefits of participation.

The campaign websites feature how-to-videos and an interactive state-by-state map that allows visitors to find local boating and fishing spots, helping boaters and anglers of all ages and experience levels learn, plan, and equip for a successful day on the water.

RBFF also offers its industry stakeholders many tools, including a Fishing License & Boat Registration Plugin to connect their customers with the information they need in just one click and an embeddable Places to Fish & Boat Map to help their customers discover places to fish and boat near them.

For further information: Bruna Carincotte, bcarincotte@rbff.org, 202-743-9894.



BRANSON RENDEZVOUS REPORT

The Inaugural Annual FTG Rendezvous, organized by the FFI Fly Tying Group, took place in the charming city of Branson, Missouri, from September 14th to 16th, 2023. This marked a significant milestone for the FTG community, as it was their first gathering since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The event was a resounding success, drawing in a diverse crowd of 46 enthusiastic fly tiers from both the East and West Coasts of the United States.

The Rendezvous featured a vibrant program that catered to the passions of fly tying enthusiasts. One of the highlights of the event was a spirited live auction, which featured a range of meticulously crafted fly patterns, each a work of art in its own right. Notable among the offerings was the exquisite "Freedom Fly" created by the renowned artist Michael George. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to bid on the highly coveted "Honeybees," masterfully crafted by none other than Fred Hannie, a fly tying luminary whose work had graced the cover of Fly Tyer magazine.

The live auction was a thrilling affair, with competitive bidding and palpable excitement in the air. It served as a testament to the dedication and craftsmanship of the fly tying community, who were eager to acquire these unique creations.

In addition to the auction, the Rendezvous also featured engaging bucket raffles, adding an element of chance and surprise to the event. Participants had the opportunity to win a variety of fly tying materials, tools, and other coveted items, further enhancing the camaraderie and spirit of the gathering.

After the auction, a group of attendees decided to cap off the evening with a cultural experience, attending a performance by the acclaimed Texas Tenors at a local venue. This cultural interlude provided a delightful contrast to the day's intense fly tying activities and was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance.

In retrospect, the First Annual FTG Rendezvous in Branson, Missouri, proved to be a memorable and joyful occasion, reuniting the fly tying community after a challenging period. It was a testament to the enduring passion and camaraderie shared among fly tiers, and it left all those who participated with fond memories and a renewed enthusiasm for their craft.

Jack R. Gillis 214.718.4910







TEXAS FFI COUNCIL WOMEN'S OUTREACH & TEXAS WOMEN FLY FISHERS:

HOW TO GROW YOUR FLY CAST – CREATING YOUR OWN FLY CASTING JOURNEY





Tuesday, October 10th at 7 PM, come join Cari, Keira and Dani as they talk about their own journeys in improving their casts. This session will include an overview of the FFI casting skills development journey and practice strategies. All are welcome!

Cari Ray is a professional fly guide and CI. She spends her time guiding between Central Texas, Colorado and the San Juan in New Mexico.

Keira Quam is an Aquatic Education Training Specialist for North Texas with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Dani Rose is the Women's Outreach Director for Texas Council FFI. She is working her way through the Fly Casting Skill Development and currently holds Silver.

We look forward to an interactive session.

President Texas Council FFI is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Oct 10, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907378953?pwd=SHRCTEdt-cE1pVXMxZmRvS2Y3ZmlCQT09

Meeting ID: 839 0737 8953 Passcode: FlyCasting

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FALL FLY PATTERN

The Ligon was originally tied by Arcardo and Peck. I use it for bass and large bluegill. Puck

Materials:

Hook: Mustad 3366A size 6-10 Thread: Black 6/0 thread or larger Weight: Lead wire (optional) Body: Extra large chenille

Legs: Rubber legs Wing: Squirrel tail

Instructions:



1. Tie the chenille in behind the hook eye.



5. Tie on a pair of rubber legs to either side.



6. Tie on the squirrel tail just behind the eye, with the tips extending out over the hook eye.



7. Bend the squirrel tail fibers back and tie down. Whip finish and glue.



2. Wrap the chenille down on past the bend of the hook.



8. Split the legs and trim to length, if required

The Ligon tied by Don Puckett

Take the Ligon fishing



3. And then spiral the chenille back forward to the eye.

4. Tie off the chenille and cut.

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TEXAS COUNCIL PANFISH 101



Council Members, it is time for our next 101 that will be all about Panfish. We are in the process of winding down our focus, on carp, and will start the new season on the 26th of September with the Texas Council's Zoom presentation on Panfish. The meeting will start at 7p, and there will be three speakers covering Saltwater Panfish, Freshwater Panfish, and various fly patterns that can be used for both Salt and Fresh water Panfish. Our speakers will be Don Puckett, Les Jackson, and Michael Rios. Don't miss this special presentation to kick off the season!!

President Texas Council FFI is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: President Texas Council FFI's Zoom Meeting Panfish!!

Time: Sep 26, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83089461765?pwd=THY3d2tqc3k1 dTJhckpTcnhzR2g3Zz09

Meeting ID: 830 8946 1765

Passcode: 883774

This will be the first time we cover any species of Saltwater fish, in the Texas Council's series of gamefish sessions. Just in time for your next coast trip! Panfish are so much fun to catch with an ultralight fly rod, and can be found in so many different waters, both local and abroad. And we can't think of anyone more capable of covering the topic, than our very own Don Puckett, President of the Texas FlyFishers. Don, is very familiar with chasing these feisty fish, and knows where to go after them, and Michael Rios will show us what flies to use. Don't miss this

one, and we guarantee you will get loads of information this event.

Follow us on Facebook, for all of the updates and information to help you succeed. Hope to see you then.

TEXAS COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKING THE FFI FLY CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Don't know about you, but I could ALWAYS use some casting experience!! And that is exactly what the Texas Council is offering. As one of the largest councils in the country, with new members joining all of the time, the council is launching a program to help anyone at any level, improve their fly-casting skills. The council's align to the FFI's program, which can be accessed here.

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources/Fly-Casting/Fly-Casting-Skills-Development

The FFI FCSD program offers four levels of achievement:

Foundational

Bronze

Silver

Gold

New casters are encouraged to first complete the Foundational Level. Experienced casters should complete Bronze. Silver and Gold levels in sequence.

The Texas Council will make the program available through two parallel efforts. First, FCSD opportunities will be available at Texas Fly Fishing Festivals -- Round-Up, Trout Fest, Fly Fest, Oktoberfisch, and the Fly Fishing and Brew Festival. To take advantage of these opportunities, be certain to visit the respective festival website(s) to understand how to participate – some festivals may require advance sign-up.

Second, the council is working with each of the FFI Fly-Fishing Clubs to establish FCSD programs. To take advantage of the club programs contact your club president or casting lead.

Testing opportunities are available at the Round Up Fly Fishing Festival In College Station Texas on September 30th – visit

FFI FLY CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM-CONTD

aggielandff.org to sign-up.Our goal, will be to fully functional, with the program at the start of 2024!! With periodic casting sessions going on throughout the year. Exciting news for the clubs, and another benefit of being a member of the club and FFI. Stay tuned for more details and if interested, email Russell or Stephen, so we can get you started.

Russell Husted Communications Director, Texas Council FFI

Russell Husted <u>communications@texascouncilffi.com</u>
Stephen Weaver <u>casting@texascouncilffi.com</u>



OKTOBERFISCH CANCELLED

Due to the extreme city crowding expected in Kerrville and surrounding area expected for the Oct 14, 2023 Annual Eclipse, Oktoberfisch 2023 has been cancelled.

Crowds of eclipse viewers are expected to over-tax all local resources such as police, fire, emergency, restaurant and lodging and create an unpleasant situation for Oktoberfisch goers.

However, there are plans to still have the fly fishing tournament. Please go here and check for details. Follow the Facebook page for the most up to date information.

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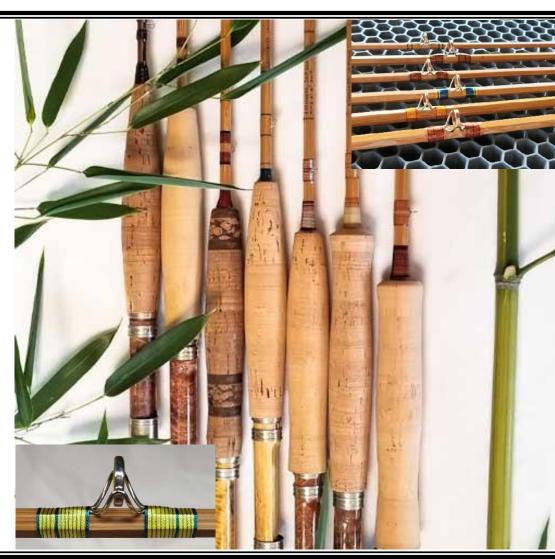
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Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts **free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer.** Combining introductory fly-fishing instruction with directed "courageous conversations", the organization offers a unique experience for men living with cancer, a time to share their stories; learn a new skill, form friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of their recovery.

All meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment are provided at no cost to the participants. Retreats are led by professional facilitators, trained retreat coordinators and fly-fishing instructors. A maximum of 12-14 men are invited to participate, to ensure the quality of the instruction and to create a powerful small-group dynamic.





Contact our fantastic volunteers and join us for Reel Recovery's 2023 Texas Retreats

Waring, TX - 3/31 - 4/02 & 9/15 - 9/17

Tony Smith 210 232 2623 - smith.reelrecovery@gmail.com Rafael Torres 512 560 4380 - torres.reelrecovery@gmail.com

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TEXAS COUNCIL SUPPORT LETTER



Thank you for your support of the Texas Council and Fly Fishers International. Just as the Texas Council focus is on the member clubs, the larger FFI focus is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on conservation, education and a sense of community.

To align ourselves with this national strategy, the Texas Council is focusing on our local clubs. Our goal is to provide a source of community feedback, support, direction and funding to assist local clubs with the grassroots movement and avocation that is fly fishing.

To this end, our council is seeking funding to help. We will always be grateful for donations we receive, but in 2020 we will also focus on raising funds through our newsletter. We will promote the FFI Texas Council and our newsletter through the Texas Council website, social media, through our clubs across the state, and through the National FFI website.

The Texas Council newsletter has been in place for many years now, and has successfully promoted both commercial and non-profit activities both across the state and nationally. With our growing group of over 1,000 members throughout the state, our newsletter is uniquely positioned to reach niche market customers for your business.

Please consider advertising in our Council's newsletter. We have a very affordable advertising rate for the reach you will receive with your ad, which includes placement in all four newsletters. Prices for advertising with the Texas Council newsletter's four issues are:

- Business Card \$50 a year
- 1/4 page color ad \$100 a year
- 1/2 page color ad \$200 a year
- FULL page color ad \$300 a year (That's only \$75 a season!)

The newsletter will be published four times a year. Each edition will publish at the beginning of each season, as follows:

Deadline for content and advertising Spring Deadline: March 1st Newsletter sent out March 20th

Summer Deadline: **June 1st**Newsletter sent out **June 21st**

Fall Deadline: **September 1st**Newsletter sent out **September 22nd**

Winter Deadline: December 1st
Newsletter sent out December 21st

Thank you for your support in the past, and we look forward to your future involvement with the Texas Council to promote fly fishing across Texas.

Contact us at: president@texascouncilffi.com

or

communications@texascouncilffi.com

Thanks,

Your Texas Council

TEXAS COUNCIL SPONSORS

The Texas Council wants to thank you for your support. Our goal has always been to promote fly fishing in Texas, and help the organizations that do just that. We are fortunate for these businesses and individuals, and will highlight them in the newsletter, and on social media as well. If you are interested in advertising your business or service with the Texas Council, please contact Russell at communications@texascouncilffi.com











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THE FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL **GUIDES & OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION**IS A COMMUNITY OF MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATED TO PROMOTING AND
ENHANCING AN ANGLER'S FLY FISHING EXPERIENCE.

Fly fishing guides and outfitters provide valuable services to members of the fly fishing community around the world each year. Many Fly Fishers International (FFI) members are guides who provide fresh or salt water fishing experiences to their clients. However, many fly fishing guides are not members of the current Guides & Outfitters Association or FFI.

The expanded Guides & Outfitters Association is an effective way to establish a program that provides its members substantial benefits that include the best industry liability insurance and assist them in developing new clients.

It is the mission of FFI to support and protect fly fishing opportunities around the world for "all fish – all waters." It further is our intent to support members of the Guides & Outfitters Association as ambassadors who assist in the achievement of the FFI mission.

BENEFITS:

- » Insurance (United States only)
- » Travel and business programs
- » Access to FFI Learning Center materials
- » Promotion of services through FFI social media and publications

VISIT FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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THANK YOU!

Club Leaders

The 22 active FFI clubs (including 3 Project Healing Waters Affiliates) that make up the Texas Council require a commitment of time and effort from approximately 200 dedicated, unselfish men and women who provide leadership to these clubs. Each club (except PHW Affiliates) elects the following positions, at a minimum: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Conservation Chair, Education Chair, and Outings Director. Most clubs would also designate leaders in Casting, Fly Tying, Womens Programs, Youth Programs a Webmaster/Social Media Director and a Fundraising Chair.

This effort amounts to thousands of hours of personal time and talent committed to the success of the broad mission of FFI; *Preserving the Legacy of Fly Fishing for All Fish, All Waters**

Members of the Texas Council Board and the leadership and staff of FFI thank all of you for the hard work and dedication you apply everyday toward our pillars of Conservation, Education and Community.

Here are your current Clubs and their Presidents for 2023:

Club	President	City
Abilene	Rick Meyers	Abilene
Aggieland Fly Fishing Club	Hurshell Sullivan	College Station
Alamo	Karson Foster	San Antonio
Austin	Kathi Harris	Austin
Collin	Kevin Grogan	Plano
Conroe	Zach Griffin	Conroe
Corpus Christi	Reese Hunt	Corpus Christi
Dallas	Julia Bell	Dallas
Fort Worth	Brett Morehead	Fort Worth
Kekoa	Chris Gorman	Melissa
Lonestar	David Hudnall	Tyler
Lubbock	David Crawford	Lubbock
New Braunfels	Dan Cone	New Braunfels
Pineywoods	Walter Mclendon	Lufkin
Red River	Jim Kelly (temp)	Sherman
Rowlett	Derrick Meis	Rowlett
San Gabriel	James Reese	Georgetown
Texas Fly Fishers	Don Pucket	Houston
Texas Hill Country	Jeff Schroeder	Fredricksburg
TWFF	Joan Swartz	Texas

Volunteers

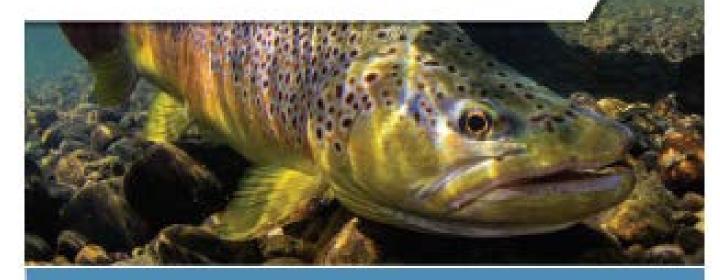
Your Council Board is composed of 16 directors serving in various capacities very similar to the structure of Club Leadership. Since the members of the Council Board come from eight different clubs within the Council, with rare exception we must meet electronically. In 2020, along with millions of other people we upped our game and now use Zoom for our meetings. Being able to see the director who is speaking improves understanding and meeting efficiency.

The Council is an extension of FFI with the primary purpose of assisting in the delivery to our Clubs and Members the benefits and opportunities provided by FFI. All of the Directors are fully dedicated to the same mission and objectives as our Clubs. We will focus heavily on enhancing the flow of communication in both directions between the Members of our Clubs, FFI and the Council by sharing knowledge across the entire organization.

The Council will be seating new board members in early January and we are always looking for volunteers to serve on our Board. If you are interested please contact any of the directors to start a conversation. Email addresses of the entire board can be found at https://tcffi.org/

Texas Council President	Rick Haness
First Vice President	Jack Gillis
At - Large	Barry Webster
Membership	Brett Morehead
Communications/ Social Media	Russell Husted
Conservation	Russell Husted
Treasurer	Reid Winger
Secretary	Jim Richards
Women's Outreach	Dani Rose
Webmaster	Tim Gikas
At - Large	Dutch Baughman
At - Large	Jacob Sherwood
Casting	Stephen Weaver
Tying	Ron Mayfield
Youth Outreach	Austin Orr
TPWD Liason	Keira Quam
FFI At-Large	Dutch Baughman
At-Large	Barry Webster
TPWD Liason	Keira Quam
Past President	Vacant due to resignation

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Texas Council Clubs

Club	City	Website/Email
Abilene Fly Fishers	Abilene	www.facebook.com/abileneflyfishers
Aggieland Fly Fishing Club	College Station	https://www.aggielandff.org/
Alamo Fly Fishers	San Antonio	www.alamoflyfishers.org
Austin Fly Fishers	Austin	www.austinflyfishers.com
Collin County Fly Fishing Club	Wylie	www.collincountyflyfishing.org
Conroe Fly Fishers (PHWFF)	Conroe	txfritz4134@suddenlink.net
Corpus Christi Fly Fishers Inc	Corpus Christi	www.lmflyfishers.com
Dallas Flyfishers	Dallas	www.dallasflyfishers.org
Fort Worth Fly Fishers	Fort Worth	www.fortworthflyfishers.org
Kekoa Outdoors	Melissa	www.kekoaoutdoors.org
Lone Star Fly Fishers	Tyler	www.lonestarflyfishers.com
Lubbock Fly Fishers	Lubbock	www.lubbockflyfishers.org
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Red River Fly Fishers	Sherman	www.rrff.org
Rowlett Fishers (PHWFF)	Royse City	derrick.meis@projecthealingwaters.org
San Gabriel Fly Fishers	Georgetown	www.sgflyfishers.com
Texas Fly Fishers	Houston	www.texasflyfishers.org
Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers	Fredericksburg	thcff.org
Texas Women Fly Fishers	Statewide	<u>www.twff.net</u>

Note: PHWFF clubs serve only disabled veterans.



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- Searchable Casting, Fly Tying, Guide and Club Directories
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Most importantly, the knowledge that you are helping to preserve fish habitats, the education of our next generation of fly fishers and our on-going conservation efforts.



AT THE FFI HEADQUARTERS IN LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

- The 2018 FFI Annual Fair held in Boise, ID, was jam packed with hundreds of workshops, seminars, famous authors and over 100 expert tiers and casters sharing their skills.
- FFI just launched the Learning Center with online classes in Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Skills, and Conservation Education for the benefit of FFI members and the fly fishing community.
- Our ever-growing fly fishing museum includes the 7th fiber-glass rod ever made, the Fritz Gerds collection that includes over 150 fly plates, and an impressive collection of Lee Wulff memorabilia.
- FFI has provided grants and joined our partners in fighting mining proposals on the Menominee River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, in the pristine Boundary Waters Wilderness in Minnesota, in Alaska's Bristol Bay and the Yellowstone Park watershed in Montana. These efforts will protect thousands of river and stream miles that impact our opportunities to fly fish.

PLEASE RENEW TODAY!

FFI TEXAS COUNCIL IS AT WORK IN YOUR REGION!



We now have 19 clubs throughout the state!

Visit www.texascouncilifff.com to learn all the happenings in your council

Llano River Flood:

With YOUR help, the Texas Council (TXC) is partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife to create a strategic plan to help restore the storm ravaged Llano River in Texas. The long-term outlook for fish populations depends on how riverside landowners and communities respond to the aftermath of downed trees and other debris deposited along the river.



Hill Country Youth Ranch:

The TXC awarded Hill Country Fly Fishers (one of its local clubs) an educational grant to purchase fly rods for the Hill Country Youth Ranch of Leakey, Texas.

The youth ranch is a non-profit organization that helps abused and orphaned children.

YOUR support helps provide therapy for these kids through fly fishing!

Fairs/Shows/Clinic:

YOUR membership dollars allow the TXC and its clubs to be committed to offering tying, casting demos, and Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badges throughout the year. The council and its clubs are also very involved in Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters.





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