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Our July 3rd meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for program and business meeting.

Our guest speaker for July will be Dave Woods. Dave is a Fisheries Management Biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) out of the Southwest Region. Dave will speak on an MDC program looking for experienced anglers to help by teaching kids to fish. The program, Discover Nature - Fishing will help families to get outdoors and learn the basics of catching fish.



Dave Woods - MDC

The Discover Nature – Fishing Program is composed of four lessons and 19 activities. Each lesson requires approximately two hours. Below is a list of each lesson.

Lesson One: Equipment, Casting and Proper Fish Handling

Lesson Two: How to Tie a Knot and Bait a Hook

Lesson Three: Five Common Missouri Fish – Their Anatomy, Habitat and Life Cycle

Lesson Four: Fishing with Lures and Fishing Regulations

MDC is looking for volunteer instructors to help offer this program.

Dave will be on hand to discuss this program and provide more information for our members.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Club Business

Calendar for July 2014

July 3	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM Speaker: TBA
July 19	Fish Fry @ Memorial Park – 6:00 PM
August 7	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM Speaker: TBA

Be Sure Not To Miss - The Annual Fish Fry

The annual fish fry will be on July 19th at Memorial Park, just up the road from the Nature Center. Dinner will begin at 6:00pm. We hope every family will bring a dish to compliment the fish, potatoes and onions that the club will cook and serve. We will also provide water and soft drinks. You might want to bring a chair to sit in. There will also be hotdogs provided for those who do not like fish.

Thanks to Connie Erickson for getting this all together and keeping us so organized.

Editor's Note – One more time:

Below is the schedule for the MSU class MTFA teaches. Check your schedules for the end of August and September and mark yourself down to volunteer. The help is greatly appreciative and benefits the club, the students and the volunteer.

To all our great teachers and mentors, Thank You!

August 21	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
August 28	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 4	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM No Monthly Meeting
September 11	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 18	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 20	MSU Fly Fishing Class to Roaring River SP 9 AM – 4 PM

Article on the June, Discover Nature Women - From The Blog of Kim Schultz

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

[June: The adventures continue...](#)



Windermere Baptist - Conference Center

May 30 - June 1, 2014: Warren Wilkerson, Joe Davis and I had an invitation to attend the MDC program Discover Nature Women at Lake of the Ozarks, Windermere Baptist Conference Center. This was the Women's summer workshop with eight different activities, which included; Canoeing, camping, compass, hunting, fishing basics, archery, shot gun, and fly tying. We instructed and demonstrated fly tying for thirty-six women over the three-day weekend with four classes.



Now it is time to be creative

There were some changes from years past with us starting with the wooly bugger for everyone and making suggestions to other flies. Some of the women tied five or six patterns; including poppers, jigs, foam ants, Clouser Minnows and hybrid wooly buggers. We used several hundred hooks and marabou was flying in the air.



One of a dozen white bass caught and released

We did a fish Friday night with Warren and Joe taking a powerboat out into the cove. I walked the shoreline throwing small jigs. I managed to catch and release a dozen white bass, a foot long crappie and a channel catfish. Warren and Joe also had success with white bass, catfish and large-mouth bass all caught on a fly.

On Saturday, we had two classes and a high level of enthusiasm. One of the class members (Kathryn) cut a lock of her hair and constructed a Clouser minnow. Anyone standing outside of the classroom would have thought we were an out of control rowdy class with no one supervising the kids. It was good fun and everyone had a great time.



One of the students, cutting a lock of her hair to construct a Clouser minnow.

That evening the MDC provided dinner which was catered by Bandanas, which was very good. I had an opportunity to talk with Mike Huffman, Outreach and Education division chief for the MDC; he over sees the Discover Nature programs, one of his many responsibilities.

That evening, Warren, Joe and I fished the point near the marina boat dock wading from shore. Kevin Lohraff met us later that evening. Warren invited many of the students and we had sixteen women with us that evening. We provided casting instruction, a few students fly-fished with us. Kevin worked with three women and Joe would hand the rod off when he hooked a fish, with a few fish coming to shore. Warren kept everyone in line with storytelling and explained the virtues of fly-fishing. Joe managed to catch and release a drum, white bass, walleye and bluegill. We stayed out until 11 PM, standing in the water with a crescent moon dropping in the western sky with a few satellites seen in the southern region. Kevin caught three walleye and I managed a walleye and a few bluegills.



Now it is time to whip finish the fly

Sunday morning, I met Kevin at the boat Marina where we fished for an hour before breakfast. Kevin was collecting bluegills on a stringer hoping to get enough for a meal. I picked up a catfish. After, breakfast, we packed out of our lodge and set up for the final class. I was stowing away my fly rods and talking with Joe and Warren when I shut the truck door without thinking and left the car's keys on the seat and the spare key in the duffle bags inside the cab. I was up a creek without a paddle. Kevin assisted me and Larry Lindeman had the skills to figure out how to unlock the door. It was a big relief to see the truck door unlatched.

We had a blast with the class and introducing fly-casting to a few. It was good to see Regina Knauer who invited us seven years ago to teach the fly tying course. Warren had her laughing uncontrollably when it was mentioned our toilet was out of service; Regina taught compass and map reading. Kevin stepped up to help with casting; he taught the hunting class. Thanks to Larry for pulling the lock on the truck, allowing me to drive home. Finally, thanks to Eric Edwards for the invitation to the Discover Nature Women event. Hope to return next year...

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