

# The Leader



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## On The Water

*by Dave Smith*

They say Spring is around the corner, but our recent weather has us looking ahead to warmer days. Springtime brings on that timeless tradition of spring cleaning. Many people take the time to organize things around the house trying to reduce clutter. Looking at my fly tying supplies, I decided it was time to take a look at everything and get it better organized. The plan was to improve storage and make it easy to find material for a pattern

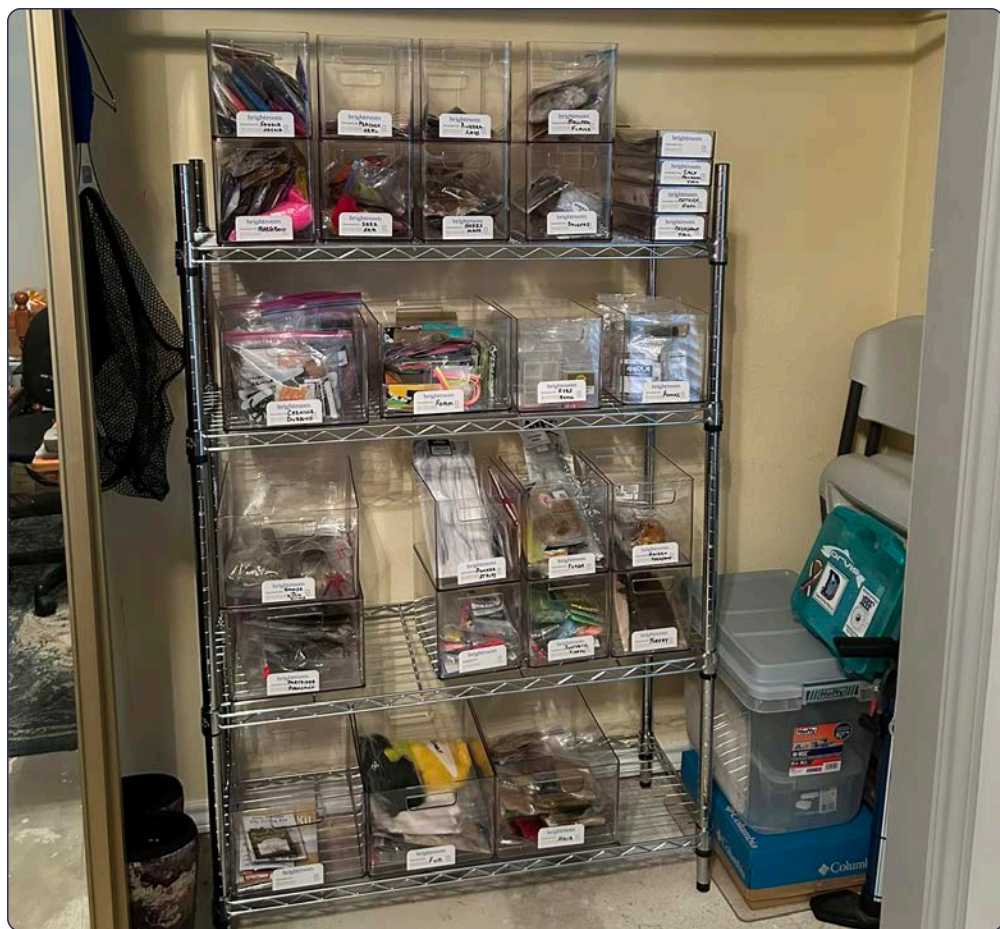
when needed. I planned to use some closet space for my idea. I was in need of some type of shelving and containers. A trip to a local store provided the shelf unit that I needed to put together, and a second store had the style of container I was looking for. Things were rolling along, and now it's time to look at all my tying materials and put them into groups for storage. Happy to say things worked out as planned. Doubles of some items were found, and hopefully, now things are better organized, doubles won't happen in the future. Take a look at what materials

you have so you will be ready to tie that next, must-have pattern.

The month of March will provide us with events and outings to note on your calendar. Be sure to check in the Leader for more information on these events.

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

*Dave Smith*  
*President, Dallas FlyFishers*



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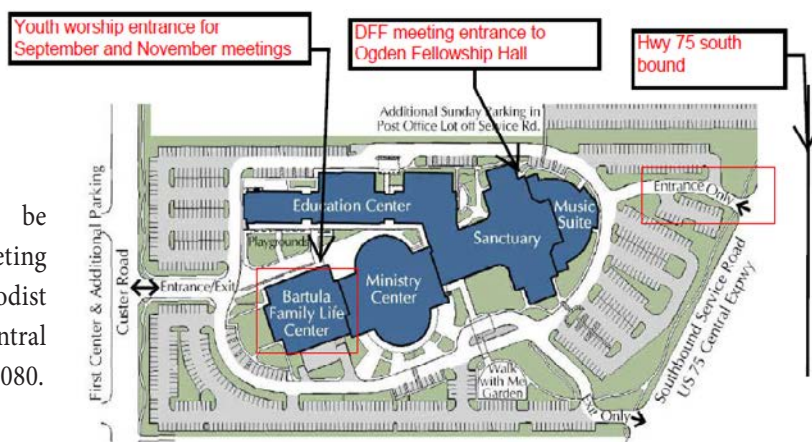
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## DFF Program Schedule

This month's meeting will be March 3rd at our regular meeting location at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), 503 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.



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

**Beginning in March, 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 (Youth Worship for March)

7PM - Presentation

## 2025 Program Schedule of the Speakers

**March 3rd - Greg DeMars** - Greg DeMars is a retired mechanical engineer who began his fly fishing adventures in the Colorado Rockies in the early 1990s and expanded his range from there, fishing all over the world. From the Devils River in his native Texas to New Zealand's South Island and the foothills of the



Greg DeMars

Indian Himalayas, Greg has pursued his passion for fly fishing with the analytical mind of an engineer and the creativity of a blues guitarist and songwriter, gaining valuable insight about fish behavior and fly fishing tactics along the way. An award-winning photographer, Greg ties his own flies and enjoys woodworking, cooking dinner for friends, and the occasional wee dram of fine Islay whisky. Greg is married to his college sweetheart and lives in the Dallas area.

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**April 6th - Blane Chocklett** - Ogden Room

**May 5th - Austin Orr** of Elevate Fly Casting - Ogden Room

**June 2nd - TBD** (Church N/A)

**July 7th - Tie Along w/ Bill Sargeant** - Ogden Room

**August 4th - Tie Along** hosted by Texas Women Fly Fishers w/ Katie Cowen & Dani Rose - Ogden Room

**September 8th - Chase Smith** of Fishchase Flies

**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.

**March 3rd — Greg DeMars, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 FUMC Richardson, Ogden Room**

**March 10th - 11th — DBU Dr. Ray Galloway's Outdoor Experience Class, KNES 1111 DBU Campus**

**March 14th - 15th — Red River Rendezvous, Eisenhower State Park, Denison, TX**

**March 15th — Boy Scout Merit Badge, Trevor Reese Scout Camp, Athens, TX, 8am - 4pm**

**March 18th — Third Tuesday Fly Tying at Cabela's in Allen, 6:30 pm**

**March 20th — White Bass Outing, Nolan River, meet at Rock Creek Bridge, 7am**

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

**March 29th — Beginner Fly Fishing Class, 367 Freeport PKWY, Coppell, 9am - 2pm, bring your own water and lunch**

**March 30th — Stream Life & Chemistry at Furneaux Creek, 10am**

**April 7th — Blane Chocklett, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 FUMC Richardson, Ogden Room**

**April 26th — Beginner Fly Fishing Class at LLELA (Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area), 201 E. Jones ST, 9am - 2pm, bring your own water and lunch**

**May 5th — Austin Orr, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 FUMC Richardson, Ogden Room**

**May 16th-17th — ArkLaTexOma's Bluegill Bash on Lake O' the Pines, Island View RV Park, Friday 10 - 5; Saturday, 8 - 5, 903-767-7930**

**June 2nd — Monthly Meeting, 6:30 FUMC Richardson, Ogden Room**

**July 7th — Bill Sargeant Tie Along Monthly Meeting, 6:30 FUMC Richardson, Ogden Room**

**July 12th - 19th — South Fork, CO Outing, lodging at Ute Bluff Lodge, Cabins, & RV Park**

**July 18th - 19th — Caddo Flyfishing EXPO, Jefferson, TX**

**August 4th — Katie Cowan & Dani Rose Tie Along, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 FUMC Richardson, Ogden Room**

**September 8th — Chase Smith of Fishchase Flies Monthly Meeting, TBD**

**September 26th - 27th — FFI Fly Fest, Grand Rapids, Michigan**

**October 6th — Monthly Meeting, 6:30 FUMC Richardson, Ogden Room**

**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**

# Income and Expense Statement

by Steve Jackson, DFF Treasurer

The financial statement below is published every six months, covering the preceding 12 months. The goal is to keep our membership informed about our budget and the state of DFF Finances. Any comments or questions should be referred to Steve Jackson, DFF Treasurer.

## DALLAS FLY FISHERS Income and Expense Statement For the Twelve Months Ended 12/31/24

Income	
Membership income	\$ 7,362
Auction income	21,329
Raffle income	639
Contributions income	566
Merchandise income	234
Holiday party income	1,600
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 31,730</b>

Expenses	
Newsletter expense	\$ 3,275
Speaker expense	5,445
Auction expense	3,436
FFI Dues	600
Liability insurance	475
Meeting room rental	2,150
Administrative expense	1,724
Printing expense	519
Outing expense	36
Holiday party expense	2,424
Donations	1,577
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 21,661</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,069</b>
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 27,391



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# DDF February Outings Report

## A Day at Bonham State Park: February 15th

by Joel Williams

Hope springs eternal, especially when you're staring down the Texas weather forecast with a handful of flies and a prayer. The Dallas Fly Fishers gathered last Saturday, fully expecting a benevolent shift—sunshine, 60s, the works. But Texas being Texas, had other plans. What we got instead was 45 degrees, mist, and the kind of rain that's less refreshing shower and more clinging fog.

Three of us—stalwart or foolish—met at Bonham State Park at 10 a.m., rods in hand and optimism tucked somewhere under layers of fleece. For the first two hours, it was less “fishing” and more “theater of casting.” The fish were locked down tight, the way only largemouth bass can be when they know they've got the upper hand.

But the thing about bass—and Texas for that matter—is that patience pays, eventually. Two hours in, one of us hooked into a largemouth big enough to remind us why we were there. It wasn't exactly a frenzy, but the lake opened a slim feeding window just wide enough for four good-sized bass to slip through. Then the rain got serious, the bite went cold, and the curtain fell on our act.

An hour later, wetter and wiser, we packed it in. By the time we reached Plano, wouldn't you know it? The sun was out, the temperatures were up, and the weather was perfect—for sitting on a porch wondering why the timing is never quite right.

But that's fishing, isn't it? It's never really about the fish. It's about the moments in between—the cold mornings, the new friends, and those fleeting stretches where everything hums in sync. Bonham gave us all of that and then some.





# Upcoming DFF Outings

## Nolan River White Bass Outing

by Dave Shatzer

Spring fishing season will be starting in about a month. We have planned the March DFF outing for the white bass run at the Nolan River on Thursday, March 20. Program your navigation app to Blum, Texas, just south of Cleburne. We will be trying the “morning bite” and so we will meet at **7 AM, March 20 at the bridge over Rock Creek, 1.7 miles of Blum on FM 933**. We park on either side of the highway just to the north of the bridge. The

trail to the Nolan River is on the west side of the highway. When the white bass are in the Nolan River, they normally are not picky. White, silver, and chartreuse clousers, or anything that looks like a shad minnow are the “fly of the day.”

For those interested, we will meet for lunch at the Break Room Brewing Co., just south of Cleburne on Route 174, at 1 PM. So get up early and join us on March 20.



### WANTED

After January's presentation, Janet and Vaughn DuBose booked a trip with Chrome Chasers for 7 – 13 September 2025. **They are needing two more people to book the trip.** If you are interested, please contact Vaughn. See Board sidebar for contact information.



## Johnson County State of Disaster

At the Texas Council FFI Monthly President's Meeting, club presidents were notified that Johnson County declared a State of Disaster in mid-February. The declaration made the county eligible for federal monies and assistance from Gov. Greg Abbott to help remediate the forever chemicals, PFAS—Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, found in agriculture and water bodies within the county. In 2022, residents began seeking official help as problems with health and livestock rose. They believe the problems began when biosolids fertilizer made from Fort Worth's sewage sludge were applied to Johnson County farmlands. As a result, we are advising that fish caught in Brazos and Nolan Rivers in Johnson County be released and not kept for human consumption. Several local news outlets have covered the Johnson County State of Disaster. You can find further reports at these links:

KERA, Ch. 13 — [Fort Worth sewage sludge fertilizer leads Johnson County to declare 'state of disaster'](#)

NBC, Ch. 5 — [Dangerous 'forever chemicals' found in Johnson County soil and water, disaster declared](#)

WFAA, Ch. 8 — [Johnson County officials still working to understand extent of environmental crisis](#)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension — [Lawsuits, Disaster Declaration After PFAS Contaminates Farms in Johnson County, Texas](#)

## Caddo Flyfishing Expo

**When: July 18th & 19th, 2025 • Where: Historic Downtown Jefferson Texas (44 miles from Shreveport, LA)**



### Details:

You are an accomplished fly tyer. The North Louisiana Fly Fishers would like to invite you to be one a select group of fly tyers to participate in the first Caddo Fly Fishing Expo.

This will take place at the convention center in the quaint historic town of Jefferson Texas. Bring your wife or significant others. The town is buzzing with thrift shops and antique stores. Delightful cafe's and restaurants dot the red brick streets. The general store is a destination of it's own.

### This will be the first Caddo Fly Fishing Expo.

If successful, we plan to offer the expo every odd numbered years. The success of this event depends on quality fly tyers like yourself. We would love for you to be a part of this successful event. Spots are limited. If you can participate please let us know. Email the club at: [nlffclub@gmail.com](mailto:nlffclub@gmail.com)

Please put "Caddo flyfishing expo" in the subject line of email. This will take place at the convention center in the quaint historic town of Jefferson Texas. Bring your wife or significant others. The town is buzzing with thrift shops and antique stores. Delightful cafe's and restaurants dot the red brick streets.

The general store is a destination of it's own.

### The event will offer:

- Incredible fishing on Big Cypress Bayou just steps from the front door of the convention center.
- Reserved tying spot for Friday afternoon and all day Saturday
- Dinner for invited tyers Friday night (plus complementary food Saturday)
- Seminars , bucket draws, and raffles all day Saturday

If you have questions feel free to contact Steve Oliver at: 318-349-6411 or Scott Irwin at 318-469-0854

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# An Average Angler's Blue Ribbon Tour

## Adventure Log: Part 1

by Colby Burke

After only six years, fly fishing is no longer a hobby for me. It is an obsession. Finding myself one job short of employment for the first time in my adult life, I decided to plan out a dream trip. With full support from my new bride, a truck bed camper and enough gear to pull it off, I embarked on a 5000-mile, six-week cross country trout fishing trip. The plan was bulletproof. The resulting story is one of adversity, unexpected camaraderie, and the ups and downs of this incredible sport. I was filled with hope, confident that my 2013 F150 could take me anywhere.

### The itinerary:

Dallas, TX

Navajo Dam, NM

Gunnison Gorge, CO

Salida, CO

Rocky Mountain National Park, CO

Yellowstone National Park, WY

Cascade, MT

Flaming Gorge, UT

Dallas, TX

### Santa Rosa, NM: June 13-17

My F150 overheated less than eight hours into the trip. I was stranded in Santa Rosa, NM at a motel. The blankets had cigarette burns. Ride-share and taxi services are nonexistent in that forgotten town, and there was only one restaurant barely within walking distance. It was open from 4:00 - 9:00 and closed on Sunday and Monday.

After four full days of impatiently waiting in Santa Rosa, surviving mostly on microwaved noodles, I finally retrieved my repaired truck and made it to the quality waters of the San Juan River.

Santa Rosa, NM: 0/10

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### Navajo Dam, NM: June 19-24

I met a very entertaining group of college wrestlers at the riverside campground, my first night. We chatted casually for about an hour before they invited me to fish in the morning.

We started fishing early at a hole on the Juan I'd never been to, Cable Hole. Even the hike to the water at 6:00 AM was mildly intense. It began with a descent down an 80-foot cliff face via switchbacks, leading directly into a 20-yard stretch of knee deep, black mud. They all caught fish. Massive fish. One of the wrestlers alone netted four fish over 20". I had never seen anything like it. These guys got strikes often and seemed to never miss the strikes they got. I missed six fish and landed none, vehemently embarrassing myself in front of my new friends. My rod did see some action when I caught a bird. A bird. My roll cast shot off the water directly into the breast of a swooping swallow. Unbelievable. I was humiliated as I told the group goodbye that evening, but we had enjoyed our time on the river, along with one another's company.

When I returned to camp, feeling defeated, I offered a drink to an older couple seated near a campfire, Bill and Kim. It quickly became apparent that they were among the most interesting people I would ever meet. They bought a small RV so they could travel the country, including Alaska. Bill was born in France to Jewish parents who escaped the Nazi regime. Their two children are the head of a nonprofit, and a peace corps member, respectively. After chatting for a while, I went to bed because I had a score to settle at Cable Hole the next morning.

I finally caught a fish out of Cable Hole! It was about 20" making it my personal best trout. A man named Johnathan (referred to as San Juan-athan by his friends) rushed over to offer to take a picture. I later learned the origins of his nickname, when I watched him skillfully pull a two-foot rainbow trout out of the frigid waters of the Cable Hole. I caught one more 16" rainbow trout, considered a small



Cable Hole fish, and decided to go to the bar. Who did I run into at the bar, but San Juan-athan and friends! We drank and shared stories together until the rain came. Fortunately, I was able to make it back to camp, although I was sliding in the mud on the way there. When I arrived, Bill and Kim fed me chili, before giving me a tour of their camper.



San Juan River, Navajo Dam, NM

Come morning, I decided to stay near the campsite to fish because the Cable Hole had too many trucks in the parking lot. I fished all day, nine hours with Bill and Kim, who introduced me to their friends, Frank and Eddie. I caught three streamer fish on the Spey rod, and three fish nymphing on the single hand. Dinner prepared by Bill and Kim followed. We later shared stories by the campfire. These were some of the best stories I have ever heard, detailing close calls with the police from Bill’s youth, but because this is a respectable publication, specifics will be omitted. We drank and laughed around the campfire until about 11:00, which when camping, is when the metaphorical bar

closes.

The next day, I fished with Bill and Kim again, allowing budding friendships to prevail over the pursuit of trophy trout. I fished from 8:15 to 4:30 when the impending storm forced me to stop for the day. Bill and Kim both took about an hour break around lunchtime before rejoining me on the river. They stayed until 7:15 PM, braving the storm clouds. It was a slow bite for the San Juan. I caught two fish all day, an 18- or 19-inch streamer trout on the Spey, and one about the same size on an Ant.

Later in the day I met a man named Justin. He was on a six-week cross-country fly-fishing trip himself. Justin and I shared some drinks and traded fishing stories. Afterwards, I rejoined Bill, Kim, Frank, and Eddie for dinner of steak and fresh, legally harvested trout caught by Frank and Eddie. I’d never had trout right on the river, but it was an incredible experience. During dinner, I discovered that my new group of friends are all in their mid 70s. With their energy and willingness to fish all day, I assumed they could not have been older than 60. After dinner we all spent time together by the campfire with Justin. About an hour into the conversation, Frank asked Justin what he does for a living. Justin has been a San Antonio police captain for 12 years, the city where I lived for five years. The nature of the stories took a turn for the more appropriate.

With the rising sun casting shadows all around, I said bye to Bill, Kim, Frank, and Eddie. Bill gave me his number so we can stay in touch. He insisted I save it as “Bill the Fishing God.” I concluded later that day that Bill gave me the wrong number. The text I sent was green, and he has an iPhone. I know it was an accident, but I don’t know his last name. I’ll likely never see or hear from them again, but every time that Jonathan Richman’s “I was dancing in a lesbian bar” comes on, I will stop and smile. It’s a terrible song, but Bill the Fishing God showed it to me.

On my final day in New Mexico, I fished the Cable Hole all day without inducing a strike, so instead of hanging around until the following morning, I took off early for the Gunnison gorge.

Navajo Dam, NM: Fishing: 8/10

Camaraderie: 10/10





**28<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
INTERNATIONAL  
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**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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**Tim Flagler**

Fly Tying Instructor

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Mountain Home, AR

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for adults accompanying  
children 12 and under

**9am - 4pm**



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# March Conservation Corner

by Jere Anderson



Welcome to our Texas 6-day January winter. While it was fun watching the lovely snowflakes fall, many people were inconvenienced to the point of being at risk of damage, both personal and financial. Later, our February, four-day winter arrived, and we had some temperatures in the teens, which were enough to do real damage. In fact, a new record-low temperature for February was established. Typically, we will have a bit more weather fun this year, and then a very wet March to get us off to 2025 in style.

## Water Story about the Third New Reservoir

One of the first things I got involved with when I came back to Texas in 1992 was the building of the state water plan. We seem to need three new major reservoirs in our region, and as of now, two are either fully online or filling. However, the third, known as Lake Ralph Hall, has been contested for the entire 30 years of the project. Even now with great progress being made in implementing the new Lake Ralph Hall, the opponents are meeting to get it dropped from the project list.

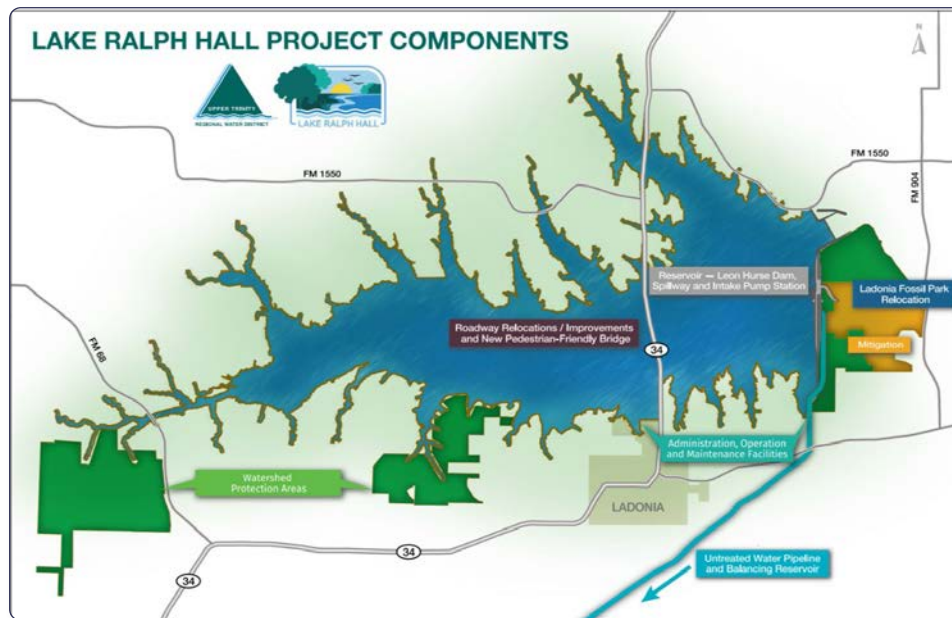
In any case, the Lake Plans are coming along. The spillways are being poured, and the habitats for the fish are being placed. Here are a few photo's. The trees that were cut to clear the banks of the new Lake have been stacked in the future Lake bottom and then rock has been piled upon these so they will not float away when the water begins to back up. Shoreline plantings for the spawning cover around the lake are being planted, and highways have been rerouted and bridges built. This third Lake will get us out into the middle of the 20?? dates with enough water to minimize the shortfall as this area continues to grow vigorously.



The construction near the new dam is coming along. Water will flow through this pipe and provide the water for our rapidly growing part of North Texas.

If you have been following the progress of this Lake, you will remember that at the lower end there had long been a location where fossils and Indian artifacts have been gathered. Some of the fossils are so important that they are being given full scientific examination at the downtown Dallas Perot Museum. You should note that a new fossil field is going to be below the Dam as shown on the graphic of the project. Some very important conservation sites will also be dedicated at the upper end of the Lake. All in all, this had the look of a well-thought-out project with lots to give each of us. Whether you want the picnic and fossil park activity, the fishing and boating activity, or just the great view, I am optimistic that this will be good for you. TPWD Inland Fisheries Division is planning to have this be a well-stocked lake, if I read the plans correctly.

As one of the fastest growing parts of our state





that soon may out-pace California for population, this is a much-needed addition. We also need quite a bit more electricity. It is too early to see how that is going to go in the new President's priorities.

## Native American story about conservation and how we fit into the environment.

Charles Sams was the first Native Director of the National Park Service. I have long felt that we were missing out on important knowledge without documenting our nation's early growth by the Native American Tribes. A great deal of land has been set aside in the system of Reservations for our early native tribes. They pass knowledge and tradition on to their youth in a process that is quite different than the European Traditional Schools we all attended.

Below is a tale of Native Teaching, purported to be how the first Native director of the National Park Service drew from a legacy of federal boarding schools and Indigenous teachings.

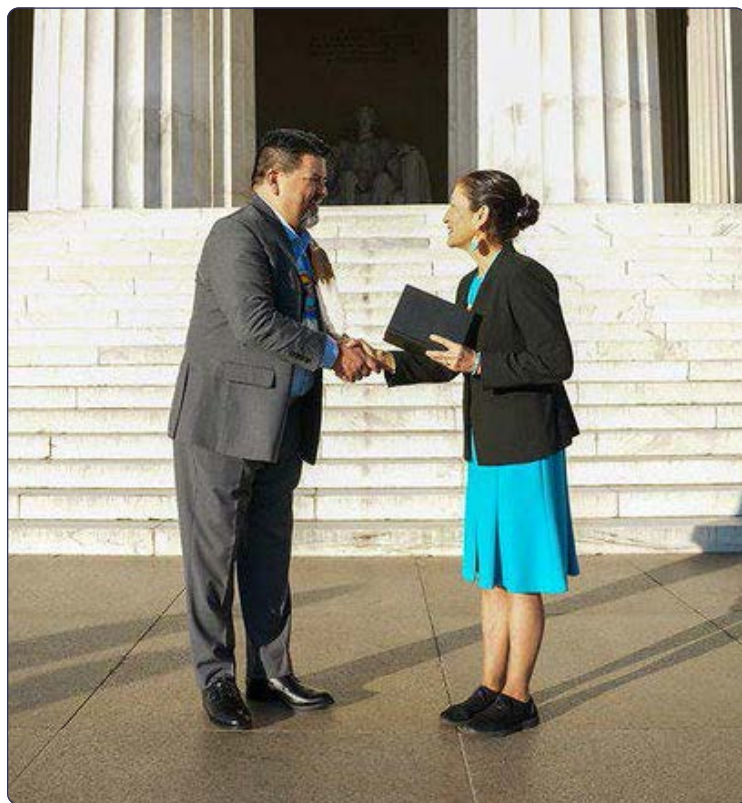
"Grandson, I'm going to ask you questions about this rock," said Charles Sams pulling a stone from the clear waters of Iskuulpa Creek where it wound between grassy lomatium-covered hills and the shaded curves of pine-stippled ones. He sat on the riverbank with his young grandson, pondering the stone in his hand, which mid-Columbia River tributaries had tumbled it smooth on their journey through the high desert.

"How do you think this rock was formed?" the elder Sams inquired patiently, meting out his words. "How does a rock move in the water?" He asked how it might have rolled down from the mountain and who could have swum past or stepped on it, noting a periwinkle attached to its side. "Do you think the rock has been in a dry place before?"

Charles' grandson, Charles "Chuck" Sams III, listened attentively. Through these experiences, Sams III recalled, "I was learning math, I was learning science, I was learning history." An Indian education, he explained, is different than a Western one. A Western education starts with a general understanding of the world, encompassing math, science, literature, then becomes hyper-specialized in higher education. "The Native way of understanding is, I'm going to give you something very specific, and then I'm going to teach you the broader world so that you understand where your place is in that broader world, and the connections you must have," he said. Today, he keeps that stone in his medicine pouch. He joked that it raises eyebrows with TSA agents when he travels for work. "I tell them it is a religious token of mine, and they've been very respectful." While he values his Western education, he said, "the one I value more is the one that taught me a much broader aspect of what it means to be a human being among flora and fauna, among the land, the water and the air."

IN DECEMBER 2021, Sams III stood with Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) before the marble columns of Washington D.C.'s larger-than-life monument to Abraham Lincoln. Haaland guided Sams through his oath of office as he became the first-ever

Indigenous director of the National Park Service. "Secretary Haaland told me: We must be fierce in our storytelling," he said, and to go find those stories yet untold.



*Charles "Chuck" Sams III is sworn as the National Park Service Director by Interior Secretary Haaland in 2021. Credit: DOI photo*

Sams, whose last day leading the agency was Jan. 20, focused largely on education during his tenure. "We have the largest outside classrooms in the United States," referring to the system of Reservations that still exist. It is much like the Native American Education had been for hundreds of years. Much of the teaching I like is the passing down of knowledge from Father to Son. Once that was almost the only way, but by now enough Western Education exists in venues open to Native Americans to allow something that seems like it is at least a merger of the two viewpoints. I have been able to get some contact with the Native ways being raised in the Northwest where large numbers of viewpoints are available. What I think is tragic is that western cultures have largely written off the value of the native culture's viewpoints.

The survival of the native people living such a survivalist life took careful observation of nature and its cycles. The nomadic plains tribes, who depended on the Bison for most of their food and many of their other raw materials for their lifestyle, were very much dependent on keeping on top of the animals they needed and what was going to happen next. Scientific agriculture, Animal Science, and gradually integrating items into their culture causes something approaching an evolution in the tribal cultures. So I have been even more fascinated by the integration of Western Science into the survivalist culture.

## Our Next Year

The new year brings in our usual seasonal fishing events. Look at the Calendar on page 3 of our Newsletter. Many weekends have more than one event that needs your participation. Classes, which are my favorites, come almost every month into the summer.

A big Rosemeade Public Class was last Sunday. These are fun and can have 40 or more students with good weather.

On March 10th and 11th is the DBU Class for Dr. Ray Galloway.

March 15th is a Boy Scout class to help them earn their Fishing Merit Badges.

March 29th is a Fly Fishing Class in Coppell.

April 26th is a really big class in LLELA that is a lot of fun, and the fishing there is good too.

You get the Idea. We are out and about passing on a part of our considerable knowledge to the public. We also take part in big public events for fly fishing.

March 14th and 15th is the Red River Rendezvous in Eisenhower State Park, sponsored by the Red River Fly Fishers—Food, Fun, Education, Fly tying, Casting, and visiting with some of the Great Ones in our area.

March 27th – March 29th, the Sow Bug Roundup in Mountain Home Arkansas. This is one of the best with a great meal on Friday Night, Raffles, and lots of the best fly tiers on the Southern Council along with our Texas Council tiers.

July 18th and 19th, a new event. The Caddo Fly Fishing Expo, currently expected to be an every two year event, will get off the ground. I hope this one gets going, and being at the Caddo State Park area, it has incredible scenery. It looks like it needs a Brontosaurus or two wandering around to fill the scenery.

On September 26th and 27th, the FFI National Event that was held in Montana for so long will be tried again but in Grand Rapids, Michigan this time. The past events have been good to the DFF with quite a few of our best getting an award or two.

Last, but not least, the October 31 – November 2nd Toledo Bend Rendezvous will be held in the North Toledo Bend State Park near Zwolle, LA.

As you can see a lot is happening in NE Texas and nearby areas. And, of course, be sure to get out and fish at least once a week. We are in the best fishing water in the USA in Jere's opinion. More fish of more species are available here than anywhere else in the good old USA. So be thankful and enjoy our good luck living here and having easy access to so much good stuff.

As it all settles down to stable spring and summer fishing, lots of great trips can be had from the guides that advertise on our club pages. Most of them have a few open spots on a trip now and then that they will sell at a deep discount to a club member.

Happy trails to you, and best of luck on those early fishing trips. It can get cold, but the fish come back as it warms up. Go for it and write us a note or an article for the Newsletter. The Newsletter Calendar on the third page of the Newsletter has many of the best group gatherings. and our big trip to Colorado coordinated by Jeff Ziehm is one of the best. Watch these and find a partner to go with. It makes them better when you do. Wishing you all well this year.



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