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# MO Fishing

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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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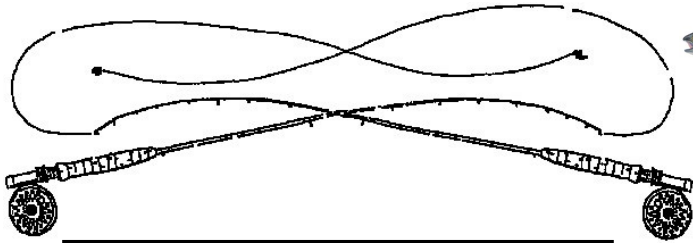
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The regular meeting will be held on Thursday November 6 in Room AUDITORIUM at the Springfield Library Center 5:30pm until 9:00 pm. The featured speaker will be Kim Schulz and the topic is White Bass fishing with an emphasis on Stockton Lake.

*Calendar year 2025 is rapidly approaching its end! The annual meeting/Christmas dinner will be held at the Golden Corral, located at 2020 E. Primrose Street, Springfield, Mo, beginning at 5:30PM. Attending members are asked to pay for their own meal/drink and the Chapter will pickup the tip. Officers and the Executive Committee members will be elected at this meeting. Also, there will be raffles; so bring some extra cash!!*

*Happy fishing!*

**Pat Taggart**



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### ***Chapter News***



***Upcoming events and happenings:***

Dept of Conservation Springfield Nature Center has asked the chapter to provide some fly tyers for the below event:

December 30 (Tuesday) from 1:00PM til 4:00PM—There will be children at this event

Current members committed to this event:

Christian Andrews

Linda Chase

Bill Huyett

Pat Taggart

If anyone else is interested, please let me know

October 14, 2025, area wide fly tying at Emmanuel Lutheran Church—monthly fly tying, see below in this newsletter. Everyone is welcome to come and participate

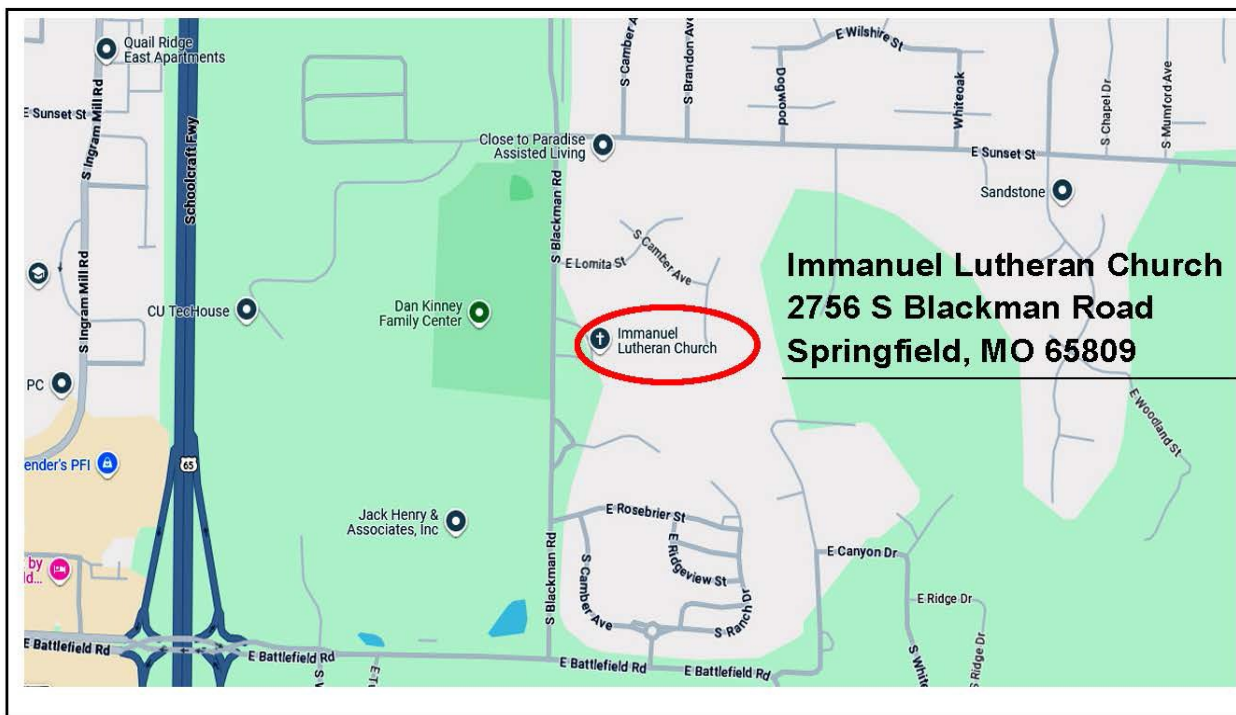
## **Missouri Dept. of Conservation and MTFA Springfield Chapter fly tying class at the Springfield Nature Center**

Rudy Martinez, Manager, at the Springfield Nature Center has committed to partnering with the MTFA Springfield Chapter, has committed to a two session beginning fly tying class to be held at the Springfield Nature Center. The first session is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 1pm til 4pm. The second session is to be held on an as yet to be determined Saturday, also from 1pm til 4pm. Bob Randall is the contact person on this class. The Nature Center is the point-of-contact for persons wanting to sign-up for the class.

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Christian Andrews and Dennis Stead have originated this ongoing event. The date is the second Tuesday of the month and the time/location remain the same. This is an opportunity to meet fellow fly tyers/fishermen and fisherwomen!

Fly Tying fellowship and tying event on June 10, 2025, 9:00am to 12:00 in the morning. All fly tying clubs are welcome.



This is Andy's (Christian Andrew) church. Andy makes the wood bobbins and Hair packers. It would be great to have this event once a month during the day. Bring your fly tying equipment and materials to tie your favorite flies.

We have a number of fly tying clubs in the surrounding area, MTFA, WRFF, TLFF, SWFF, MAKO and the Bennett Springs fly ties. You are invited. Not a member of one of these club, that is OK, you too are invited.

No officers, no club rules, no cost to come and join.

## JOIN US



## Fishing Reports:

From Michael Kidd:

Taneycomo rainbow on sculpin!



Fishing Report:

Michael Kidd continued:

John Bush and I fished for  
wild Brook trout in North  
Carolina recently!





fishing report continued:

From Les Wilson:

October 7: Met some friends at Bennett, bit late account morning rain. Fished up between the Spring and the Dam. Caught a few on a hopper, but the best was on a Dennis Stead jig, white worm or meat fly. It was super until it became water soaked and took on a more gray appearance. Had some luck on a chartreuse grub, similar to the salmon grub attached. But Dennis fly was far superior.

October 8: Met a friend at Roaring river, the salmon grub was the best fly about 18" below an indicator, a few on a Dave's Hopper, a couple on the chartreuse grub. Several on the Dennis Stead jig. He said he will share some lamb skin models that he thinks will maintain the white color when water logged.





# Kim Schultz fishing report:

## Stockton Lake Oct 20, 2025

I left Springfield at 1 p.m. Heading to Stockton Lake. The day was bright sun with a wind out of the SWS 20 to 35 miles per hour with a shift to the west when I was at the lake. The temperature was the low 70s. The lake level was 866 feet which is high for this time of the year.

I started fishing with significant white caps on the lake moving parallel to the beach, not ideal. The west wind was not favorable for the twin Bridge beaches. There were a few winds gust exceeding 30 miles per hour, ripping the water off the lake surface. I fish jumping about, and I was picking up a few white bass and blue gill. The wind deceased late afternoon and the lake was flat when I left after sunset.



Stockton Lake Twin Bridges: lake level 866ft, most of the beach under water

I was able to pick up six species of fish, including a walleye that I brought home for dinner.

The best fishing was at sunset, after I moved up to the point. My tally was 35 white bass, four smallmouth, three largemouth bass (one was sixteen inches), four large Bluegills, one drum, and one walleye.



The fall white bass season will only get better with favorable winds and cooler lake temperatures.

Kim Schultz Stockton Lake report continued:

Stockton Lake Twin Bridges: lake level 866' most of the beach under water.

Previous page large mouth bass—16" largemouth bass caught on a 1/100 oz. jig.

### ***Schedule of Events:***

November 6, 2025: Monthly Library Center Meeting Room Auditorium 5:30PM-9:00PM

November—no fly tying due to Thanksgiving Day

December 4, 2025: Annual Christmas Dinner at Golden Corral

January 2, 2026—**No Meeting—New Year's Day**

January 22, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Auditorium 5:30PM—9:00PM

February 5, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

February 26, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

March 5, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

March 26, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

April 2, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

April 23, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

May 7, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM-9:00PM

May 28, 2025: No Fly Tying due this being the week of Memorial Day

June 4, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

June 25, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

July 2, 20256 Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

July 23, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

August 6, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

August 27, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center, Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

September 3, 2026: Monthly Meeting Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

September 24, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center Community Room B 5:30PM—9:00PM

October 1, 2026: Monthly Meeting—no venue booked

October 22, 2026: Fly Tying Library Center Community Room B 5:30pm—9:00pm



***Water levels:***

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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