



TVFF Club News

June 2024



June 20th Program

Family Picnic, Jones Farm Park



June is the start of consistently warm weather here in Alabama! It is also the month where days are the longest. Fishing is great this time of year.

Instead of a guest speaker, we will have a picnic at [Jones Farm Park](#), located in Jones Valley, off Four Mile Post and beside Valley Bend Shopping Center. Please bring a chair and a snack to share! Make sure to bring your fly rod and your favorite bass and bream flies! This is a good chance to socialize with other members. We will be meeting at the normal time of 7:00 PM. Look forward to seeing everyone there! The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, mustard, ketchup, chips, soft drinks and tea.

We will be at the pavilion at the north end of the park, next to the small pond.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN – In the event of inclement weather we will grill at the church and eat in Room 201.

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This Month

- June 13 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- June 20 – TVFF Meeting, 7 PM
- June 27 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
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Secretary: Rodney Durrett
Treasurer: Dave Bailey
Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Brian Moore
Conservation: Bob Lowery
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is August 1, 2024, at 7 p.m. in Room 201 at the church. Members are welcome.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201, at 7 p.m.



June 13th, 7 PM

Wiggle Damsel Fly – Lead Tyer, Andy King

Cost: \$3.00

This is a great little articulated damselfly nymph pattern, made from a single material. Charlie Craven walks us through how to tie this little fly. Video can be seen [here](#).

Materials

Size 14 hook, Straight eye, 1X fine, Wide gap

Size 14 hook, Sproat bend, Down eye

Eye: Black X-Small bead chain

Tail and Body: Olive Marabou

3X tippet

Thread: Olive 70 8/0 uni



June 27th, 7PM

Stealth Bomber – Lead Tyer, Connor Baker

Cost \$3.00

A good Southeastern warm water pattern invented by Georgia fishing guide, Kent Edmonds. This is a topwater fly, designed to get the attention of bass by stirring up the water and making a lot of bubbles.

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S various sizes

Tail: Bucktail

Flash: Pearl Flashabou

Foam: 2 mm foam

Body: Cactus Chenille

Legs: Barred rubber legs

Thread: 210 denier (white, or whatever color you have)



All are welcome! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or, better yet, one of your own design. The sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.



Fish of the Month

Early this month, TVFF member Connor Baker and his father went on a fishing trip with Coosa Fishing Company. Tim Barr took them out, and helped them catch striped bass, hybrid striped/white bass, and spotted bass. It was a fun trip. To go fishing with Tim you can reach him by text or phone at 205-296-7122. He can also be found on Instagram and Facebook @coosafishingco



TVFF member Brian Moore went on an Appalachian Mountains fishing trip with Unicoi Outfitters in Helen, Georgia. The trip was a birthday gift from his wife, Debbie. Looks fun Brian, nothing beats cool stream fishing in the Summer!



More Fish of the Month

David Darnell caught this nice Grass Carp late last month. It was part of the Brood XIX cicada hatch going on in our area! The fish was over 30 pounds and measured 34 inches. Way to go David!



TVFF member Aaron Serafinowicz and his wife Tammy did a guided trip of the Tallapoosa River with East Alabama Fly Fishing. They caught about 40 fish, include spotted bass and beautiful Red Eye Tallapoosa Bass. The highlight of their trip was the 22 inch spotted bass. It was a great trip, give [East Alabama Fly Fishing](#) a visit if you are interested.





Donovan Lakes 2024

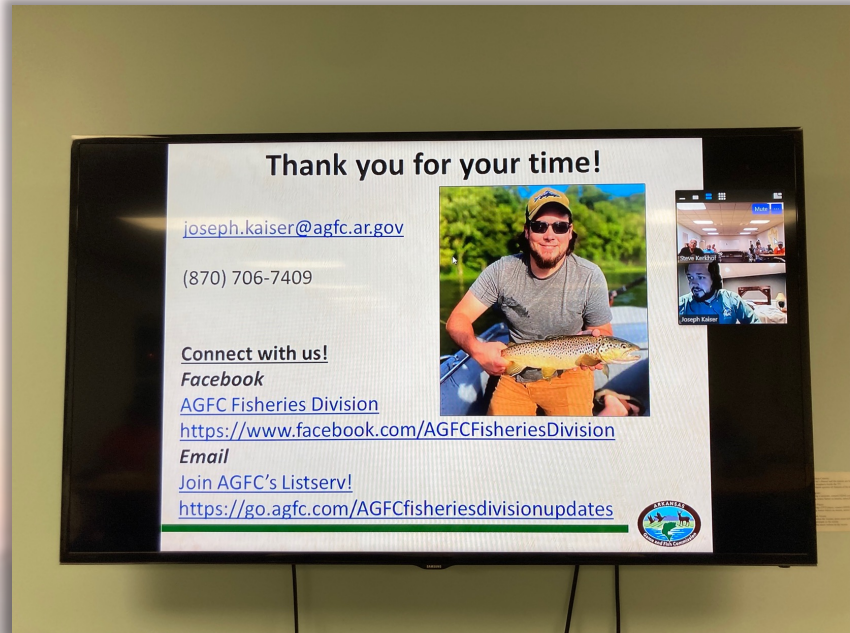
This year's annual trip to Donovan Lakes was very successful. Two different groups spent two different weeks in Marion Alabama, catching trophy sized bass! TVFF has been taking trips down there for many years. It is a good time to get to know club members and meet new fishing partners. Looks like this year was just as good as all the others!



May TVFF Meetings

May Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for May was Joseph Kaiser of Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. His role is trout management. He shared his knowledge on Arkansas' cold water fisheries, speaking on invasive species, stocking schedules, et al. He had a very in depth brief. For more information, please contact Joseph. His contact information is to the right.



May Fly Tying

TVFF members Jacob Franklin and Andy King led us in fly tying last month. For the first session, Jacob taught us the Brahma Bugger, a new take on the class woolly bugger. For the second session, Andy taught us the EP Ultimate 3D Baitfish, a classic saltwater fly, that can be effective in freshwater as well. Thank you all our tyers!



Fishing With Kids

June is really the start of Summer. The warm weather is prime for fishing and the days are longer, giving you more daylight to fish. Additionally, starting in mid-May or early June, school let's out and your kids (or grandkids) are home. Taking them fishing is something that can create life long memories, and a life long love of the outdoors and adventure. Presented by Redington, Fly Lords Magazine published some good tips for taking your kids fishing. The tips are below, but the entire article can be found [here](#).

Tip 1: Pack Those Snacks

Just like us adults, kids get hungry when fishing. The difference is, they are growing and need proper nutrients. On top of that, they might get "hangry". Bring some fruit, juice, trail mix, anything to snack on. Maybe even bring their favorite candy. A hungry kid can end your day of fishing really quick.

Tip 2: Grab a Kid-Friendly Camera

If you take your kid fishing, it will be a memory you won't want to forget. Make sure to take a lot of pictures. Bring one that is easy for them to use, and kid friendly. They will take pictures you didn't expect and it will be fun to look back on. Additionally, you don't want them using your expensive camera that could get broken.

Tip 3: Bring Extra Clothes

Kids love to play hard. They roll around in the mud, pick up rocks, and just do kid things. If they fall in the water and get wet, or fall in the mud, it is important to have some extra clothes. Socks, shorts, shirts, all of that is essential to have extras of. Make sure to also bring a towel!

Tip 4: Let Them Cast How They Want to

The mechanics of casting a fly rod is tricky. It takes adults a few outings to get the hang of it. Bringing a young child and trying to force perfect casting on them is going to be a losing endeavor. Give them some instruction, but let them really cast on their own. They might not catch as much fish, but will have fun.

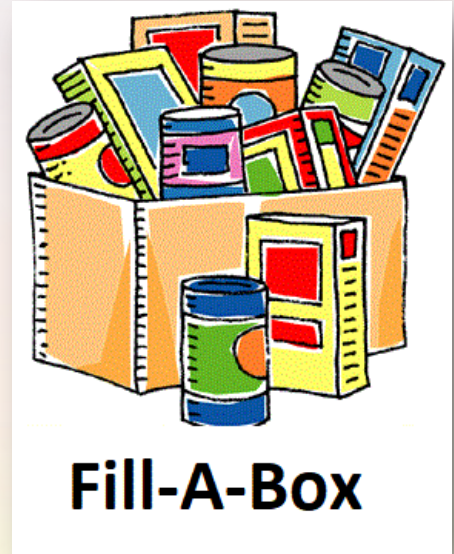
Tip 5: Drop Those Expectations

Fly fishing with kids is much different than fly fishing with friends. They are not going to be able to grasp every concept right away. Be patient and just have fun. You don't always have to catch a fish to enjoy fishing. Just be happy you aren't at work and can enjoy nature.



Food Drive Box

Faith Presbyterian Church has a community food drive box outside of the church, in their parking lot. This box receives and distributes food staple items to members of the community in need. If you would like to help, please bring non-perishable items to place in the box. Faith Presbyterian Church has generously let us use Room 201 for years. The least we can do is provide food to members of their church community in need.



TVFF Fly Tying Raffle

For the next several months, at every fly tying we will be raffling off old tying equipment from the Estate Sale we had last year. One dollar gets your five tickets. This is a good opportunity to get cheap tying material. Make sure to bring an extra dollar or two next fly tying and get in on this.



Chest Pack Raffle

Congratulations Brian Moore on winning our stuffed chest pack raffle! You've got everything you need for a day on a trout stream! Also, thank you again to David Darnell for the donation in honor of Joe Tremblay. Lastly, thank you to everyone that entered.



June Holidays

Go Fishing Day June 18th

Whether you fish with flies, bait, nets, lobster traps, et al. get your gear and go fish today! The days are long. June 18th is a Tuesday so make sure to take the day off from work. Take advantage of the day and enjoy the water. I'm sure your boss will understand. If you have kids or grandkids, bring them as well!



National Selfie Day June 21

The day was started by DJ Rick McNeely on June 21, 2014 and rapidly took off. The word Selfie is associated with cell phone cameras and taking a picture of yourself that you post on social media.

Now there are tips on selfie poses and photographic composition. Don't believe it? Search for "Selfie Poses"

Anyone that takes a fish selfie should submit it to the editor@tvff.club. You will be featured in our newsletter! Make sure it is a good picture!!

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