



Kansas City Chapter



May 2023

Club Meeting Date:
May 23, 2023
Fleming Hall 6:30 pm.

Executive Board Meeting
May 2, 2023
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm.

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

Next Club Meeting Date
June 27, 2023
Fleming Hall - 7:00 pm.

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For More Information

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

MTFA Annual State Derby - Bennett Spring State Park
May 19th - 21st.

The 2023 MTFA State fishing derby will be hosted by the Springfield chapter. Derby rules will be distributed when you register at Bennett Spring State Park Store. This can be a great family outing as there is no age limit on who can enter and you don't need to be a member of MTFA. We are encouraging a \$5.00 (donation) as an entry fee to the Derby. This is a good opportunity to bring a friend and meet other anglers that share your passion for trout fishing.

Derby Schedule:

- May 19 - 7:15pm to Store Closing - Registration at the Bennett Springs Store.
May 20 - 5:30am to 6:30am - Registration at the Bennett Springs Store
11:00am Memorial Service
12:00 Lunch at the Pavilion near the Whistle Bridge
May 21 - 12:00pm Derby Ends
12:30pm - Awards ceremony and raffle.

Fish Fry and Raffle - May 23 (6:30 pm) - Fleming Hall

Our May meeting will be a fish fry and raffle. The club will be cooking the fish and providing drinks. Club members are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert.

(Last names A-K dessert to share), (Last names L-Z side dish to share).

A raffle will be held, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you contribute to the dinner, you will receive a free raffle ticket. If you have any fishing or fly tying equipment you would like to donate please contact Jessica Niccoli, our

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40th Annual Kids Fishing Day - Saturday May 6, 2023

Kids ages 2 to 15 get to show off their angling skills at this fun-filled family event that includes casting clinics, fishing contest and prizes!

The derby is held at the old Lake Jacomo beach adjacent to the marina. Derby starts at 9:00am and concludes at 11:00am. We will need volunteers for the registration table, weigh in station, set up poles as needed, and to help with fishing instruction and the awards ceremony. Volunteers need to be there between 7:00-8:30am to get things organized. Note: Registration begins officially at 8:30am. Coffee & Donuts provided for volunteers.

Ken H.

Upcoming Events

May 2,
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall 7:00pm

May 6,
Jackson County Kids
Fishing Day
Jacomo Beach Area
(See page 1)

May 19,
MTFA State Derby
Bennett Springs State Park
(See page 1)

May 23,
Fish Fry - Raffle
Fleming Hall 6:30pm
(See page 1)

June 3,
One Fly Tournament
James A. Reed.



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Branson 2023 Fly Fishing Expo - July 27-29, 2023

The Expo is in the planning stages at this time. They are going to have a fly tying contest as part of the Expo festivities. We have some talented fly tiers in our chapter and I hope you will consider entering the contest. I will send out more information on the Expo, the events and the fly tying contest in the May Troutline. This is a fun event to attend, Branson has lots of things to do, and you can fish Taneycomo. Fly fishing vendors, Fly tiers, raffles, prizes, activities and food. Put the dates on your calendar.

Gary

Get The Most Out of Your Time With A Guide

I want to help make sure you get the most out of any guided fishing trip. This can be booking a week long stay at an all-inclusive lodge or just a day fishing trip while on a family vacation. Over the years I have talked with countless people that had booked and taken guided trips. Here is some advice I have accumulated from experience and from conversations with others to help you get the most out of any trip you book.

- 1.) Ask the right questions to make sure you get the experience you are looking for. Share your goals and expectations for the trip so the guide can help you figure out ways to achieve them. If expectations are unreasonable, you want to know that before committing to the trip as opposed to finding that out on the water.
- 2.) Don't expect an answer to "how many fish will I catch?" because there are so many variables at play here. But you can ask questions like, "how is fishing during this time of year different from if I were to come 2 months from now?"

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Fish Fry and Raffle - May 23 cont'd

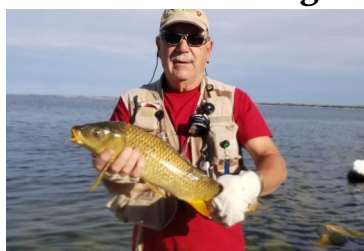
raffle coordinator.

We will be doing a fly swap. We need 12 people willing to tie 13 flies, a bakers dozen, a pattern of your choice. We will take the 13th fly from each box and put in a fly box to be put in the raffle. Since this is limited to 12 individuals, please sign up by May 5th. To sign up, contact **Linda Chase** by email:

lschase52@att.net ;
text/call (816) 405-4124.

Come hungry as we look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

President's Message:



Spring is busting out all over. The robins have returned ahead of the dandelions. It always reminds me that I should have been a weather person - no matter of the change between the forecast and the actual weather you are always welcomed back at work the next day! Crappie and blue gills are com-

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Get The Most Out of Your Time With A Guide Cont'd:

- 3.) Hire a guide to learn from him/her and for their local knowledge. Trout in one part of the world act very different than trout in others. A trout guide in Montana will benefit from fishing with a resident Alaskan guide. You will learn where to find fish in their own local streams and how they catch them. One of my favorite parts about booking a guided trip is learning new techniques used in one part of the world then bringing them back to my own home-waters.
- 4.) Hire a guide to learn different lessons, i.e. double hauling, mending, playing fish on light tip-pet. Guides are there to *teach*, not a guarantee that you *catch*. That is why we call it fishing and not catching. I have been blessed to have fished with some of the best guides in the country. Ed Ward gave me a lesson on double hauling in the wind up in Alaska. Be a sponge when with a guide, listen to their suggestions and learn from them.
- 5.) You may not need a guide your entire trip but hire one the first few days before doing the rest on your own. Support him and he more than likely will give you some great advice for the days you will be fishing on your own.
- 6.) Regardless of why you hire a guide, be sure to properly communicate. This is the best piece of advice and will ensure the best possible day for both parties. Are you looking for instant gratification and as many fish as possible or a more challenging experience? This is great feedback for a guide to know and will control things like if he brings you a nymph set up or a two handed rod.
- 7.) Be sure to ask the guide or lodge what is provided. Do they furnish flies, rod/reel or do you need to bring your own equipment. Is there loaner equipment available in case you break a rod. Be sure to ask if they provide lunch/drinks or do you need to provide your own.

Hope you will expand your horizons and try a quidded trip. You won't regret it.

Gary

Branson Expo Fly Tying Contest:



Rules have been kept to a minimum. The entrant must tie the fly that is submitted for judging. Each entry must include the name, address, phone number and email address; along with two flies for each category entered (they must be the same size, color, etc.). You need to include the recipe for the fly including tying instructions, along with fishing instructions and the category that you wish to have it judged in. There will be nine categories: nymph, dry fly, wet fly, traditional streamer (single hook), articulated streamer, bass bug, salmon/steelhead, salt water and best in show. You may submit as many patterns as you wish. You can

win a maximum of three categories. All flies submitted will become the property of the Branson Fly Fishing Expo committee and will not be returned. Any fly that contains real insect parts will be eliminated from the competition. The decision of the judges is final. Committee members and judges are not eligible to participate in the contest.

To enter all you must do is send your flies, recipes and fishing instructions to Matthew Peet, P. O. Box 26, Kisse Mills, MO 65680 All entries must be received by June 1, 2023. Winners will be announced June 1, 2023 MTFA-Springfield.org and www.facebook.com/groups/MTFA.Springfield/events/.



Free Fly Fishing Lessons/Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Fly Tying Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Call For Appointment 913-341-8118

FACEBOOK

Join us every Tuesday at 5pm cst

Facebook.com kkflyfisher Facebook Live Streaming

*** Fly Tying**

Hosted Trips:

Belize - Tarpon Caye Lodge

6 Days Guided - 7 nights (Oct 23-30)
\$4200

Missouri River - Wolf Creek

5 Days - 6 nights (June 11-17) (July 9-15) \$3750.00

Montana - Missoula

5 Days - 6 nights (June 25-July 1) (Sept 24-30) \$3400.00 (Fishing the Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot Rivers)
Venue - Double Tree Edgewater

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

President's Message Cont'd:

ing in. It won't be long before we are complaining about the Missouri heat ad humidity.

May is full of opportunities for fishing the pods and streams throughout the state, with opportunities for volunteering - just getting outside to get some sunshine and just airing yourself out - get refreshed and freshened up. Kids Fishing Day at Lake Jacomo is May 6th, come on out and volunteer for a couple of hours. Bring the kids, grandkids and even the neighbor kids. It won't be long before those kids will be gone on to other waters, so stay a couple more hours and catch the fish that all of the kids could not.

Come to the May 23 MTFA Fish Fry and Raffle and bring a friend. Please note that Caleb Pemberton, MDC Fisheries Biologist for the KC area will be the guest speaker.

And, of course, amid all of the above noted scheduled events don't forget to add in Cinco De Mayo (May 5), Mothers Day (May 14) and Memorial Day (May 24) to close out the month.

Ken H



Frontline Calendar



May 9 - 7:00pm at the DAV

May 16 - 5:30pm (Fly Tying at the Rainbow Fly Shop)

**May 23 - MTFA Monthly meeting Fleming Hall
Fish Fry 6:30pm**

Jackson County Parks + Rec

KIDS' FISHING DERBY

40th Annual

LAKE JACOMO
9200 Beach Road
Lee's Summit, MO

Registration - 8:30AM

Fishing - 9:00AM to 10:30AM

Casting Contest - Ongoing

Please bring a fishing pole, bait & bucket to transport your fish for weighing.

FREE EVENT

SATURDAY
MAY 6TH
Ages 15 & under



PRIZES & TROPHIES

will be awarded following weigh-in completion.

FREE FISHING POLE

for the first 250 kids that register courtesy of Pure Fishing.



Thank you to our partners: Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association & Optimist Club of Lake Lotawana