



Kansas City Chapter



October 2023

Club Meeting Date:
October 24
Fleming Hall - 6:00pm
Annual Chili Supper

Executive Board Meeting
October 3
Fleming Hall - 7:00pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
December 5
Christmas Party/Dinner &
Raffle

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Annual MTFA Chili Dinner October 24 – Fleming Hall:

Fall is in the air and the annual club Chili Supper and raffle is this month. Club members and their guests are invited to attend the dinner which will be served between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Some of our best cooks have volunteered to bring pots of chili, there will be something to please everyone's pallet. If you would like to bring a pot of chili or a favorite Fall soup, please contact **Linda Chase at (816) 405-4124.**



Club members are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert per the first letter of your last name.

(Last names A-R a side dish to share),

(Last names S-Z a desert 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 or David Cook, our raffle coordinator.

Come hungry and bring a friend, as we look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

2 MTFA Branson/Springfield Chapters

Their Annual Club Fly Fishing and Chili feed will be held again this year on October 21st. at noon in the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery Pavilion. I have attended this event numerous times. It's a great event and enjoyed meeting other members of both the Branson and Springfield chapters.

5 Fly Tying Classes have Started at Fleming Hall -



If you did not get signed up for our fly tying classes but would still like to attend, Class #2 - Oct 2 and Class #3 - Oct 16.

There will be three tables set up for tying; one for **Beginners**, one for **Intermediate** and one called the **Challenge Table**. Come and join us.

Thank You, *Merril*

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

Oct 2,
2nd Fly Tying Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Oct 3,
E-Board Meeting
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Oct 16,
3rd Fly Tying Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Oct 23,
4nd Fly Tying Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Oct 24,
Annual Club Chili Supper
& Raffle
(See Page 1)

Oct 30,
5th Fly Tying Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

President's Message:

Congratulations to the new River Princess, Queen of the Stream! Please stand-up Linda Chase and show everyone your new crown and cape. Your work this year has been a great contribution to the overall success of the KC MTFA. Again, we thank you.

While speaking of Linda, don't forget to contact her or Merrill Miller to sign up for fly tying class so that we have a table opening for you. He wants to hear from you.!!

October brings us goblins, ghouls, and pumpkins AND a great time for a chili dinner and raffle. October 24th in fact. Contact Linda C. to get your reservations and to let her know which chili you will be bringing: chicken chili, venison chili, chili con carne or, my favorite, chili mac.

And a hearty handshake to David Cook for being the 2023 Roaring River Fall Derby Winner with the longest trout coming in at 14 ¾ inches.

Let's all get outside and enjoy this fall weather to make up for the time that we had to spend inside and miss all of that vitamin D due to the heat.

Ken



Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Review

MTFA-KC 2023 derby at Roaring River is in the books. This year's derby was a success in spite of low attendance. David Cook won the longest fish contest with a (14 ¾ inch), 2nd place John Piepmeier (14 ¼ inch) and 3rd place was Dan Kellogg with a (13 ½ inch). We had a great meet and greet on Friday evening with sandwiches and such: Saturday evening everyone gathered for a BBQ dinner catered by BBQ Station located in Cassville, MO and swapped fishing stories. David Cooks homemade cobblers (cherry and apple) for dessert were yummy. Sorry you missed out. We had leftovers from Saturday evening for Sunday lunch. Fishing was tough but the weather was awesome. Thank you David for taking pictures (See pictures on page 5).

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New MTFA - KC Hats:



It's time you replaced that old MTFA hat and get a new MTFA KC hat! You are in luck as we the new hats. You have 4 colors to choose from; **Navy/Copper, Bluefin/White, Khaki/Dr Spruce and White/Gold**. If you are interested in acquiring a new hat, please contact David Cook our hattery leader with your choice of color and number of hats you want. Cost is \$15.00 per hat.

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How Much Should I Tip A Guide

If you are going somewhere you have not been to before for a fishing trip, it's always a good idea to hire a fishing guide. If it's a small stream or lake you may not need a guide but when it comes to big streams/ivers or huge lakes a guide can save you a lot of time and frustration. Even if I have been to a river several times, I will still get a guide for a day just to learn anything new about the river.

So, how much do you tip a fishing guide? Generally, you want to think somewhere between 15-25% for good service and fun. But, how much you tip your guide is going to depend on a variety of factors. An average tip for a fishing guide is somewhere around 20%. I will never go below 15%.

As an example, if you are paying \$500 for a day of fishing you will want to leave a good tip. Most generally the guide provides the boat, lunch, gas, flies, and rods, plus his/her knowledge of the river or lake. Even if doing a walk/wade trip the guide will change your flies, pack the lunch and gear needed for the day.

It may seem unreasonable to pay hundreds of dollars for a guided day trip or longer but the guide only receives a portion of the fee. They rely on your generosity.

Exactly how much you tip should be based on the overall experience, performance, fun and service which the guide provided you.

Here are some factors that will help you determine the size of tip.

1. The Location

One of the factors in determining the tip amount is the location. Are you fishing out of a high-end lodge or a small outfitter in a small community. Generally higher tips are expected in North America and Canada than places in Mexico, Central and South America.

2. Was the Guide Helpful

An important factor is whether the guide was knowledgeable, know where the best fishing spots are, know which areas to avoid. Did he/she know which fly to use and the presentation. Did the guide give you helpful advice or just sit back and watch. You hire a for their knowledge, that can give you fishing tips and help solve casting, presentation, or landing fish. If you ended up with a guide that was just a passenger/observer, they do not deserve a good tip.

A guide provides value by facilitating an excellent experience, providing great gear, sharing their expertise, and building an atmosphere of positivity and excitement for the trip.

3. Fun

Most guides I have used all asked me questions about where I have fished before and the types of fishing I've done. They're looking for the experience level that they are dealing with.

I always tell the guide that I am looking to catch some fish, but I want to have fun and learn something new. If the guide recognizes a bad habit I have developed, I want him/her to point it out and help correct it.

I have shared a boat with a fellow angler that refused the help of a great guide. The person would not accept tips on casting and landing fish. He was not very successful, but I had an awesome day.



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1 Hour Mini Clinics -

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*** Fly Tying**

Hosted Trips:

Belize - Tarpon Caye Lodge

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

Montana - Missoula

5 Days - 6 nights (Sept 24-30)
\$3400.00

Fishing the Clark Fork, Bitterroot,
Blackfoot Rivers) Venue - Double Tree
Edgewater

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

How Much Should I Tip A Guide Cont'd

How friendly is the guide. Did he/she carry on a conversation. A guide doesn't only need to be a skilled and knowledgeable angler, but they also need to be pleasant and someone you like to be around.

There isn't anything more frustrating than having a guide who is rude or silent which doesn't make a fun day.

4. Was Your Day Successful

The number of fish you catch is not in the guide's control. If he/she put you on fish, in great locations, and gave you good tips, you had a successful day.

But, if you were out all day and you didn't catch many fish or any at all, chances are the guide did not do their job.

If you don't catch a single fish by the end of the day you are not going to be happy. You need to consider if the weather conditions and water conditions were part of the problem, and not the guide's fault. In my opinion they normally will work their tail off to get you on fish in the worst conditions. I have communicated to the guide that all I wanted to do was go after lunkers, which means you are probably not going to catch a lot of fish, but if you get that trophy it's worth it.

5. Would You Recommend the Guide to a Friend

If your guided trip was not good enough to recommend to a friend or a family member, then it probably was not good enough to warrant leaving a good tip.

In Summary,

Consider these perspectives the next time you're planning to take a guided trip anywhere. Guiding fishing trips is not an easy line of work and chances are if you hire a guide, you appreciate their time and energy. It's important to realize that at the end of the day you are supporting a person just like you are when you spend money with any other small business. So, if you appreciate the experience, you are having or even if you don't, but you understand that the negatives were outside of anyone's control—tip to support the guide as an individual to keep their lights on and to keep them in business and on the water for next time.

Gary & Mike McKenzie

MTFA Club Christmas Party - December 5

Be sure to put this date on your calendar and join us for our Christmas party at the **DAV Hall**, 14605 E US Highway 40. This is just east of Nolan RD and Highway 40 in Independence. More Information will be coming in the November Troutline.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

The E-Board

Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Review



Queen of the Stream - 2023

Dinner Time

Frontline Calendar of Activities



Sept 12 - 7:00pm at the DAV

Sept 19 - 5:30pm (Fly Tying at the Rainbow Fly Shop)