

# The Leader



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## On The Water

*by Dave Smith*

September is here as we turn our plans to Fall fishing both local and trips to your special water. The July trip to South Fork, Colorado was enjoyed by a number of DFF members. They said the trip was great so start your plans for 2026.

The Fall season will have outings to local fisheries be sure to check The Leader calendar for more information.

- The FFI Fly Fest will be in Grand Rapids Michigan Sept. 26-27, 2025
- The Toledo Bend Rendezvous will be held in Zwolle, La. October 31- November 2, 2025 this is always a fun event.
- Our 3rd Tuesday Fly Tying Class will start again September 16th at Cabela's in Allen

Remember if you make that fishing trip be sure to take pictures and write a short article for The Leader.

Send your story to COLBY BURKE at [colbyburke@gmail.com](mailto:colbyburke@gmail.com)

It's time to renew your fishing license you must have your new license starting September 1st.

Until next time I hope to see you on the water or at the tying bench.

*Dave Smith*  
*President, Dallas FlyFishers*



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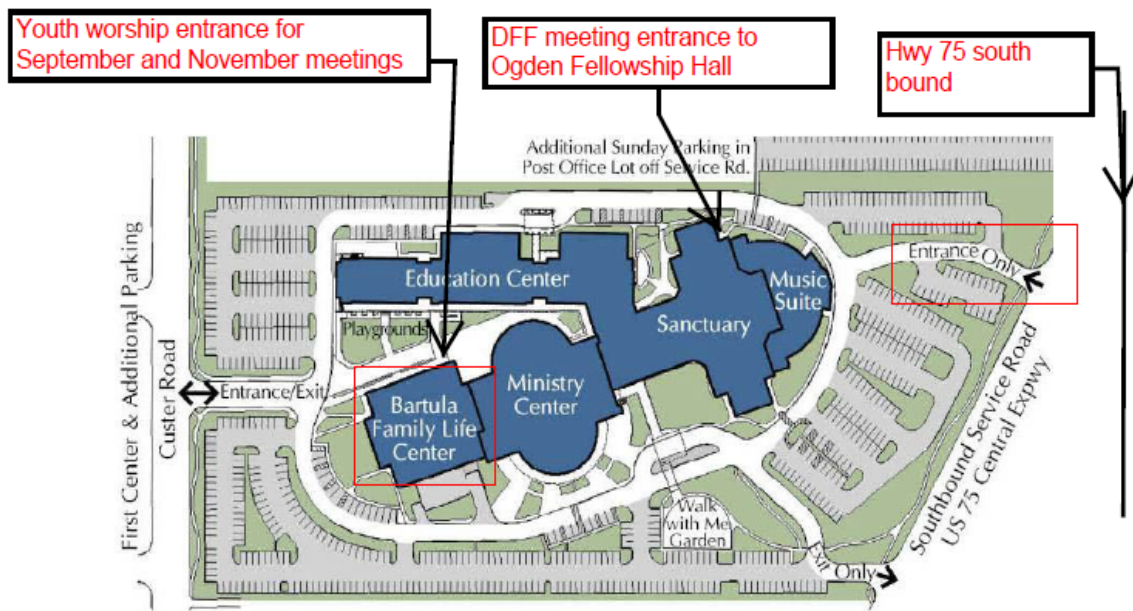
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## DFF Program Schedule



located between Arapaho (to the north) and Beltline (to the south) Rds  
address: 503 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

This month's meeting will be **September 8th**, with speaker **Chase Smith**, at our regular meeting location at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.

### The DFF has a new, active line-up prepared for the membership

5-5:45 PM - Happy Hour Hang Out + Snack Time @ Burger Island. Yum! (Less than 5 Minutes from First United Methodist on Arapaho) - 525 W Arapaho Rd #8, Richardson, TX 75080 Menu link: [checkle.menu/burgerisland\\_richardson](https://checkle.menu/burgerisland_richardson)

6-6:45PM - FREE Casting Workshop in the Gymnasium adjacent to the Youth Worship

**OR** 6-6:45PM - Fly Tying Demo in the Church within the room for the month

7PM - Presentation

**Dear Members,** If you have been around someone who is ill, and exposure is 10 days or less from a DFF event, we are asking that you please enjoy the event via Zoom from home. We are trying to limit exposures to others, whether it is COVID-19, the Flu, the common cold, or any other communicable disease. We appreciate your help in working together to keep everyone healthy.

## 2025 Calendar

The 2025 Programs and major events calendar. We are having another great year at the Dallas Flyfishers. **Danny Soltau** has been hard at work setting things up.

**September 8th: Chase Smith of Fishchase Flies Monthly Meeting**, 7:00 FUMC Richardson, Youth Room

**September 26th–27th: FFI Fly Fest**, Grand Rapids, Michigan

**October 6th: Monthly Meeting**, 7:00 FUMC Richardson, Youth Room

**October 10th–12th: Oktoberfisch 2025**, Morgan Shady Resort, Junction, Texas

**October 31st–November 2nd: Toledo Bend Rendezvous**, North Toledo Bend State Park, Zwolle, LA

**November 3rd: Monthly Meeting**, TBD

**December 7th: Annual Holiday Party**, TBD

## 2026 Board Vacancies

*by Dave Smith*

The Dallas Fly Fishers will have the following Board vacancies for 2026 calendar year.

- Vice President
- Membership Chair
- Casting Chair
- Trustee 2028

Any member in good standing is eligible to fill the vacancy. Nominations can be on behalf of someone or self-nomination.

In the October Leader candidates will be announced. Board members are voted into office at the November General Meeting.

The 2026 Board will be installed at the December Holiday Party.



# Upcoming DFF Outing

## Latham Springs Outing

Our September outing will be at the Latham Springs Camp and Retreat Center. This is one of my favorite outings. Easy bank/wade fishing. Lots of fish.

The outing will take place on Saturday September 20, 2025 from 8:00 - 2:30. Outing cost is \$10.00 per person. You pay the day of the outing. If you would like to attend, sign up with Jeff Ziehm. 214-202-2826. [jziehm55@gmail.com](mailto:jziehm55@gmail.com)

We will meet for lunch at 1pm by the trees near the picnic tables (marked in orange on the map). Bring a sack lunch, non-alcoholic beverages, and a lawn chair.

We have access to two ponds (marked with a purple check on map) and the Brazos River. Most prevalent species are: Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Catfish, and Sunfish. There is shore fishing available on all water bodies and wading on the Brazos. For the Brazos, monitor this water gauging station for accurate

water flows near our outing [here](#).

I normally fish topwater for the first few hours, and then switch to streamers after the topwater bite slows.

### The address is:

Latham Springs Camp and Retreat Center  
134 Private RD 223  
Aquilla, Texas 76622-2582

### Driving Directions:

Travel south on I-35 south of Hillsboro  
Between Hillsboro and Abbott take the FM 1304 Exit  
Travel west on FM 1304 approximately 12 miles to N. County Road 2202  
Turn north (right) on County Road 2202, go approximately 3/4 of a mile.  
At the camp, Country Road 2202 will become Private Road 223



## Training Dates for Dallas fly fisher Beginner Fly fishing Class

**LLELA Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area:** 201 East Jones St, Lewisville, Tx 75057 • September 20, 2025 • 9-2, Bring water and lunch or snack

**Carrollton Tx Rosemeade Recreation Center:** 1330 E Rosemeade Pkwy, Carrollton, Tx 75007 • 9:30-2, Bring water and lunch or snack

**Coppell Tx The Core:** 234 E.Parkway Blvd, Coppell, Tx 75019 • 9-2, Bring water and lunch or snack

Dallas Fly Fishers  
Education Director  
Paul Locklear  
318-518-8945

## IS YOUR CREEK POLLUTED? BUG PICKING DATA SHEET

### Bug Picking Summary Sheet - Furneaux Creek @ Branch Hollow Park - 08/24/2025

#### Group 1 - Pollution Sensitive

- Stonefly Nymph (Plecoptera)
- Mayfly Nymph (Ephemeroptera)
- Caddisfly Larva (Trichoptera)
- Dobsonfly Larva (Megaloptera)
- Gilled Snail (Prosobranchia)
- Crane fly Larva (Diptera)
- Water Penny Beetle Larva (Coleoptera)
- Riffle Beetle Larva (Coleoptera)

Total Group 1 Specimens

#### Group 2 - Somewhat Sensitive

- Dragonfly Nymph (Anisoptera)
- 3 Damselfly Nymph (Zygoptera)
- 1 Scud (Amphipoda)
- Crayfish (Decapoda)
- Waterboatman (Corixidae)
- Water Strider (Gerridae)
- 3 Other Aquatic Beetle Larva (Coleoptera)
- Watersnipe Fly Larva (Athericidae)
- Clam or Mussel (Bivalvia)
- Freshwater Snail (Gastropoda)

Total Group 2 Specimens

#### Group 3 - Pollution Tolerant

- Soldier Fly Larva (Diptera)
- Midge Larva (Diptera)
- Black Fly Larva (Diptera)
- Lunged Snail (Pulmonata)
- Leech (Hirudinea)
- Planaria (Turbellaria)
- Aquatic Round Worm (Nematoda)
- Aquatic Horsehair Worm (Nematomorpha)
- 2 Tadpole (Amphibian)
- 2 Giant Water Bug (Hemiptera)

Total Group 3 Specimens

This water appears to be:  
(Not Polluted)    (Okay)    (Polluted)





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# FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL FLY FEST

After hearing the call for connection and community, we're thrilled to return to an in-person experience filled with hands-on learning, shared stories, and the spirit of fly fishing.

[flyfishersinternational.org](https://flyfishersinternational.org)

**REGISTER NOW**

**SEPTEMBER**  
**26-27**

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



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# **OKTOBERFISCH 2025**

**DATES October 10-12**

**Registration begins Sept 10**

***Be sure to read the Oktoberfisch Newsletters  
for up-to-the-date details.***

***(if you received this to your email - you are already on our  
mailing list 👍👍).***

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## See *Oktoberfisch 2025 Event Registration Page*

Dear Fishing Friends,

We are excited to announce **Oktoberfisch 2025**, hosted by the Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers. This year, we're bringing the event back to its roots—more river, more fellowship, and a laid-back weekend of fly fishing in the Hill Country.

### Event Details:

- **When:** October 10–12, 2025  
(*Main Event: Saturday, October 11*)
- **Where:** Morgan Shady Resort, Junction, TX

### What to Expect:

- Saturday will serve as the main event, but plan to come for the full weekend
- Laid-back riverside camping and casting opportunities
- Local guides and seasoned anglers sharing tips and stories
- Plenty of room to explore, fish, and relax along the Llano River
- A special mini-event: *Panfish Bingo* — grab a bingo card, fish your way through the squares, and earn bragging rights (plus a few prizes)

### Lodging:

- RV and tent camping are available at Morgan Shady Resort
- Local hotels are also available, \$5 day pass for Morgan Shady if staying off-site
- Please note: **you will need to make your own lodging reservations**

We look forward to seeing you this fall for another memorable Oktoberfisch weekend.

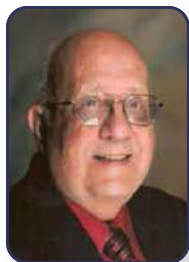
Tight lines,

**Forrest West**, Vice-President Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers  
[Forrestwest@thcff.org](mailto:Forrestwest@thcff.org) 830-997-8040



# September Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson



It is about time to renew all those licenses, and to think about the fall fishing and hunting parties. Friends who have remote cabins may be putting out the Deer Feeders. We fishing friends are getting ready for the fall spawn of our favorite fish. They may be feeding like crazy to get some fat layer built before the fall sets in. Migratory birds that winter here and further South are plentiful and travel often in great numbers. So, watch for them. Clouds of butterflies on their way south to winter over in the Mexican high country have been seen and noted on the TV News.

I personally love the cooler weather and the chance to be outdoors when it is not so hot. This also puts the animals on a feeding binge to store up some reserve energy for the winter weather.

There is much to be thankful for and while a lot of things are in a state of flux right now, we still have work to do. With the picnic season over, some serious trash, both at home and world-wide, needs our attention. It has been a cosmic year of our planet's forces going wild. If the prognosis on many fronts holds up, new waves of mountains, geysers and giant earthquakes are becoming more and more likely as a reality. I lived near to Mt. St. Helens in the state of Washington when it blew and it was spectacular to say the least. Seismic events like our geyser basins and earthquake driven tidal surges have

become a lot more common, and while I love to watch Nature flex its muscle, some very big items are happening.

Africa is splitting, giving us another inland sea and another set of islands where East Africa is now. While that is of little day to day importance to us, the planet's geology is becoming more uncertain, and some of these like the Pacific Ocean Tidal Waves do have the potential to matter. This year our parks got off to a bad start. National Parks in many cases never got up to speed. Our work with wildlife was helped by reasonable weather even if the visitors in many cases could not get in to see them. Perhaps 2026 summer will see a better start, but first we need to get them through the winter. We here in the west where about 10% of the population lives while taking care of a majority of our Outdoor big animals can get a better start this year.

**Nations gathered in Geneva for what many hoped would be the final meeting to craft a landmark treaty to end the plastic pollution crisis that affects every ecosystem and person on the planet**

Nations will try again to confront world's 'spiraling' plastic pollution mess. Both from the viewpoint of making less of it,







and from the approach of the Ocean Sweeping clean-up projects, the wholesale pollution of our planet is an embarrassment. I have posted articles about the sweeping of the Middle Pacific Ocean clean-up which has removed thousands of tons of plastic pollution.

It's the sixth time negotiators are meeting, and they hope the last. A key split is whether the treaty should require cutting plastic production, with powerful oil-producing nations opposed; most plastic is made from fossil fuels. They say redesign, recycling and reuse can solve the problem, while other countries and some major companies say that's not enough. The treaty was supposed to have been finalized last year in Busan, but talks collapsed over deep divisions on whether to limit production, regulate chemicals, or hold polluters accountable.

Only a treaty can mobilize the necessary global action, said Angelique Pouponneau, lead ocean negotiator for 39 small island and low-lying coastal developing states. At home in the Seychelles, Pouponneau said, plastic contaminates the fish they eat, piles up on beaches and chokes the ocean to undermine tourism and their way of life. "It's the world's final opportunity to get this done and to get it done right," she said. "It would be a tragedy if we didn't live up to our mandate." However, campaigners warned on Thursday that the talks have once again been flooded by lobbyists from the fossil fuel and chemical industries who can derail the process. This time, their numbers are higher than ever before.

With the pollution on track to nearly triple by 2060, plastic pollution is responsible for disease and death around the world

and is estimated to cost the US some \$1.5 trillion a year in health-related economic losses, a group of international researchers warned in a report released Monday, adding that 8,000 metric tons of plastic waste was invading our lands, and our water sources. Furthermore, airborne emissions from the fossil fuel industry's plastic production are drivers of climate change and expose people to hazardous chemicals. For years various new products have been blamed for whatever is the current favorite social problem. However, in the case of plastic, it is too widespread in its application to just say stop. It is also replacing a lot of natural processes like pulp and paper to just say stop. We are painted into a corner of our own doing, and it is probably not a situation that even remotely has a possibility of saying "STOP". The damage both on land,

air and sea is huge and almost universal.

The closest thing to a technology solution seems to me to be managing the damage. Pollution cleanup is a big business and this is a huge one. An organization called Ocean Cleanup has been developing the technology for a couple of decades by now. They started in the Pacific Garbage Patch and invented the technology and the procedures to sweep the water for floating debris. Then they pick it up and bag it like these on this much larger boat.







Some of it is in large lumps, but most is in much smaller pieces as the plastic decomposes in the ocean chemistry and the heat of the sun. Many processes are under development to pick these floating particles up and then sweep them onto these larger vessels. This is then brought to land and hopefully it will be dealt with without making an additional problem. Here is a big package of trash being loaded on the open water boat.

More and more the technology to capture the trash near to shore is being used to evaluate the optimum point in the trash cycle to round-up the plastic pollution and get it out of the water. For example, our Pacific patch is dispersed enough and from enough different sources that it makes sense to let the ocean currents sweep the open water and gather it up.

All this stuff is damaging our delicately balanced natural aquatic species, and we have teams out there hosing off the smaller species of things that grow on their hide, and in many cases are out there with motorized equipment removing barnacle growth and other species that love to hitch a ride to better feeding areas. Unfortunately it is to their detriment that they do this.

More and more, the oceans are being filled with contaminated major species. So the truth is that with all that water in all those millions of square miles of ocean, we are still in danger of losing valuable and exotic ocean species to the force of nature. In some cases, it is accelerated by temperature, in others it is the larger species forces to hunt in shallow water where it is more vulnerable to these smaller hitch-hikers. Whatever the cause, the balance of nature is





being damaged by various forces. Some may be huge like all the earthquakes and potential volcanic activity that is accelerating on our Third Rock Home. In other cases, it is simply the balance of nature is being tipped and there is going to be a lot of changes. While this is just how nature works, it may be at the detriment of major species far down the food change like Humans. We will just change the balance of what we eat within the food chain, but a lot of nature does not have that luxury. It is our responsibility whenever possible to repair the damage that has been done.

## The year ends with a bang.

I hope that with all that has happened this year that I will be able to continue to be an active Conservation Worker. The reality is that I am doubtful about my ability to keep up with the Club's needs. I have been doing Conservation for over 30 years now and am being forced by reality to admit that I am not working at the level I want for your Club's needs. Therefore, I must accept that While I hope to continue to write an article or be part of a project from time to time, that my support cannot be counted upon. So, anyone that feels they would like to support the Conservation Column, please contact the Editorial Team or our President.



To Join DFF, complete the form below and mail along with your check to:  
Dallas Fly Fishers  
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Dallas, Tx 75243

You can also join or renew online at  
<http://www.dallasflyfishers.org/membership.html>

## MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL

New Member ☐ or Renewing My Membership ☐ (Check one) Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you a current member of the Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes ☐ No ☐ (check one)

### New Members:

Annual membership dues: \$36 per year  
After July 1st, pay \$18 for half year  
After Oct 1st, just pay for the following year

### Renewing Members:

Annual membership dues: \$36 per year