



## Streamline

April 2016

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &  
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

### Event Calendar

**April 7** - General Meeting - Nathanael Ferguson - "Fly Fishing the Norfolk Tailwaters"

**April 14 - 16** - Sowbug Roundup Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home AR

**April 30** - Outing - At LIR Cleanup

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

## General Meeting

### Fly Fishing the Norfolk Tailwaters

By: Nathanael Ferguson

Nathanael's company, Ferguson Fly Fishing, was born from an idea. In his words, "It was an idea to make a career out of the one thing I was most passionate about. Not only was that fly fishing, but also helping others

## Follow us Facebook

There are now **649** members on Facebook and growing. An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just keep up with what's going on. [Here's a quick link.](#)

Other Facebook groups our members support are:

experience the same enjoyment I get every time I'm on the water. Whether you're a beginner that's never held a fly rod or the experienced with many years under your belt there is a trip to fit your needs and a guaranteed good time to be had.

Based out of Mountain Home, Arkansas Ferguson Fly Fishing offers guided trips for trout on the White and Norfolk Rivers, and seasonal Stripers on the Lower Illinois River. I can also, always customize trips to fit any needs for any angler. Give me a call and let me assist you on your next Fly Fishing adventure."

We meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the north side of the Creek Turnpike, east of Memorial Drive. Doors open a little after 6:00 pm.

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## A Message from Your President

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Oklahoma

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## PHWFF

Project healing waters is looking for 6 volunteers for Friday April 1st from 10:30 am until Saturday at 3pm for our Roaring River Outing. You don't need to do both days, you can do one or the other. We need people who will fish with up to 2 of our veterans. You do not need to be an expert, just willing to help. [Please let me know](#) if you are able to help out.

Thank you

Lloyd Wicker Memorial 2 Fly Tournament  
Cotter Arkansas on the White River.

June 11th 8am-4pm

Starting from Fultons Lodge

Fund raising tournament to  
benefit Project Healing Waters Fly  
Fishing OK

Prizes for 1 place - 3rd place  
35 dollars per entry.



Hello,

I hope you all were able to make it to our Fly Fishing Film Festival this year at Monterau. This was by far our best showing we've had and we were able to raise a lot of money for our projects like Trout in the Classroom and our brand new project that is about to get underway at Watts.

What's the Watts project you ask? We are teaming up with the 89'er chapter in OKC and the ODWC to bring you a brand new bathroom at the Watts access area. I know I know, it's going to be odd not going to the bathroom in the bushes off of the hiking trail but we all have to make adjustments.

OKTU420 & TFF are able to make these kinds of improvements to the L.I.R. because of the incredible support of our membership by either making donations or attending our

Questions?

Contact Chris Gorman at

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## Directions to Fulton Lodge

### From US 62 East in Flippin:

After you cross the bridge on the White River, the highway will climb a long hill. At the top of the hill turn left on County Road #1 (Denton Ferry Road). After 7 1/2 miles, turn left on county road #703. 703 is a loop road near the river so it has two entrances to county road #1. The second entrance is the shortest, and we have a sign on that corner. Lodge is about 1/4 mile on the right. If you miss the turn on to 703, county road #1 will turn to gravel within 100 feet.

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## Did You Know?

**By: Pat Daly**

Oklahoma Trout Unlimited/Tulsa Fly

fundraiser events. We hope to continue being able to make major improvements to our home waters in the future but it's going to take a team of volunteers lending their free time and helping us support these projects.

If you're interested in getting more involved with OKTU420, TFF or our Veterans programs I encourage you to step up and ask a board member how you can get involved.

Thank you again for making our chapter goals more attainable through your support!

John Sellars, President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

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## **Trout Unlimited Opposes Legislative Efforts to seize our National Forests & Parks**

### **All fishing, hunting and recreation threatened**

Being a landowner is a right in this country. America's public lands are your lands. And it's your right as a citizen to fish its clean waters. At Trout Unlimited we are proud of that right and will fight to protect it.

Fishers attended and had a table at this week's public forum on State Bill 777 at All Souls Church. We voiced our concerns and answered questions about SB777 along with other groups, including; Save the Illinois River, OK River Keeps Alliance, OK Farmers & Food Alliance, OK Farm Stewardship Council, League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, Kirkpatrick Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, The Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma and others.

Louisa McCune, Executive Director of the Kirkpatrick Foundation opened the meeting and gave an overview of and background on this proposed SB777, a permanent change to the Oklahoma Constitution which will be on November's ballot. This was followed by speakers commenting on the various aspects of this state bill. Of particular interest were speeches regarding the legal aspect of SB777.

Concerns were raised by the audience when it was learned from Art LeFrancois, Professor, Oklahoma City University School of Law that SB777, if not struck down by voters or the courts, would allow large corporate agricultural concerns, many from out of state, to operate virtually unfettered by any Oklahoma ag or water quality laws, both current and new legislation. "Any Constitutional law trumps all other state laws, both past and future" says

However, a handful of legislators want to take away your rights and take your land. Theodore Roosevelt drew a line in the sand, and we are going to hold it for ourselves and future generations.

### Some Facts:

- Colorado, the secret of state-owned property – Colorado has over 3 million acres that were deeded to it by the Federal government, yet 2,520,000 acres are closed to fishing and hunting. Only 480,000 acres (about 16 percent) of these supposedly public lands are actually open for hunting and fishing. In fact, Colorado state-trust lands are statutorily closed to the public for any purpose without a specific lease or permit. As a result, 84 percent of the remaining state-trust acres are leased to the highest bidder; often for oil and gas, agriculture or mineral development. Some of these public lands are actually leased for private recreational use only. Only the wealthy can fish and hunt on Colorado's leased public land.
- New Mexico. State public lands are closed to all camping and off limits to the public for most of the year.
- Utah legislators propose selling or leasing 2.4 million acres of prime public land to private interests.
- Nevada. Sold off all but 3,000 acres of

LeFrancois.

Patty Eaton, Former Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment voiced her opposition to SB777 due to water quality and environmental concerns, particularly the potential huge and negative impact of hog farms and confined chicken and cattle feeding operations. She also indicated that all Oklahoma farmers and ranchers already have good right to farm laws to protect our farmers and ranchers and the public has good and workable laws to protect the people, food and water quality of Oklahoma. "No corporations of any type should be above all laws while taking away Oklahoma voters rights" she stated.

And, we agree. Trout Unlimited has a long and successful history of working together with local farmers and ranchers to preserve water quality and achieve conservations efforts. However, corporate ag needs to do their part too.

Follow this and other issues on our Facebook page.

**NOTICE ALL ... "DID YOU KNOW?"** is a feature of our monthly Streamlines newsletter. Do you have something you think ever member needs to know? Just write a couple paragraphs and send them to us. (Editors Note, we reserve the right to determine whether your item is truly something everyone needs to know. Facts only please.)

over 2.7 million acres of state lands it citizens formerly owned. There is no money left from the one-time sale.

- Idaho. State Legislators propose to close prime state land to the public; Only an exclusive pay-to-play fishing and hunting club could use public lands.

To learn more about why Trout Unlimited Opposes the seizure of our Federal lands read the full TU articles:

<http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/the-line-in-the-sand>

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## Trout in the Classroom

### Trout in the Classroom Culminates at LIR with Releases

Fingerling release dates are:

- **BROKEN ARROW HIGH SCHOOL, APRIL 6TH**
- **EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL,**

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## 2016 Schedule

The Meeting room has been scheduled for 2016. Two of the dates will **NOT** be on the usual second Thursday due to library events that are held that day. However, all will be on a Thursday.

- April 7 - **a week early**
- May 12
- September 15 - **the third Thursday**
- October 13
- November 10

Remember we do not meet at the library during June, July or August. The December meeting is the annual dinner meeting.

We meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the north side of the Creek Turnpike, east of Memorial Drive. Doors open a little after 6:00 pm.

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## April Outing

APRIL 13TH

- JENKS HIGH SCHOOL, APRIL 22ND
- and UNION HIGH SCHOOL, APRIL 28TH.

Members of OKTU and TFF are encouraged to volunteer to help at release outings. These field trips to the Lower Illinois River are the exciting culmination of the program and are fun to be a part of.



We offer fly casting clinics, fly tying

## LIR Cleanup

Our April outing will be our annual LIR Cleanup. Our cleanup has traditionally been held in June, but we had great success last year in April and it beats the heat! Fishing after also tends to be better in April. The cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 30th.

We will meet in the parking lot at the dam at 9:00 AM to suggest areas and distribute trash sacks. Everyone present at 9AM will receive a ticket for our participation prize, a \$50.00 gift certificate for Backwoods or Bass Pro. Trash sacks will be collected at 11:00 AM and we'll be serving lunch around 11:30 AM at the Watts area. The winning ticket will be drawn at lunch and you must be present to win. For lunch we'll be grilling hot dogs with chips and a drink.

If you know you'll be attending, please email our outings co-ordinator Heath Tiefenauer at [outings.tff@gmail.com](mailto:outings.tff@gmail.com) or sign up at our next general meeting. See you there!

exhibitions, bug collections from the river, and our knowledge of the river and it's inhabitants to the students.



Members interested in helping should contact Scott Hood Youth Education Coordinator for details  
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*Scott Hood*  
*OKTU Youth Activities Coordinator*



## A Resounding Success

We're pleased to announce that our annual Fly Fishing Film Tour spring fundraiser was a resounding success. Over 100 people attended this year's showing and \$3,000 was raised to support our conservation and education programs.

Special thanks to Montereau for again hosting the event, Dave & Emily Whitlock for donating the signed Cutthroat Rising print, TFO rods for their generous donation of an "any TFO rod" certificate and Ozark Fly Flinger and Western Rivers Guides for their guided fly fishing trips. Both Backwoods and The Gadget Company again supported our efforts with donations and ticket sales.

Bill Dunn had his ticket drawn first and elected to take the Temple Fotk Outfitters rod of his choice.



Members, if you have a youth group that you would like to expose to Fly Fishing, fly casting, or fly tying please contact me at [shood91849@aol.com](mailto:shood91849@aol.com) .

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## ***SUMMER ON THE FLY for the KIDS is coming soon***

As a part of Trout Unlimited's National Headwaters Youth Initiative, a program designed to get more kids outside and connected to fly fishing and then perhaps involved with Trout Unlimited is coming to the Tulsa area on Saturday and Sunday June 17th and 18th.

If you have children, grand-children, nieces or nephews, 10 to 15 years old that have wanted to learn how to fly fish this is your perfect chance to have someone else teach them the basics skills besides you. (Some may coming away from this program knowing more about fly fishing than you!)

The Tulsa area program is being subsidized with a helping donation to Headwaters Y I by the local non-profit group **NatureWorks**. Where this program would normally cost \$15 each, participants only pay \$5. Plus,



Next Chris Dirkx chose the Guided trip out of Branson provided by Ozark Fly Flingers.



Billy Wilkerson then picked the Green River Float trip provided by Western Rivers Guides.



Jeff Fox selected the signed Whitlock print

each participant will receive a 1-year membership in their choice of Stream Explorers or Trout Unlimited.

**Day one** is all about hands on learning and done at the Jenks High School Aquatics center 10:30am to 3pm. Knot tying, insect identification, fly tying, reading a stream, fish identification, learning casting skills and more will all be part of the first day.



Day two is FISHING! We have a reservation



and Fred Kirk won the engraved fly box. (Picture not available, sorry Fred.)

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## Arkansas 514 and Oklahoma 420 Joint Outing

Our chapter has been invited to participate in a joint outing with the Arkansas 514 Chapter this June. Arkansas Chapter 514 will be planting Vibert boxes full of trout eggs at the Beaver tailwater and has invited us to join them. The event is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in June, June 4, but is subject to change depending on the hatchery schedule, egg health, and lake levels.

**Day two is FISHING!** we have a reservation on the The Zebco Pond at the Jenks Aquarium from 1:30pm to 3:30pm for all participants to come and fish. Parents, brothers and sisters will all be welcome. No equipment is needed for either day. (It's Fathers Day and is optional.)

Registration is now open on the Jenks Community Education web site ... see Youth Classes / Fitness and Sports .. <https://jenkscommunityed.com/Index.asp?> ... **Registration is only open to the first 40 students, so sign up now.**

Oklahoma Youth Education Coordinator:

Scott Hood

Contact Scott Hood

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Planting Vibert boxes is something our group doesn't have an opportunity to do at our local tailwater and should be very interesting. Food and soft drinks will be provided by the host chapter and planting day will have no generation so the wade fishing after the event should be great! Beaver tailwater is below Beaver Lake near Eureka Springs and can be a day trip.

There is plenty of lodging in Eureka Springs and the lake offers several campgrounds for anyone wishing to make a weekend out of it. Signing up for this event in advance is appreciated. Chapter 514 will be firming up plans in the next two weeks and more information and requests for signing up will be provided in the May newsletter.

# Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

- **May 12 - General Meeting - Bill Butts - Fishing the Arkansas for Stripers and White Bass**

May 14 will be a float trip of the Upper Illinois River for smallmouth and bream

- **May 13 & 14 - Smallmouth Rendezvous at First Baptist Church in Tahlequah OK**

June 4 - Joint Outing with Arkansas TU Chapter 514 (tentative date)

June 11 - Lolyd Wicker Memorial 2-Fly Tournament

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