



Kansas City Chapter



August 2022

Club Meeting Date:
(No August Meeting)
Fleming Hall

Executive Board Meeting
August 2 (No Meeting)
Fleming Hall

Location
Fleming Hall
21906 SW Woods Chapel Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri

Next Club Meeting Date
No Meeting in August

Next Meeting Is September 27
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

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Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Sept 23-25



Be sure and save the date for the Kansas City Chapter Derby. This is an informal derby for members of the club. The winner will be decided by who catches the longest trout, so measure and take pictures. Please join us for the festivities and frivolity. Reservations can be made for camping or motel at the state park, and lodging is available outside the park at several campgrounds and motels.

Roaring River State Park offers lodging accommodations for everyone's taste from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms and camping.

Roaring River Resort & Campground (417) 847-3235 is a private resort near the state park on Hy-Way 112 and I will staying there. We can gather at the picnic shelter at the resort Friday evening where you can register for the derby and get a copy of the derby rules. If you can't register for the derby on Friday, then send me a text message (David Cook 816-519-2531) and let me know your plans.

We will not be having a scheduled meeting before the derby weekend, so if you have questions about the derby, you can call or email me (cookd@umsystem.edu) for additional information.

Derby schedule:

Friday Evening: Dinner on your own. We will meet at the resort pavilion (on Highway 112) Friday for meet/greet and snacks.

Saturday: Breakfast and lunch on your own, Dinner (to be determined) at 6:00pm at the pavilion and Princess of the Stream ceremony.

Sunday: Lunch at 11:00am, awards ceremony. Contact David or Gary if you have any questions. See you on the water..... David

For More Information

Visit the website for the latest News and updates
www.mtfa-kansascity.org

## Upcoming Events

No Meetings in August  
(See You In September)

Our September Club Meeting will feature Ben Havens the hatchery manager at Bennett Springs.

He will share the future expansion at BS.

September 27 at Fleming Hall at 7 :00 pm.

## Fly Tying Classes - September



The fall fly tying classes start in September. If there is a special fly, you would like for us to consider adding to the one's in our fly tying manual, please send me either the type of fly or the pattern you would be interested in learning how to tie. We would appreciate if you would call or send us a note that you will be attending. Helps us

determine the amount of materials needed for the class.

Thank You, *Merril*

## Rod Building Classes - Winter 2022-23

Have you ever wanted to build your own fishing rod but don't know where to start? This is the class for you. Our rod building classes are taught by really experienced rod builders within our club. They know the latest techniques and components for building a top-performing custom rod. Although there are myriad of learning materials available to help you learn the craft, there is nothing quite like face-to-face hands-on instruction. If you are interested in taking part in this class you may want to start looking into the type of rod blank and components you may want for your custom rod.

**Check out:** [www.rdpflyrods.com](http://www.rdpflyrods.com)  
[www.hookhack.com](http://www.hookhack.com)

Hope you will take advantage of this class. The club has rod winding equipment available for use and some great rod builders helping you, step by step.



## Gear - Spend or go Cheap.

Let's be honest. Fly Fishing is not an inexpensive outdoor activity. The barrier to entry is high regardless of what price point fly gear you purchase because there is so much gear to get just to get started. Unless you got handed down a treasure trove of fly fishing gear, obtaining fly fishing gear can be like trying to fill a bucket with a hole in the bottom.

There is an **argument** for why fly fishing gear is expensive. With that said, it doesn't mean you have to mortgage the house to obtain suitable equipment and have a good experience fly fishing. You can enjoy fly fishing without super high-end gear.

This is not a complete list of things you need to fly fish. It is merely a recommendation on where to spend money and what you can get away with not having the Gucci gear.

## Gear You Should Invest In and buy the best you can afford:

**Your Reel-** If a fly is to the body and chassis of a truck, the reel is the motor, wheels, tires, and brakes. You can drive a truck with a lesser quality body and chassis, with a good quality motor, wheels, tires, and brakes. It's not about the ride; it's about the rider, or in our case, the fly angler. If you have limited funds,

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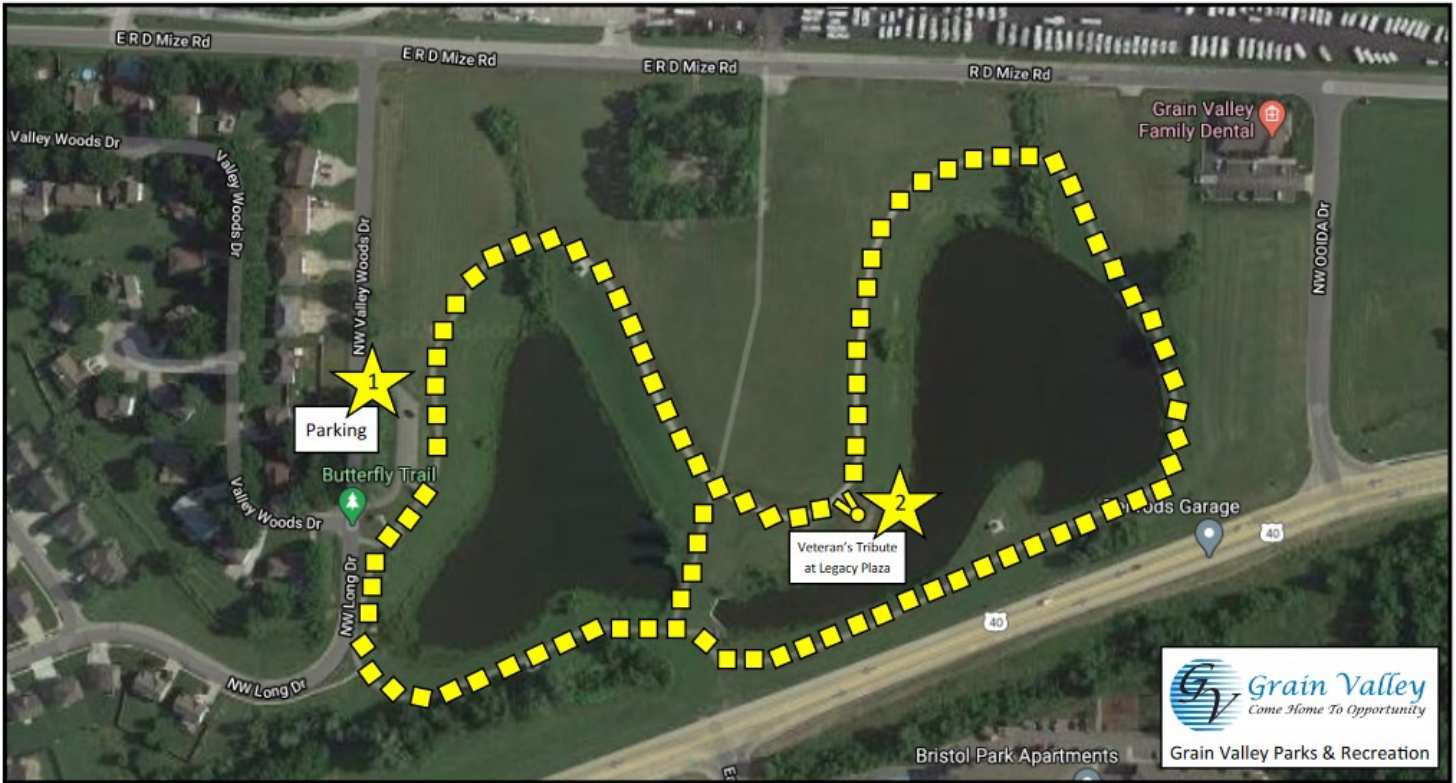
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### Calendar of Events

**August 9** - . This month we are planning to fish at Butterfly Trail in Grain Valley, 6:00 pm.

**August 16** - 5:30pm at the Rainbow Fly Shop , 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO



Parking available just northeast of where NW Valley Woods Dr & NW Long Dr meet.

**Butterfly Trail**  
This beautiful asphalt trail, located in the heart of Grain Valley at RD Mize Road and Long Drive is a .8-mile, figure eight loop that traverses around a 10-acre lake. Walking, jogging and biking are allowed as well as fishing. Trailside picnic shelters are also available for use. All animals must be leashed and under control while on the trail.



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## Gear - Spend or go Cheap Cont'd.

start with a good quality reel.

Your Sunglasses – Having sunglasses is a must when fly fishing. It's not only for protecting the only two eyes you have from a wayward fly, but it's also from the sun and all its glory. Make sure they are polarized. All lenses are not created equal. Lens color is dependent on outdoor conditions. [Click here](#) If you need help selecting a lens type and color. Our favorite lens color covering the largest range of situations is a polarized brown.

Your Waders – One of the worst feelings is having wet legs and feet. Being wet can make a tough day on the river that much worse. Investing in a solid pair of waders is essential when fly fishing. We recommend Gore-Tex, as it is a proven material for waders. That said, some manufacturers produce waders with high quality, waterproof, breathable, and comfortable materials other than Gore-Tex. Waders are one of those pieces of gear where, usually, the more expensive, the better the quality. Buy the best you can afford.

Your Raingear – Like waders, good quality rain gear is a must when fly fishing. We like jackets that are durable and breathable. You should be able to wear it as a stand-alone jacket in warmer climates like at Andros South or as an outer layer keeping your mid-layers and next-to-skin layers nice and dry in cooler temperatures like fall in Alaska. Staying dry is critical. They also reduce the bite from the wind on the long cold boat rides.

Your Socks – *“Try and keep your feet dry when we're out humpin'.”* – Lt. Dan Taylor. We couldn't agree more with the Lieutenant. Warm and Dry feet can be the difference between a good day and a bad day. Wool socks are comfortable, help keep your feet warm while wading in ice-cold rivers, and do not retain odor. Stay away from cotton socks.

### Gear You Need, but Don't Need to Spend a Lot of Money:

Fly Box – Gucci fly boxes are cool, but they are also expensive, and you don't necessarily have to have to fish. Many of us opt for the plain ole Plano Boxes. They are lightweight, come in various sizes, are configurable, and are between \$7 – \$15 depending on the size. They are very affordable.

Pliers – Fish care about pliers, probably more than you do. Especially when the fish wants you to remove that fly out of their mouth, having a good set of pliers is essential, but it's not necessary to spend \$100. Just make sure it has a sturdy nose, cutters, and a good grip. We like the Umpqua River Grip Scissor Clamps. They can remove a spectrum of hooks; small flies from Trout to larger flies from King Salmon. They are sturdy enough to pinch split shot too. At about \$17 a pair, they are very affordable.

Nippers – Nippers are necessary to have. There is nothing more annoying than not being able to cut leader or tippet as close as possible. You can spend between \$5 to \$100 on nippers. \$100 nippers are cool but not necessary. The only thing you need to ensure is that your nippers will cut thick leaders to a super small tippet. Pro-tip, get a pair of small nail clippers. They are inexpensive, easy to carry, and work very well in nipping leader or tippet. Bonus, you can clip your nails if necessary.

Copied with permission from Deneki Outdoors and I added a few things.  
Enjoy, Gary

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**Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted  
Fly Fishing 2022 Trips -**

**Alaska - Katmai Trophy Lodge**

6 Day - 7 nights (Sept 3 - 10)

\$4495.00

**Montana - Missoula**

5 Days Guided Fishing - Aug 21-27

\$3100.00

5 Days - 6 nights (Sept 25 - Oct 1)

\$3100.00

**Andros Bahamas - Swain's Cay**

5 days - 6 nights (Oct 9 - 15)

\$4107.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

## Bridging the Gap: The Six Weight Fly Rod

On my last fishing trip my buddy and I were discussing rod weights and best use for each of the different rod weights. What should you recommend to a new person wanting to purchase their first fly rod. I found this article on Deneki's fly fishing Blog and thought it was worth sharing.

When purchasing fly rods, conventional wisdom says if you have a 5 weight, your next rod should be a 7 weight, then a 9 weight for really big fish. Or if you have a six weight, you should get a 4 weight and an 8 weight. You know, skip a number, because if you have a 5 weight, you don't need a 4 weight or a six weight. It's conventional wisdom. But is that really true?

Currently, the most popular single-handed rod in the world is a 9' 5 weight. The 9' 5 weight has widely become the unofficial industry standard. Is it effective? Sure it is. When all the world's best fly rod manufacturers try to perfect the 9' 5 weight to rule the fly rod world, you know that particular size has merit. However, is it possible that the 9' 5 weight isn't the most effective or even efficient fly rod?

Have we settled for the 9' 5 weight? Do convention and popularity always prescribe a 9' 5 weight because it is actually the best rod? 9' 5 weights are great rods. Just ask the many people who own and fish them. Today we throw convention and popular thinking out the window. Today we're just going to have some fun and make an excellent argument about why you should bridge the gap with the six-weight fly rod regardless of what rods you currently have and how it should be the most popular sized fly rod because of its versatility and capability. Let's get started.

**A six weight is more Versatile** than a 5 weight. A six-weight fly rod's range of flies trumps the versatility

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## Southern Council Federation of Flyfishers:



**September 29-30 - October 1, 2022**

The Conclave is the premier event of the Southern Council Federation of Flyfishers, held each year in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

## Bridging the Gap: The Six Weight Fly Rod Cont'd

range of its 5 weight counterpart. From small dry flies with the proper tippet all the way to streamers and weighted flies, a six-weight can handle it all, with grace and dignity. Just look at the fly line range on a six weight. You have plenty of standard options for six weight fly lines, but you also have specialized and custom taper lines for a variety of fish species. A six weight fly rod can not only lay down a delicate dry fly presentation but also wrangle larger trout while in rodeo.

**A six weight is More Capable** than a 5 weight. A six weight can handle smaller fish and manage much larger fish than a 5 weight. Although the 5 weight does go slightly smaller within the dry fly spectrum, it can't compete with the six weight in its ability to cast larger streamers or weighted flies, which allows for a greater range of fish and size of fish. A six weight is also more capable than a 5 weight in less than ideal, windy conditions which, happens a lot. For a hot minute catching the biggest fish on the lightest rod was a thing. Nowadays, the time a fish strikes, to fight with the fish, till the time the fish is landed and released, you want to make that as quick as possible. A six weight is better capable than a 5 weight on any fish.

**A Fighting butt and a Full Wells Grip** on 5 weight fly rods are very, very, very hard to find. Since a six weight can be used for bigger fish, a six weight typically comes standard. Although, nowadays, you can also find a six weight sans fighting butt. Regardless, when you're trying to crank on a larger fish and keep them out of the root wad, a six weight with a fighting butt and a full wells grip will give you that leverage.

Don't get it wrong. A 5 weight is a great rod. It just has limitations that six weight overcomes with very minimal sacrifice. A six weight has more 'umph' and makes more sense in more situations. If you're thinking about purchasing a fly rod, consider a six weight to bridge the gap in your arsenal if you don't already have one, regardless of what series of weights you currently have. Conventional wisdom should be heard and appreciated. With that said, as modern fly anglers, we should have an open mind and not get stuck in convention or popular belief. Try things on your own, step out of the matrix, and you may experience both better success and enjoyment.