

# The Leader



*Newsletter of the Dallas Flyfishers* ♦ *August 2024*  
*Volume XLVII* ♦ *Number 8* ♦ [www.dallasflyfishers.org](http://www.dallasflyfishers.org)



**FLY FISHERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

## On The Water

*by Dave Smith*

The month of June is done and the summer season is underway. The days of rain last month added to the local waters making for some good fishing conditions. I was able to catch a number of Bluegill on a floating ant pattern - great fun!

Many of you will be planning your summer trips with hope of finding good fishing in your travels. A number of our members will be heading to South Fork,

Colorado, in mid-July for some great fishing. Good luck to all! I hope to see some pictures of fish caught.

I will be heading to Ohio the end of June to visit family in the Cleveland area.

I plan to do some fishing in the rivers there before heading back.

The June meeting was a fun evening, as Phil Blackmar gave us some good tips to improve your casting in all conditions. Phil told some of his golf stories from the past while on tour.

All the best in your fishing adventures and stay safe on the water.

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

*Dave Smith*  
*President, Dallas FlyFishers*



## In The August Issue

Page:

- |           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | On the Water                          |
| <b>2</b>  | DFF Board 2024                        |
|           | DFF Program Schedule                  |
|           | 2024 Program Schedule of the Speakers |
| <b>3</b>  | 2024 Calendar                         |
|           | 2024 Outings Coordinator Needed       |
| <b>4</b>  | Upcoming DFF Outings                  |
|           | Fly Tying Events                      |
| <b>5</b>  | July Outings Report                   |
| <b>6</b>  | Water Watch Results                   |
| <b>7</b>  | The Conservation Corner               |
| <b>8</b>  | Income and Expense Statement          |
| <b>9</b>  | Membership Renewal Form               |
| <b>10</b> | NAFF Sowbug Roundup Poster            |

## DFF Board 2024

### President

Dave Smith  
214-918-7171  
dave\_maxsmith@yahoo.com

### Vice-President

Art San Roman  
214-873-9123  
arthursanroman@msn.com

### Past President

Julia Bell  
214-980-9978  
flyshrgirl@gmail.com

### Treasurer

Steve Jackson  
214-356-2184  
steve@vantexholding.com

### Secretary

Jim Woodman  
651-226-7690  
lakebud002@gmail.com

### Trustee 2024

Jim Latshaw  
214-808-6806  
jimel312@hotmail.com

### Trustee 2025

Dani Rose  
281-460-0645  
dani@thedanrose.com

### Trustee 2026

Vaughn DuBose  
972-953-5456  
vaughndubose@gmail.com

### Auction Chair

Dave Shatzer  
972-571-7622  
dshatz86@gmail.com

### Casting Chair

Ed Bowen  
214-477-1423  
ed.26936@gmail.com

### Conservation

Jere Anderson  
972-618-6714  
jaand75023@cs.com

### Education Coordinator

Richard Johnson  
469-877-0695  
rljgj@hotmail.com

### Fly Tying Coordinator

Dan Montayne  
214-693-4643  
montayne@verizon.net

### IT Specialist

Jeff Ziehm  
214-202-2826  
jziehm55@gmail.com

### Membership

Mike Becker  
214-288-3885  
kuduguy@verizon.net  
Dave Shatzer  
972-571-7622  
dshatz86@gmail.com

### Newsletter Editor

Marshall Baldwin  
503-475-8498  
marshall.a.baldwin@gmail.com  
Patrick Grobauer  
469-381-6952  
grobauer.patrick@gmail.com

### Outings Coordinator

OPEN

### Programs

Danny Soltau  
406-600-6732  
dan@dirtywaterflyco.com

## DFF Program Schedule

by Danny Soltau & Patrick Grobauer

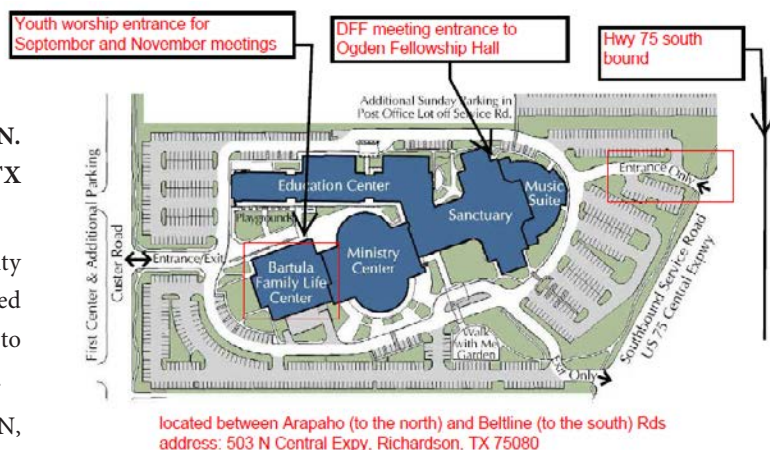
For this month's meeting we will be at our regular meeting location at **First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.**

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 07:00PM.

**Previous Meeting July:** Ron Begnaud, Redchaser guide service South Louisiana.

A Louisiana native and seasoned fly fishing guide with nearly three decades of experience in the Louisiana Marsh. Specializing in targeting giant redfish, black drum, and other species, Ron offers exceptional sight fishing opportunities in one of the country's best fisheries. Based near New Orleans.



**Upcoming Meeting August 5th:** Steven Palmer

Discussing travel prep, strategy, do's and don'ts for fishing trips.

## 2024 Program Schedule of the Speakers

By Danny Soltau, 2024 Programs Chairman

**August 5th:** Steven Palmer, trip prep strategies and planning (date to be confirmed)

approach and strategies to attack different depths with flies and lines

**September 9th:** Ricky Congero, Florida Bass Fishing trip prep strategies and classes.

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

**October 7th:** Danny Soltau, Water column

**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 beginning of the 2024 Programs and major events calendar. We are getting ready for another great year at the Dallas Flyfishers. **Danny Soltau** is hard at work setting things up.

**August 5th** – **Stephen Palmer** - Discussing travel prep, strategy, dos and donts for fishing trips.

**September 6th** – Latham Springs Baptist Encampment

**September 9th** – **Ricky Congero**, Florida Bass Fishing trip prep strategies and planning

**September 27th & 28th** – Second Annual FTG Rendezvous

The Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Group has announced the highly awaited Second Annual FTG Rendezvous, scheduled to be held in Farmers Branch

**October 7th** – **Dan Soltau** - Water column approach and strategies to attack different parts with flies and lines.

**October 18th** – North Toledo Bend State Park in Zwolle, LA.

**November 4th** – OPEN

## 2024 Outings Coordinator Needed

*by Patrick Grobauer*

The club is still looking for an outings coordinator to plan and schedule our fly fishing trips. As Outings Chair, you're primarily responsible for planning and organizing fly fishing trips for club members, which involves researching and selecting suitable fishing locations, as well as coordinating the logistics of the trip. You will also be responsible for communicating trip details, such as dates, locations, equipment needed, costs involved with the membership and providing a quick recap for our monthly newsletter after the outing.

If you would be interested in helping the club fill this vital service to our local fly fishing community, we would love to have you on the Board.

Please contact Dave Smith, [dave\\_maxsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_maxsmith@yahoo.com) or Art San Roman, [arthursanroman@msn.com](mailto:arthursanroman@msn.com) for further details.



# Upcoming DFF Outings

## Second Annual FFY Fly Tying Group Rendezvous

September 27th & 28th, 2024

Dallas, TX – The Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Group has announced the highly awaited Second Annual FTG Rendezvous, scheduled to be held in Farmers Branch, Texas, on September 27th and 28th. This event promises to unite fly tying enthusiasts from far and wide for a weekend of education, camaraderie, and celebration in the heart of the Lone Star State.

Nestled in a suburb of Dallas, Farmers Branch provides the perfect backdrop for this year's Rendezvous, located just 20 minutes away from both Dallas' major airports - DFW and Lovefield.

Registration for this gathering will kick off in June, with eager participants urged to keep a keen eye on the official FFI Website and dedicated event page for updates and sign-up information.

Here's the site for event registration:

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FTG-Rendezvous>

### Event Details:

**Location:** Springlake Event Center, 2280 Springlake Road, Suite 100, Farmers Branch, TX

### Event Highlights:

- **Featured Tiers:** Witness the mastery of demonstration tiers from across the Fly Tying Group as they showcase their skills on both Friday and Saturday.
- **Classes and Workshops:** Dive deep into a diverse array of fly tying subjects through engaging classes and workshops designed to cater to all skill levels.
- **FTG Fly Box Exchange:** Participate in the beloved tradition of the FTG fly box exchange.
- **Banquet and Fundraising Event:** Enjoy great food and philanthropy at the Friday night banquet, where attendees can support the fly tying community while forging lasting connections.

- **Meet and Greet:** Seize the opportunity to mingle with fellow Fly Tiers from across the globe, fostering new friendships and fostering a sense of unity within the community.
- **Rendezvous Merchandise:** Commemorate your Rendezvous experience with exclusive shirts, hats, and pins available for purchase prior to the event.

As the countdown to the Second Annual FTG Rendezvous begins, mark your calendars and prepare to join us in Farmers Branch for an unforgettable celebration of the artistry and passion that unite us all.

For media inquiries, sponsorship opportunities, or further information, please contact:

Barry Webster FTG Rendezvous Planning Committee Head – [barrytwebster@gmail.com](mailto:barrytwebster@gmail.com)

### About FFI Fly Tying Group:

The Fly Tying Group of Fly Fishers International (FFI) is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and support of the art of fly tying as a historic element of the fly fishing experience. Archiving historic documents, development of educational and instructional materials, teaching and demonstrating the use of materials and tying techniques are fundamental to perpetuating the art of fly tying for anglers who fish with the artificial fly.

The Fly Tying Group's work revolves around sharing and teaching to provide opportunities for the fly fishing community to learn new or enhance their current skills. We share information through our newsletter, tying demonstrations at events, maintaining a comprehensive video library, and teaching about the art of fly tying on FFI Online.

## Fly Tying Events

The DFF has three fly tying events per month.

Every Third Tuesday is organized by Dan Montayne at Cabela's/Bass Pro in Allen and has been going for three years now. This month's class was focused on Bluegill flies. If there is a certain technique or fly you would like to know more about, feel free to reach out to Dan and he'll add it to the calendar. He will also bring tools if you call ahead.

The second and last Tuesday of the month are both hosted by Danny from Dirty Water Fly Co. Every **second Tuesday**, Dan is hosting an **instructional tying night** at his shop in **Downtown Plano**. This is great for new and experienced tiers. BYOB / BYOF

Every **last Tuesday** of the month, DFF will be meeting at **McNeal's** for **BYOTS** (Bring Your Own Tying Stuff) in Downtown Plano. This is more of a social event with Happy Hour specials on food & beverage and free tying, so bring whatever fly you'd like to tie. If you need tools, call ahead and Danny will have enough for both events. **July has five Tuesdays**, so keep that in mind when planning.

Both of these gentlemen also have newsletters for their activity so be sure to sign-up.

Summer Edition 24 Fly Tying Night

FREE 4 ALL

DW Fly Co.

(SOCIAL NIGHT) (INSTRUCTIONAL)

Last Tuesdays of the month @ McNeal's TAVERN & EATERY PLANO, TX

Happy Hour All Night

5/28 6/25 7/30 8/27

Tools & Kits Available

Dirty 2nd Tuesdays WATER @ the Shop

JUNE 11TH STUART LITTLE

MUSE FLY JULY 9TH

GONEY BOLOGNA SHRIMP FLY

AUGUST 13TH SEADUCER BAITFISH

SEPTEMBER 10TH WILD THING DIVER

# DDF July Outings Report

## 2024 South Fork, Colorado Outing Recap

by Jeff Ziehm

This year's South Fork, Colorado outing took place July 13 – 20.

We had 17 attendees: Dave Shatzer, Jeff Eggleston, Pat Kennedy & friend Ken, Larry Abrams, Vaughn & Janet DuBose, Tom Ingram, Bob & Letitia Nachtrieb, Larry Johnson, Cody & Julia Bell, Chris Wegmann, Art San Roman, David Hudnall, and myself. If I omitted anyone, my apologies. There was also a good turnout from the FWFF's, headed by Russell Husted.



It was a moderate snowpack year, so water levels were lower than last year. The Rio Grande River flow at Wagon Wheel Gap was in the 390 cfs range throughout the week, 20% lower than last year. Average daily high was 75°, low 52°, a nice relief from the Texas summer heat.

Dave and I flew to Colorado Springs and rented a car. Chris Wegmann flew to Durango. Most others

drove. Everyone stayed at Ute Bluff Lodge, some in the lodge, some in cabins, and some in the Ute Bluff RV park.

Daily routine was to wake up around 6am, chit chat with folks about where they were going to fish that day, and leave for fishing around 7:30am. In the evening kibitz with people about where they fished that day, how was the fishing, what flies were used, and where they were going to go fishing the next day.

### Agenda for the week:

#### Sunday, July 14, 2024

River: South Fork

River char: Pocket water, 80cfs

Species: Mostly browns

Flies: Most on #16 Parachute Adams. Of note, last year's hot fly, the H&L Variet, did not get a hit.

Sunday evening: Welcome reception at Rio Grande Club Fishing Lodge. Access provided by Karen Gephart.

Delicious pulled pork courtesy of Russell Husted.



Julia's Brown Trout

#### Monday, July 15, 2024

River: Alamosa

Access: Predator Ranch – Private (Book through Wolf Creek Anglers)

River char: Riffle / Run. I would guess 80 cfs.

Guide: Jimmy and Hunter from Wolf Creek Anglers

Species: Rainbows

Flies: Most fish caught on nymphs.

Monday evening: Hamburger and Hotdog dinner, courtesy of Wolf Creek Anglers.



#### Tuesday, July 16, 2024

River: Pass Creek, South Fork, Beaver Creek

River char: All three riffle run

Species: Brown

Flies: Parachute Adams was best

Comments: We were skunked on Pass Creek. South Fork was crowded. Beaver was good until it started raining

(Note to self. Always bring a rain jacket), Julia fished this same section after the rainstorm, and did very well with a caddis.

#### Wednesday, July 17, 2024

River: Spring Creek

River char: Small riffle / run with a fair amount of overgrowth, and beaver ponds.

Species: Brookies

Flies: H&L, Parachute Adams, and EHC were all effective

Comments: Vaughn and Janet DuBose also had good luck on Spring Creek.

Wednesday evening. Musical entertainment provided by Bruce and Larry from the Piney Woods Fly Fishers.





**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

River: Trout Creek (Soward Ranch, Private water, requires a \$100 Rod Fee)

River char: Riffle / Run

Species: Brown

Comments: Not a lot of fish, but the fish are much larger than most of the local streams.

Thursday evening: Group dinner at Rachel's Food Truck. Some of the best food in South Fork. What a treat.



*Jeff with a beautiful Colorado background*

Flies: H&L, Parachute Adams, EHC

Comments: Some of the smallest water I have ever fished. 2' to 5' across. Fish were 2" to 8", with most being in the 3" to 5" range. Fun way to finish the week.

Start making plans for next year's South Fork outing. It will be July 12-19 2025.

I hope to see you there.



**Friday AM, July 19, 2024**

River: Park Creek

River char: Riffle Run

Species: Browns

Flies: H&L, Parachute Adams

Comments: Beautiful water.

Date: Friday PM, July 19, 2024

River: Upper Pass Creek

Access: Campo Molina (meadow a few miles above Tucker Ponds)

River char: Riffle / Run / Meadow

Species: Brookies



## Water Watch Results

*by Jere Anderson*

One of our best Conservation Projects is the monitoring of our Northeast Texas water quality. Our current monitor point is Furneaux Creek in Carrollton.

This is also the site of a very ambitious and successful restoration project managed by a group with lots of input from the Master Naturalists.

This was a great day but dominated by tadpoles. Literally a hundred or more in our sample. Our next time is this Sunday, July 23rd, but that will be too late for this Newsletter.



**Damselfly Nymph**



**Mayfly Nymph**



**Waterboatman**



**Damselfly Nymph**



**Aquatic Moth Larva**



**Scud**



**Tadpole**

# Income and Expense Statement

## Dallas Fly Fishers

Income and Expense Statement for the 12 months ending 6/30/2024

<u>Income</u>	
Membership income	\$ 7,925
Auction income	18,469
Raffle income	559
Contributions income	502
Merchandise income	282
Holiday party income	3,465
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 31,202</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Newsletter expense	\$ 2,838
Speaker expense	7,232
Auction expense	3,931
FFI Dues	600
Liability insurance	950
Meeting room rental	2,850
Administrative expense	1,660
Printing expense	307
Outing expense	100
Holiday party expense	2,551
Donations	1,088
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 24,107</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,095</b>
Ending Cash Balance	<b>\$ 27,214</b>

## The Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson



A few months ago I talked in this column about why I personally will not have an EV in the near future. Well, it seems that my concerns are more widely held than I thought. With all

the pressure to get more EV's on the market, and even making laws that forbid (or attempt to forbid) petroleum fueled transportation. A recent study by McKinsey & Co. has revealed a not at all surprising trend in the electric vehicle (EV) market: many owners are considering a return to gas-powered cars. The 2024 Mobility Consumer Pulse survey, which included nearly 37,000 consumers worldwide, found that 46% of American EV owners are "very likely" to choose a gas vehicle for their next purchase. Australia topped the list with 49% of EV owners considering a switch back to traditional engines. Across all countries surveyed, including major markets like China, Germany, and Japan, an average of 29% of EV owners are thinking about returning to gas-powered vehicles. Why the change of heart?

The top reasons cited by owners include:

1. Lack of charging infrastructure (35%)
2. High total cost of EV ownership (34%)
3. Impact on long-distance travel habits (32%)

These findings highlight a growing gap between the ambitious goals set by policymakers and the day-to-day experiences of EV owners. Things like having the auto manufacturer's drop out of doing EV's like Toyota and Ford Trucks seem to be doing leaves you worried about future service. Other issues such as only 11% of EV owners worldwide felt their area had adequate charging infrastructure are limiting. A whopping 40% reported insufficient chargers on major roads, while 38% cited a lack of charging options near their homes. The data serves as a reality check for both policymakers and industry leaders, underscoring the need for a more comprehensive approach to EV adoption. Texas has a big one due to the power availability. To support the number of EV's planned for by the National Government will require a lot more power in the power grid. If this power comes from the current crop of

Thermal Powerplants, the total greenhouse gasses will go up, possibly by a rather large amount. Are we not just going from burning petroleum in autos to burning it in large and less efficient power plants? I believe that the facts are a petroleum fueled auto is very clean and efficient, even when compared to a natural Gas fueled thermal powerplant. And better yet, the auto gives off exhaust only when it runs.

Today, nuclear power provides 10% of the world's electricity. But to stem climate change, we're going to need far greater amounts of clean and reliable energy. Thirty countries currently operate nuclear power plants. More than two dozen others are looking at nuclear energy to meet their power and climate needs. In the western United States, more than 30 towns and cities are also looking to the future. They want to go carbon free. And they're betting on small modular reactors (SMRs) to get there. Across Europe, renewable energy targets are being replaced with policies built around always-on nuclear power. Finland, Sweden, France and Britain, for starters. The key players (22 countries in all) attending the





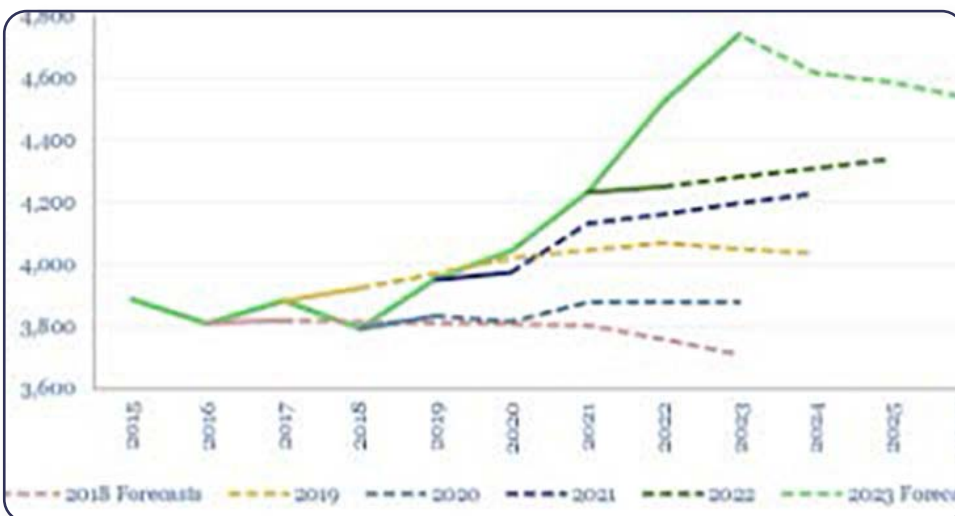
COP28 climate shindig in Dubai backed a US- led pledge to triple global nuclear power generation capacity by 2050. These are places

who have worked out that wind and solar will never amount to meaningful power generation sources. Even in America where

we were working out the details of large scale Nuclear Power when I was in the University in the 1950's has not had a good increase in Nuclear Facilities in more than 40 years. However there are successes to be found.



The rationale behind all these measures is the prevention of global warming that the use of coal and gas is supposed to be causing. As the Dubai energy extravaganza demonstrated, the developing world, now comprising the lion's share of global emissions, is not about to reduce coal use. Indeed, the consultancy Thunder Said Energy regrettably reproduced the following chart illustrating China's burgeoning actual coal use compared to its previously expected trajectory. China is now over half the total global emissions, taking its place with China's position of the leading producer of ocean trash.



So while all of the Western (European) Nations are having mixed but visible success in restricting growth of carbon based emissions, China continues to be the world champion polluter, and is growing rapidly.

One of the big wins in Nuclear is that it can be run at full throttle for literally years. Many of the more beloved energy sources will not come close. Here is a graphic illustrating the advantages of a power source that is clean and can be run at nearly 100% of design capacity no matter what the weather is.





#### More Outdoors Fun

No Jere Article would get by without a Bear Picture.

Here is a Yellowstone Sow Bear with her twins. The wildflowers add a lot to the picture. Such a handsome family in such a beautiful place. I hope your summer gets you out and able to experience nature at its best. I have just rebuilt my yard sprinklers to keep everything green in the heat of a Texas summer. I hope to get in some serious lake and

pond fly fishing. Our FB page has lots of kid fish events, veterans fish events and just plain our members getting out and about. We often go to being morning and evening fishers and hide out in air conditioning or at least a shady porch during the peak of the days solar radiation. Fly casting with floating offerings along the edges of the weed beds is a winning game plan much of the time. For now, there are some pretty big fish being caught.

However, an endless supply of panfish on a 7-foot three weight can be exciting in between sips of your favorite summer cold beverage. Warm water fish take a floating offering like the one we did in Dan's Fly-Tying class last month. On a light flexible rod, these guys can be caught at the right time of day about every other cast. Nature provides for us in our great state of Texas, so go out and enjoy it.

Do be careful in the heat. Lots of water, and find shade where you can may be a very good plan. The club is up to a lot, and just after you read this, our plans for the fall season will be coming together. Give us your input. Big cleanup events after the Labor Day Holiday is usually needed, due to way too many folks that are not responsible for their own trash. I regret that, but I do not want us to fail in the cleanup responsibility.

***Get involved. Our Outdoors needs all your help.***



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

**North Arkansas Fly Fishers**  
**Proudly Presents the**

**2025**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**SOWBUG ROUNDUP**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



**Celebrate**  
**Euro Nymphing**  
**on the**

**White & Norfork Rivers!**



**Baxter County Fair Ground**  
**Mountain Home, Arkansas**

