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We will meet at the Nature Center on August 6th. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Jim Rogers has agreed to be the speaker for the October meeting. Jim has his own fly-fishing school at Bennett Spring State Park and he will speak about fly-fishing in Missouri State Parks as well as give some pointers for casting with a fly rod.

Website: <http://www.jimrogersflyschool.com/instructors.htm>

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar for October 2015

October 1	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM Speaker: TBA
October 1-3	Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair
October 10	Chili Feed – Planned for the pavilion below the Dam at Lake Taneycomo for Noon

Mark October 10th on your calendars for this year's Chili Feed. For those of you that are new to the club or just haven't been able to make it to the Chili Feed in the past, the location is the shelter by the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery at Taneycomo below the dam. The shelter is first come first serve so we try to get there to set up by 9am. The club supplies the utensils, plates, bowls and napkins so there is no need to bring your own. We ask members to make a batch of chili-we use the recipe on the Williams Chili Seasoning package-and just put all the batches together in a big pot. There is really no way to estimate how much chili we will need since we invite a lot of the anglers to join us and we certainly don't want to run out of chili so if 5 members would agree to make a batch of chili with the club recipe that would be great. I've also heard rumors that some of you have your own awesome chili recipes you like to share- so this year in addition to the large batch of chili I'll bring a power strip and you can also bring your special recipes in a crock pot as well. If chili isn't your specialty and you have a good soup recipe, that would be welcome as well.

In the past we have had summer type days for the event as well as cold ones. If it's hot there will be soda and water and cold cider supplied by the club. If it's cold we will have bottled water, hot cider and I'll bring the keurig again with an assortment of coffees, cocoa and tea.

It's a bit of a pot luck as well so if members will bring items such as desserts, crackers, chopped onions or anything that goes well with soups and chili, that should round it out pretty good.

Of course bring your rods and waders for some good fishing and if anyone would like to bring a vise or two and tie up some goodies it should be a great day. I plan to get there early and I'll have hot biscuits and gravy for those who are fishing. I should be there about 7:30.

Please let me know who will be bringing the club chili batches and who will be bringing their own chili or soups so I can fill in any gaps!

Lezley Chastain

The Southern Council of the IFFF is having their Fishing Fair (Conclave) in Mountain Home October 2 and 3. If you need more info on this event their webpage is IFFFSOC.org and there should be a link to the fair.

Ralph Eicholz

Editor's Note: Follow this link to a lot of information about the Fair. Have fun.
<https://www.facebook.com/Southern-Council-Fly-Fishing-Fair-110328365651645/timeline/>

From MDC Website... Why Leaves Change Color

Fall Color



Autumn leaves at Mark Twain Lake.

Why Leaves Change Color



Jack Frost is not the culprit

Some leaves change color weeks before the first icy nights. What's really going on is a bit more complex. Tree leaves contain cells that create food for the whole tree. Those cells use *chlorophyll*, which gives leaves their green color. In a process called *photosynthesis*, the chlorophyll absorbs energy from the sun to turn water and carbon dioxide into sugars and starches — food for the tree.

Green fades to reveal hidden colors

Even though green is what you see during the growing season, there also are hidden colors in the leaves. Those are *carotenoids*. They're the same pigments that make carrots orange and corn and daffodils yellow.

In the fall, shorter days and cooler nights mean there's less energy for food-making. The chlorophyll starts to break down. The green disappears and the yellow carotenoids can finally be seen in such trees as hickory, ash, birch, maple, sycamore, cottonwood, and sassafras.

Contrasting temperatures produce red and purple

The red and purple colors, though, aren't hiding in the leaves. They're newly created in the fall when sugars are made during warm days, then trapped in the leaves during cool nights. The trapped sugars change chemically into *anthocyanins*, which appear red and purple.

The more sunshine during the day, the more red color is created. That's why shaded leaves will be less red than those that get lots of sun. If the weather is cloudy and the nights stay warm, there won't be as much vivid red in such trees as maple, sweetgum, oak, and dogwood.

Weather extremes can ruin the fall-color season

Other factors besides contrasting temperatures also affect fall color. Trees that don't get enough water during the growing season may just drop their leaves quickly before they color. And if it gets very cold early on, that kills the leaves, too, before they have time for a fall display.

In good seasons, Missouri's fall color may slowly change from mid-September to peak in mid-October. By late October, the colors fade, and the incredible show is gone.

Editors Note: Fall is just around the corner so soak up those summer days we have left. Enjoy. We only pass this way once.... As ever, Eve



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