# The Leader



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## On The Water

by Dave Smith

Good day flyfishers as I write this Halloween is just around the corner. Cooler temperatures will soon be here and the fishing temps are about to get better. Be sure to get out on the water and enjoy nature. A fish or two may be in your future. November is here and a number of members have put their names forward to fill out the 2026 DFF Board.

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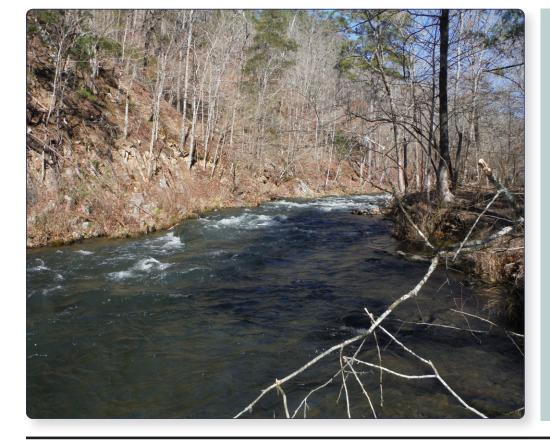
Trustee 2028 - Al Plamer

Vice President - Colby Burke

During the business portion of the November meeting the election for the 2026 Board took place. The Holiday Party will

be Sunday December 7th at Besa's Italian Restaurant, Jupiter Rd. Garland. Be sure to plan for this by adding your name now; the deadline is Sunday November 16th. If you have something in mind to donate for the Holiday Party bucket raffle please let me know. We are heading into a busy time of the year so be sure to mark the dates for events on your calendar so you don't miss out. Until next time I hope to see you on the water or at the tying bench.





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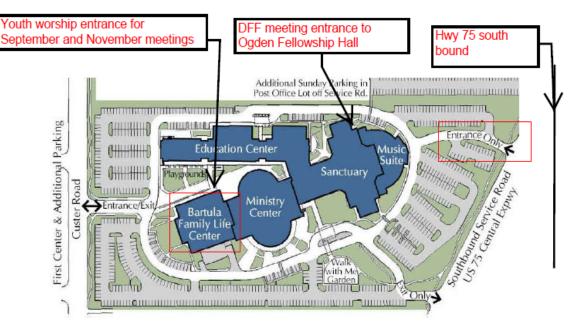
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# **DFF Program Schedule**



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

This month's meeting was **November 3rd**, 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: <a href="mailto:checkle.menu/burgerisland-richardson">checkle.menu/burgerisland-richardson</a>

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.

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

November 18th: Third Tuesday Fly Tying, 6:30 at Bass Pro Shops (formerly Cabela's), 1 Cabela Dr., Allen,

TX 75002

December 7th: Annual Holiday Party, TBD

### Beginner Fly fishing Classes Hosted by the Dallas Fly Fishers

**November 8, 2025** • The CORE • 234 Parkway Blvd, Coppell, TX Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM • What to Bring: Water, and a snack or lunch

Contact: Paul Locklear • Education Director, Dallas Fly Fishers • 318-518-8945

# October Outing Report Jeff Gannon's Ranch

Sixteen club members enjoyed a fantastic day of fishing at Jeff Gannon's beautiful ranch on Saturday, October 18. Attendees included:

Larry Abrams, Cathy Candler, Rusty Ketz, Dan Montayne, Dave Smith, Al & Maria Palmer, Terry Sullivan, Dave Shatzer, Gary Threadway, Chuck Willis, Dan Inns, Jon Boettcher, Steve Jackson, Keira Quam, and Jeff Ziehm. My apologies if I omitted anyone.

If fish count is the measure of success, this outing was a grand slam. Everyone caught fish — many caught lots of fish, and several landed impressive fish.

#### **Pond-by-Pond Highlights**

- North Pond (closest to the road):
   Water was off-color but moss-free. Dan caught sunfish on a Red Ass fly. I got skunked.
- Small Pond (just southwest of the house):



Clear, healthy water with some moss. I landed 3 largemouth bass in 20 minutes. Larry Abrams said he wouldn't have fished anywhere else — it was that good. Rusty also had success with bass here.

- Big Pond:
  - Dave Shatzer and Keira Quam caught a large number of bass, many of them good-sized. Dave Smith and Dan Montayne did well using a Red Ass fly as a trailer behind a streamer.
- Tennis Court Pond:
  - According to Dave Shatzer, the sunfish were so plentiful and sizable you could catch them until your arms gave out.
- Barbed Wire Pond:
  - Water level was low and the banks muddy watch your footing! Despite the moss, it produced bass and a few sunfish. Mariya had good luck with a sunfish imitation.

#### **Looking Ahead**

Jeff Gannon has generously invited us back for the same weekend next year. Mark your calendars — October 17, 2026!





To Join DFF, complete the	MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL
form below and mail along	New Member or Renewing My Membership (Check one) Date
with your check to:	Name:Spouse'sname:
Dallas Fly Fishers	E-mail address:
8349 Club Meadows Dr.	Home phone:Work:Cell:
	Address:
Dallas, Tx 75243	City: State: Zip Code:
You can also join or renew	Are you a current member of the Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes No (check one)
online at	New Members: Renewing Members:
http://www.dallasflyfishers.	Annual membership dues: \$36 per year Annual membership dues: \$36 per year
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