

# The Leader



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## On The Water

*by Dave Smith*

The fall season has arrived and with it a number of events will take place.

The Fly Tying Group Rendezvous in Farmers Branch Sept 27&28.

The State Fair where TPWD will have a booth with some of our members will be there.

Oktoberfisch in Kerrville Tx. October 12&13.

North Toledo Bend Rendezvous October 18-20.

Be sure to check the calendar in The Leader and the DFF website for all the information.

In October the Club announces Board vacancies for next year and the names of candidates are announced. They are voted into office at the November General Meeting. The 2025 Board will be installed at the Holiday Party on December 8, 2024.

Plan to come to the Holiday Party by registering on the DFF web site. Registration deadline is Sunday November 17, 2024.

Now with all that said hope these events have you thinking of getting out on the water. The bass are active now so your flies may get a workout.

On your fishing adventures if you have a good day with stories to tell

and pictures contact newsletter editor Marshall Baldwin.

it may be in next months Leader.

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

*Dave Smith*  
*President, Dallas FlyFishers*



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# Special Thanks

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There will be four Board members leaving at the end of 2024.

We would like to thank each of them for all the hours and work that went into making Dallas Fly Fishers something special in the fly fishing world.

The Board members stepping down are the following:



Secretary- Jim Woodman



Co- Newsletter Editor - Patrick Grobauer



Education Coordinator - Richard Johnson

Richard has headed up our education for many years working a great number of hours. Richard along with other members made our education program special. In 2019 the Dallas Fly Fishers won the McKenzie Cup as FFI club of the year.



Trustee - Jim Latshaw

**HATS OFF TO THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE.**



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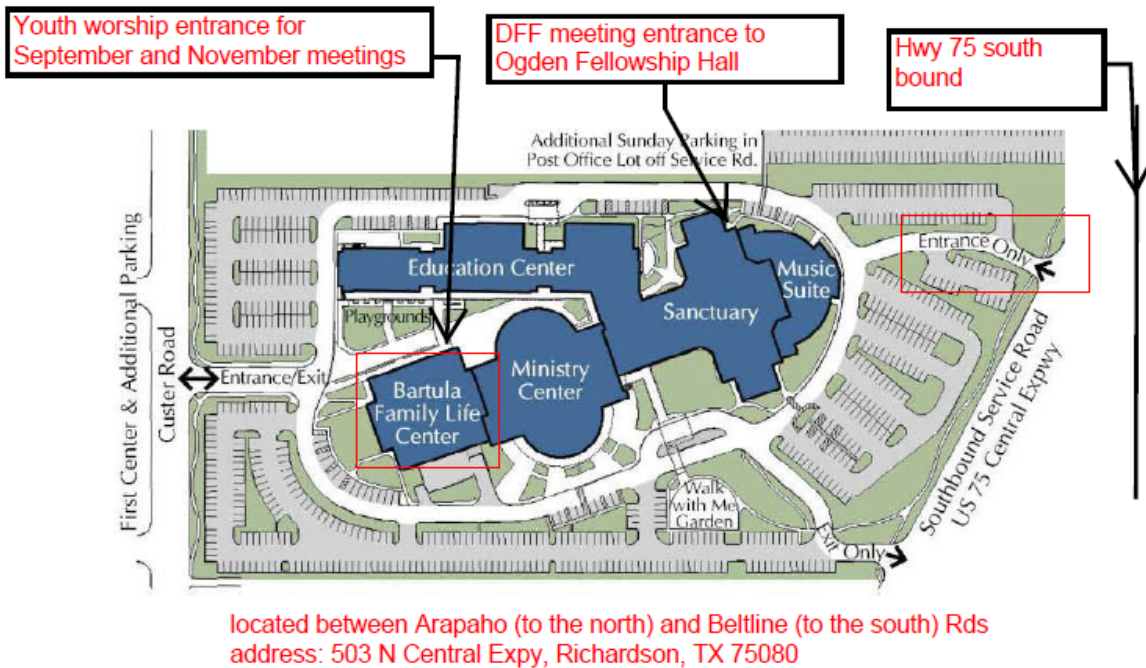
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### Programs

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## DFF Program Schedule

by Danny Soltau & Patrick Grobauer



For this month's meeting we will be October 7 at our regular meeting location at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility over the past few months as we tried to find alternative locations due to conflicts with the church's schedule.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN, fly tying will start at 6:30PM for each meeting, followed by our speaker presentation meeting at 07:00 PM.

**Meeting October 7th:** Will Herring of Brazos River Fish Camp.

## 2024 Program Schedule of the Speakers

By Danny Soltau, 2024 Programs Chairman

**October 7th:** Will Herring of Brazos River Fish Camp will talk with us about the abundant fish species, including Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Gaspergou, Buffalo, Carp, Bluegill and even Longnose Gar. Be sure to attend this

educational presentation on What the Brazos has to offer.

**November 4th:** Open, seeking a lady presenter or two for the fall presentations.

**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.

## 2024 Calendar

The 2024 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.

**October 7th** – Monthly DFF Meeting, 6:30pm at FUMC Richardson.

**October 7th** – Will Herring of Brazos River Fish Camp.

**October 12-13th** – Oktoberfisch, Kerrville, TX.

**October 15th** – DFF Third Tuesday Tying Night at the Allen Cabela's from 6:30-8:30pm.

**October 18th** – Toledo Bend Rendezvous in Zwolle, LA.

**October 19th** – DFF Fly Fishing Class at Rosemeade Rec Center in Carrollton, 9am - 3pm.

**October 27th** – Stream Life at Furneaux Creek 10:00 am.

**November 4th** – Monthly DFF Meeting, 6:30pm.

**November 19th** – DFF Third Tuesday Tying Night at the Allen Cabela's from 6:30-8:30pm.

**November 24th** – Stream Life at Furneaux Creek 10:00 am.

**December 8th** – Holiday Party - Come celebrate the holidays with the DFF at Besa's Italian Restaurant, 7602 N. Jupiter Rd., Garland, Tx 75044, from 6 to 8:30pm. \$50 per person, pre-sale only. BYOB, no cork fee - Raffles - Festivities - Holiday Photos

**January 6th** – Monthly DFF Meeting, 6:30pm at FUMC Richardson.

**March 27-29th** – Sowbug Roundup, Mountain Home, AR.

A festive holiday-themed announcement for the Dallas Fly Fishers Annual Holiday Party. The background features a snowy scene with pine branches, red berries, and pinecones. The text is centered and uses a mix of red and green colors. The main title 'HOLIDAY PARTY' is in large, bold letters. Below it, the event details are provided, including the location, date, and registration information. A section for the 'HOLIDAY PARTY SLIDESHOW' is also included, with instructions on how to participate and a submission deadline.

**DALLAS FLY FISHERS ANNUAL**  
**HOLIDAY**  
**PARTY**

Come celebrate the holidays with the DFF  
at Besa's Italian Restaurant

7602 N. Jupiter Rd, Garland, TX 75044 • Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Register and pay for the party at <https://dallasflyfishers.org/holiday-party> • Deadline for registering is Nov 17

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**HOLIDAY PARTY SLIDESHOW**

The membership received an email with a private link to upload your 2024 fly fishing photos you would like to include in the Holiday Party Slideshow. We want to revel in and reminisce about the fly fishing fun you enjoyed this year, so show us where you've fished, with whom you fished, the fish you caught, and the fun you had. If you did not receive the email, please contact us. **Submission deadline is December 1, 2024.**

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# DFF September Outings Report

## Latham Spring Outing, September 21, 2024

*by Jeff Ziehm*

We had 8 attendees: Roger Rohrbeck and son Scott, Dave Shatzer, Bob Nachtrieb, Ron Eberhardt, Marshall Baldwin, Jon Boettcher, and myself. If I omitted anyone, my apologies.

This is one of my favorite outings. Latham Springs never fails to produce, and this outing was no exception. Everyone caught fish.

I started out with topwater on the big pond. A chartreuse popper brought 16 fish to hand. Twice that many in missed strikes.

We then headed down to the Brazos River. It's amazing how much stronger

river fish fight than flat water fish. The popper stopped working, so I switched to a fly that should be illegal, it is so effective, the black bead head wooly bugger. 18 fish in an hour. It was then time to head back in for lunch.

After lunch we fished the big pond for 30 minutes. Six more. We then headed to the small pond to finish the day. Six for me, all sunfish. Dave caught nice largemouth in the small pond.

I probably had a dozen largemouth bass, a couple green sunfish, and the rest bluegill sunfish. Many of the sunfish were good sized.

This is a great outing. I hope to see you there in the spring.



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## FLY TYING GROUP Rendezvous Recap

### September 27 and 28

*by Jere Anderson*

The Second Fly Tying Group Rendezvous in History, and It was a great one. Some of the top FFI activists met in our neck of the woods for a great two days of activities. Many of the attendees were activists that I have worked with for decade, but only just met them for the first time this weekend. What a great time and lots of the best in the game demonstrating their special techniques.

With the Fly-Tying Programs Chair and Chair of the Fly-Tying Board of Governors being Jack Gillis, a former VP of the

DFF, it was certain to be a success with the energy and skills of the Texas Council available to him. Barry Webster was the most visible organizer of the event, and with the help of many others, it was a superb experience.

An excellent stage with great sound and picture allowed the whole room to enjoy and learn from our demonstrators. Dutch Baughman and Fred DuPre were two of the demonstrators that we should all know.





I had the chance to talk to a group of the FFI Women's Program Board. They are a fun group and very serious. Led by Patty Lueken, who is also a leader in Texas Women's Fly Fishers, this group and the FFI Women Connect was very active during the two-day event.



Of course, the raffles, the auction and other parts of the show were very well stocked with things you cannot possibly live without. I ran out of steam sometime in the afternoon, so I missed the auctions, but some very valuable treasures were available for bidding.



All in all, the event only needed a few more people in on Friday, though this is a quality crowd that easily makes up for quantity. Here is the middle table of tiers.



Many of these tiers had built beautiful and impressive displays of their tying. Here is the one many of us thought was the best.



The food was good and was enough to threaten my weight loss. Two large plates full of the buffet and a couple of adult beverages got me out the door in a mellow mood.

I am not there for Saturday, and it will be better than this I expect. If you missed this, you missed a great event that I hope will be repeated over the years. Just like the FFI Conclave were mostly in Livingston Montana, I hope this one stays in a central location like Dallas. There are a lot of FTG Members and leaders here and they ran a great show.

Thanks, team. This was a real memory builder.



# Oktoberfisch™

October 12-13, 2024

Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers Club's  
Texas Council Fly Fishers Intl.'s  
Annual Fishing Event and Fishing Tournament.

**Happy Bank Expo Hall, 3785 TX-27, Kerrville TX**  
**Adjoins the Guadalupe River and Kerrville Lake.**  
**Fly Fishing Gear, Kyaks and Paddle Boards Welcome.**

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## Be Sure to Register for This Event.

Your admission is free and includes scheduled classes and events.  
BUT: Only Registered Event Goers, Who Have Checked In on Arrival,  
Will Be Entered Into Exclusive "Registered Only" Drawings.

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## **Have you always wanted to fly fish?** **To tie flies? Or fly cast great? Learn Tenkara?**

Oktoberfisch is ONLY two weeks away!! Registration is now LIVE, but not totally necessary. However,  
ONLY registered attendees on arrival will be entered into exclusive "Registered ONLY" Drawings.

Oktoberfisch is hosted by the Texas Hill Country Fly Fishers, and the Texas Council. Please help  
support the event, by sharing the information with your club, through all means of communication.  
And direct them to the Oktoberfisch, and Texas Council Websites.

**[thcff.org/Oktoberfisch](http://thcff.org/Oktoberfisch) • <https://tcffi.org>**

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# Third Tuesday Fly Tying

**Dave's Modern Deceiver, October 15th, 2024**

*by Dan Montayne, DFF Fly Tying Coordinator*

DFF Members,

Cross-over patterns are the life blood of most warm water flies. Patterns occupying our fly boxes show variants depicting clousers, deceivers, woolies, and jig heads. October focuses on warm water, deceiver-style variants.

The attention to feather movement, wet shape forms, and castability are on the menu. Join us this month for an event that zeros in on what really produces more strikes, making this a session not to be missed. See you there.

## 1. Bring:

- sharp tying scissors.
- a small tube of Super Glue.
- 6/0 or 8/0 black or neutral thread.
- magnifiers with a power of 2.5 - 5.0. They will definitely help you see materials placement better.
- a battery powered light source (i.e., LED reading light).

**2. We stop tying at approximately 8:30 and must be out of the store no later than 8:50.**

## Reminders:

- Contact: Dan Montayne to register or cancel. Call or Text: 214-693-4643 Email: [montayne@verizon.net](mailto:montayne@verizon.net)
- Vices and tools are available upon prior request.

**Event Date October 15, 2024**

Registration Deadline 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 13, 2024

## Time

6:00 - 6:30, Meet and Greet

6:30 - 8:30 Featured Fly

8:30 - 8:45, Clean Up

**Location** Cabela's Conference Room, Allen, TX (as you enter the store, to the left of check-out)

Tier/"Go-To" Fly Dave Smith – **Dave's Modern Deceiver**

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## Fly Tying Events

The DFF has three fly tying events per month. The **Third Tuesday** is organized by **Dan Montayne** at Cabela's/Bass Pro and has been going for three years now. Check out his article above and make sure to be there for PART 2 of his dubbing class.

He will also bring tools if you call ahead.

The second and last Tuesday of the month, Danny hosts a free tying night at McNeals in Downtown Plano. Show up early and get some good food. The tying starts about 7PM. The patterns are selected by Danny of the Dirty Water Fly Company who brings the materials. If you need tools, call ahead and he will probably have enough of them for you too. Both of these gentlemen have contact information in the newsletters for their activity, be sure to call them for information.

Join us for Open Tying Nights twice a month on the 2nd & last Tuesdays @ 7 PM in the south room!  
All materials provided, please RSVP to reserve tools if needed!

RSVP at Dirty Water Fly Co or drop an email to [dan@dirtywaterflyco.com](mailto:dan@dirtywaterflyco.com)  
469-573-5040



# September Water Watch

by Jere Anderson

The Sunday after the FTG Rendezvous was water watch. This very important Conservation Project involves taking samples of the water and the stream life forms every month on the last Sunday. Thanks to several years of histories available for the water management organizations.

This time around we had a full team. Ed Bowen, Jere, Richard, and Roger with the help of a new participant, Marsha Maginson were the bugs group and Lisa did her usual great job with the water chemistry. The day was warm and sunny.

We found bugs in abundance even though the stream was almost dry due to the lack of rain for many days. In just one tray of water, we found;



The plethora of Dragon Fly Nymphs was a new find. We have found many others but only one at a time. This project is a lot of fun and some fascinating discoveries have been made. I have seen bugs that I did not know existed, and with my experience of doing water watch-like project since I moved back to Texas in '92, it always is fun to learn some new information.

This project needs some more help. With Ed back we are doing OK, but several of us are not able to get down the cut banks of the stream and bring back a heavy bucket of samples. One or two more volunteers that were on call if needed would be enough.

Have fun and best wishes for a fun and successful outdoor summer.

## October Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson



Another Texas Summer is almost history, and the fall group activities like classes and our famous Awards Banquet are on the horizon. This column will try its best to not have the noise leading up to the next National election

take up our precious space.

September 27th, 28th is the second annual FFI Fly Tying Group gathering. This is formatted much the same as the floor activity in the now defunct FFI Annual Conclave. The best tiers in the land with games and fly box exchanges. A catered Friday Night Banquet is also on the agenda. I hope to have some

pictures elsewhere in this Newsletter.

September 28th is a very good class at LLELA, which is always full. Dozens of students and almost that many instructors.

Of course, our Stream Team will have gone bug picking on the 29th. We really need a few more members to come out on the last Sunday of the month and keep this great conservation project going.

One of my favorites in the Toledo Bend Rendezvous in the North Toledo Bend State Park near Zwolle, LA. It is in mid-October and is a 2 ½ Day campout in bunkhouses in a state park.

Then October 19th, the big one is a class for the public sponsored by the Rosemeade

Recreation Center. Casting in the yard, and fly tying an all the other wisdom in the classroom. A lot of fun, and where you can get an Instructor Certification by appointment. Call Richard for information.

Our Holiday Banquet is coming up on December 8th, and the signups will be in this or the next Newsletter. This party is good, and a lot of work has gone into it all the way back to July.

### Yellowstone to Cull the Wild Bison.

Up to about 175 years ago millions of Bison roamed our mid-western prairies in vast herds that made the ground rumble when they ran. For thousands of years the Native American

Tribes had a culture that was centered on these magnificent animals. They were food, clothing, tent material and by their grazing were grooming a vast grassland that was settled by us European Immigrants. Our early settlers needed both the grazing land and the water, and so began killing these animals off in horrifying numbers. By 1900, fewer than 1000 of these animals remained, and only 23 Yellowstone Park Bison.

This destruction of the basis of their culture had an unforgivable impact on the native peoples that had depended on the herds for almost every element of their lifestyle. Through the efforts of Conservation Minded Citizens, the US Fish and Wildlife Service believes that today there are 20,500 Plains Bison in conservation herds, and perhaps as many as 420,000 in commercial herds. So as a minimum the animals are no longer near extinction.

Even better, the animals in the Yellowstone herd are the last true buffalo that still have all the instincts of self-survival. Several Conservation minded groups are watching the Yellowstone herds year-round to protect the natural genetic diversity of its three distinct

herds. Recently news about capturing some of the growing numbers of animals in the herd and move them to tribal lands to restore the culture of our Native Americans gave me reason to feel good about the thinning of the Yellowstone Herds. I hope I was not too optimistic. The problem of having the excess animals migrating north over grazing land for cattle ranches is also important. A balance must be found here.

One of the most pressing needs is to protect the Bison's seasonal migration needs and protect a historically overhunted species. This is a hot button for the United States Group of the Y2Y project, the Yellowstone to Yukon Project. I support this project, and it is huge. It attempts to protect the last mountain range in North America that runs from our high-country parks around Yellowstone up the valley to the Canadian Province of Alberta and on up that valley to the Alaskan border.

The major issue is the recreational development of the mountain beauty at the expense of having the animals have more limited access to move to safer ground when adverse weather limits their ability to stay where they are. In a nutshell, this is our best

and possibly our last chance to establish some kind of truce with nature, and to preserve the fragile relationship we have with our wilderness ecology.

An exciting event occurred this year. An all-white Bison Calf was born June 4th. These rare animals are part of the Native Prophecy of the Sioux Nations.

The little animal has been named "Waken Gli" which means "Returns Sacred" in the Lakota language. Chief Arvol Looking Horse says that the white calf is a universal symbol of purity, and the prophecy is "a warning for us to do something" about the collapsing environment.

Tribal Groups see the calf's arrival as a sacred blessing, a warning and the fulfillment of a 3000-year-old tribal prophecy. The prediction is that the world will experience immense trouble and suffering if people do not work together to protect the environment.

I would hope that we can unite with the Native American Tribes in this prophecy and the mission of doing something about the damage to our planet. I am even more worried that the White Calf has not been seen again since its birth.

## Rare white buffalo sacred to Lakota not seen in Yellowstone since birth



## How Are Our Fish Doing?

It is the allergy season, and you who are pollen sensitive need to be careful. Our delayed fall weather is making it worse. I remember the pollen season in the Atlanta Area. My black VW would be so covered with yellow pine pollen that it looked like a heavy frost layer. With our fall rains a bit behind schedule, be sure to water those plants. If you have Crepe Myrtles, a good soaking every other day will keep them blooming for a bit.

Last month I documented the Alaskan Salmon Harvest by the bears in Katmai National Park. The big animals work together to get fat for the Alaskan Winter. I grew up along the Columbia River between Washington and Oregon, and our salmon fishery was very important even back in the 1950's. One of the last Dams to go in along that border was the Dalles Dam. It drowned Celilo Falls which was a Native American Fishing site documented in the 1855 Treaty with the Nez Perce Tribe. Here is an old photograph of the fishing there by the native tribes.

This was very dangerous; however, it was their right to fish there. These falls were drowned by the Dalles Dam.

What I am concerned about is the current push to remove useless dams on the Klamath River and on the lower Snake River is turning into a remove all dams. A very large amount of the water for agriculture and much of the Electric Power in the Northwest States comes from those dams. I am sure that the salmon can traverse these lower Columbia River Dams with relative ease.

With the green power folks feeling that Hydroelectric Power is a great deal better than coal fired power, I am concerned that this movement to remove all dams is contra productive and hence not very well thought out. Replacing the lost power with mini reactors in regions all over the Pacific Northwest will take time and cost a great deal of money. My position is that I resist "fixing things" that are not broken.

With the cooling of fall, be sure to get those young people out there and fishing. Our panfish will be active, and the bass and catfish will be hunting for an endless lunch counter. The last gasp of a Texas Summer is so beautiful with the leaf color changes that just being out there is almost



a religious experience. So, start thinking about our short cold and usually wet fall weather. Try to get out there and be ready for the beginning of the trout stocking program. I do not get very excited about a truck load of hatchery Rainbows. I was raised in the Western Mountains and fished for real trout, and their cousins, Salmon and Steelhead. But a trout is a trout so I will probably be out there.

In any case, the end of our fishing year means that you need to renew those licenses, so do not forget. I am seldom asked to show my license in Texas, but it is still the law, and they are very inexpensive for we senior fly fishers. Start hinting about that item you want a loved one to add to your Christmas List. In the meantime, be safe and enjoy the last of our outdoor season.

Have fun and best wishes for a fun and successful outdoor summer.



To Join DFF, complete the form below and mail along with your check to:

Dallas Fly Fishers  
8349 Club Meadows Dr.  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**28<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**SOWBUG**  
**ROUNDUP**

Presented by North Arkansas Fly Fishers

MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**Welcome to a Top 10  
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Fly Tying Instructor

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