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President's Message / Chapter Fishing Outings & Events

Please join us at our next monthly chapter meeting at [Village Pizza & Pub](#) (145 N John F. Kennedy Dr, Carpentersville, IL 60110 location) on Thursday, April 17th, 2025 with happy hour starting at 6:00 PM.

Our in-person speaker this month will be Jason Randall, fly fishing expert, author, and esteemed LWTU chapter member. Jason will be presenting "Finding Trout; Beyond Reading the Water". Jason shares: "Reading the water not only tells you where to fish, it also helps you choose the right method to catch them. Understanding food distribution, feeding lanes, the effect of water temperature, seasonal influences and other factors will improve your success on the water."

If you have friends and/or family members who might be interested in participating, bring them along as your guest, and be sure to include them when you R.S.V.P. if they will be partaking in the pizza buffet. You can [R.S.V.P. here](#).

DO NOT MISS THIS IN-PERSON PRESENTATION! Jason has kindly offered to present to his fellow members at no charge. The opportunity to hear Jason present for the price of a pizza dinner is unheard of, especially given his advice and insights are priceless. Be sure to bring a few extra bucks along if you are interested in buying any of his books. Zoom participation will not be available for this meeting out of respect for Jason's paid professional speaking business.

The chapter will be holding a special election of officers at this meeting. Current nominees are members Jon Culli for president, Ken Bruckner for vice-president, Marty Jandura for treasurer, and incumbent Scott Lammers for secretary. (Zoom participation will not be available for this meeting. Email any nominations and/or absentee votes to secretary@leewulfftu.org prior to 4/17/2025).

There will also be prize-drawings! Tickets will be available to purchase at \$5.00 each. Consider joining us even if you live further out, tollway access is convenient.

On March 13th the chapter held a short-term strategic planning meeting. A list of chapter committees and jobs can be found [here](#). Please email prez@leewulfftu.org if you'd like further information and/or are willing to help. Many hands make light work.

The early catch-and-release trout season opened on January 6th on most Wisconsin inland streams ([click here for details](#)). The [Iowa trout fishing](#) season remains open all year.

And the great lake tributaries present an opportunity for big chinook, coho, steelhead, and brown trout. The current steelhead run in the Root River may be record breaking based on fish counts at [the Root River Steelhead Facility weir](#). Rain drives fish into the tributaries...but be mindful of [water flows](#) and do not wade if levels are unsafe. Do not hesitate to ask fellow chapter members for tips at our monthly meetings. Also, the following DNR resources offer helpful tributary fishing information: [Wisconsin](#), [Michigan](#), [Indiana](#).



Root River Steelhead Facility

If you fish in cold weather, be sure not to remove trout from water when air temperatures are below freezing as this can damage gills and kill the fish.

In 2025 the chapter will again host several fishing outings and participate in an exchange with the West Denver Trout Unlimited chapter. Click [here](#) for the latest details about our planned 2025 outings, and contact our outings coordinator at outings@leewulfftu.org A.S.A.P. to secure your spot. As always, newcomers are welcome, and we will pair you up with a more experienced angler upon request to provide guidance on fishing locations, tactics and fly selection. During our early spring outing, the chapter plans to repair and upgrade additional stiles, as well as install one or more new stiles, enhancing our [extensive network of existing stiles](#) (where there are [stiles](#), generally there are fish).



Driftless Area Stile Installed by LWTU Members

Our Trout-in-the-Classroom (TIC) program is ongoing with two schools participating in the 2024/2025 season, including returning Crystal Lake's North Elementary and newcomer Elgin Math and Science Academy (EMSA). Our program is again rearing brook trout, unique to our chapter in Illinois (other Illinois TU TIC programs raise rainbow trout). Unfortunately EMSA suffered an near-total loss of its fish due to a filter-related mishap which was no fault of their own. EMSA will still participate in the release, which has been scheduled for May 19th, 2025. Many thanks to our TIC volunteers and schools!



May 2024 LWTU TIC Release Day at Fox Bluff

Unfortunate news regarding the chapter's Fishin' So Fly program for 2025: the chapter's long-standing partner teacher Beth Harner was unable to make things come together this year at her school. However, Beth is very optimistic she can make things work in 2026! This program typically involves 2-4 evenings of fly fishing with students at [Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation](#) in late spring. Stay tuned for details. Special thanks to member Bob Meschewski for continuing to cultivate these plans.

The recent April 9th MCCD fly tying outreach event and April 12th Fox Bluff trout ponds workday were both great successes. Thank you to all of you who volunteered! For these events!

Upcoming LWTU events (volunteers needed for select events):

- MCCD kids casting and fishing event at [Fel-Pro RRR](#) in Cary, IL - Monday, May 5, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Chauncey H. Duker School Outdoor Program - Help students with casting and fly tying on Monday, May 12th, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM at [Fort McHenry Park, 4301 Front Royal Dr, McHenry, IL](#) (or if moved indoors due to inclement weather, meet at 3711 Kane Ave, McHenry, IL 60050)
- TIC fish release at [Fox Bluff](#), Monday, May 19th
- Chapter Picnic at [Fox Bluff](#), Saturday, July 26th
- Chapter meeting, September 2025.
- Chapter holiday fundraiser banquet, December 2025. Date TBD. If you have anything you wish to donate to the LWTU Holiday fundraiser banquet, please bring it to the picnic or next chapter meeting.

Please email volunteer@leewulfftu.org if you are interested in participating in any of the above programs, or events.

Speaking of fundraisers, tickets are now available for the Lee Wulff Chapter Trout Unlimited 2025 Spring Into the Season Sweepstakes. This is your opportunity to make a difference while getting the chance to win some [amazing gear and other prizes](#) including an [Orvis Helios fly rod combo of your choice](#) and flies hand-tied by our own Bob Olach. By participating you'll be helping to protect our rivers and streams, and preserve the natural trout habitats in the Driftless Area. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make an impact and win big! [Click here to purchase tickets today!](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW PRIZES & PURCHASE ENTRIES](#)

And speaking of funds raised by fundraisers, the chapter has officially named our conservation fund to the “John Bacon Conservation Fund” as it purely holds funds that John, who was a master at raising funds, was instrumental in raising years ago for the Elk Creek restoration project, interest gained by investing said funds, and recent funds received from sales of items donated to our chapter by John’s estate. We are thrilled to name this fund in John’s honor.

The WI DNR tree-planting program designed to help mitigate [the effects of climate change on coldwater fisheries](#) is progressing. SWTU has set 2025 spring dates to clear brush and plant seedlings along streams in Wisconsin, see the non-chapter events section further below for details.

Watch your email for Evite invitations to meetings, events, etc. I hope to see all of you in-person at our next meeting. The February meeting will not be available via Zoom.

Be sure to check out our book exchange program available at select in-person chapter meetings. Purchase books for as little as \$5, and optionally return them after reading for a \$3 exchange credit.

Feel free to email any speaker suggestions to speakers@leewulfft.org.

Please track your volunteer hours and report volunteer hours to the chapter treasurer by 4/10/2025 at treasurer@leewulfft.org.

The chapter is seeking volunteers to get involved in several committees, and to take on select club duties. Please email me at prez@leewulfft.org if you'd like further information or are willing to volunteer. Thank you to those of you who are already volunteering.

Be sure to check out Bob Olach's Fly of the Month and Kurt Haberl's Grumpy's Page contributions this month further below.

Tight lines,

Brent Burval



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Prevent the spread of invasive species. It's the Law!

WATER USERS: Do your part to protect WI waters!

Before entering and leaving here **YOU MUST**

- ✓ **INSPECT** all equipment, including boots & waders
- ✓ **REMOVE** all plants, animals & mud
- ✓ **DRAIN** all water from footwear, equipment and gear
- ✓ **NEVER MOVE** live fish, bugs & snails

When possible, use rubber-soled footwear and scrub ALL gear clean with a brush.



When moving between bodies of water while fishing please be extra diligent in cleaning and drying your gear. Read [this recent press release about *Previously Undetected Parasite Discovered In Wild Wisconsin Trout*](#) to learn more about why this is so important.



Proposed Rule Change on Endangered Species - Rescinding the Definition of “Harm” Under the Endangered Species Act

The Trump administration plans to eliminate habitat protections for endangered and threatened species in a move environmentalists say would lead to the extinction of critically endangered species because of logging, mining, development and other activities. The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on April 17th, 2025, kicking off a 32-day public comment period. [Click here](#) for the published document and for information on how to submit comments prior to the May 19th, 2025 deadline.

TU Impacted by US Department of Government Efficiency

On March 4th, TU leaders hosted an urgent Town Hall meeting to help spread the word that US DOGE actions have already hit TU hard. Some highlights shared during the meeting:

- TU restoration projects across the country, including the [Driftless Area](#), rely heavily on government funding, with a government-to-private funding ratio of approximately 4-to-1.
- TU recently suffered unprecedented delays in receiving promised payments (~\$17 million) from government agencies for completed and ongoing TU restoration work.
- Up to \$180 million of promised future government funding (including [TU Driftless Area Restoration Effort](#) funding) for TU projects is now paused and in question, forcing TU to put many major current and planned restoration projects on hold. While not a TU project, here is a paused conservation project that hits close to home, resulting in major negative impacts to our Great Lakes fisheries: ["Asian](#)

[Carp barrier project on Des Plaines River delayed as federal funds hang in limbo](#)
(WGN News video)

- TU restoration work up until this current government funding pause has provided roughly 2,500 family-wage jobs across the US each year (staff and contractors), primarily in rural areas, and many of these jobs are now in jeopardy.

Now, possibly more than ever, is the time for TU members, friends, and family to stand up and take action. Here's what one can do to help:

1. Contact your members of congress today, quickly and easily, using [this TU online action tool](#).
2. Make a [special donation](#) to TU national. With government funding paused, your special donation will help sustain vital core TU operations and staff.
3. Get more involved locally at the grassroots level by volunteering for the Lee Wulff chapter (email volunteer@leewulfftu.org).

You can learn more about the impacts of the US DOGE on TU projects [here](#).

Join a special online TU Town Hall session on this subject to be held at 7:00 PM CT on April 21, 2025. This online event is open to all TU members and is free. Click [here](#) to register.

Soil and Water Conservation District Funding Slashed

The 103rd General Assembly of Illinois has finalized the FY25 budget. Sadly, this budget was signed into law with a roughly 48% decrease in Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) operational funding. Illinois' 97 SWCDs experienced a substantial funding shortfall in the FY 2025 state budget. SWCD operations funding was reduced by \$4 million from \$8.5 million in FY 24 to \$4.5 million in FY 25. The shortfall will lead to the loss of trained and qualified Soil and Water Conservation District employees which will take years of training to replace. Without sufficient funding, employees, much like unprotected soil, will erode away. Help petition to restore state funding [here](#).

Illinois House Bill 1873 Water Recreation Rights

As an angler, you know that the many beautiful streams in Illinois could be much greater recreational assets than they now are. Those streams could provide some of those same memorable, on the water experiences that are available to our neighbors in Wisconsin and Michigan just outside their back-doors. An Illinois Supreme Court decision recently called on the state legislature to reassert the public right to use state waters. The idea is to pass a new law clarifying and modernizing existing rights for river access. [HB1873](#) (104th G.A.) is the legislation that can get this done. Your help is needed to tell your legislators to support this much needed legislation. Please do it now. [Click here to easily take action in under a minute of your time.](#)

Save the Kish

Despite much opposition, the Woodstock City Council recently approved all of the preliminary measures that will allow the Lennar Riverwoods proposed high-density development along the banks of the Kishwaukee River in Woodstock to go forward. Follow this situation [here](#). But it's not over until it's over. Voice any opposition you may have by emailing the Woodstock City Council at citycouncil@woodstockil.gov and [signing this petition](#).

Additional Action Links

Trout Unlimited is not just about trout angling. [The national founders committed to conservation and preservation when they incorporated in 1959](#). In this spirit, please consider taking a few minutes to explore additional ways to take action:

<https://standup.tu.org/> & <https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/>

REVISED - How to Tie a "Revised" Crackleback



Crackleback Dry Fly

Hook:	Daiichi #1190 – Dry Fly Barbless sizes 12 - 14
Thread:	Danville 6/0 Fly Master Nylon – Black
Body:	Light Olive or Pale Yellow Dubbing– (Hareline – Pale Evening Dun or Pale Morning Dun)
Back Spine:	Two strands of green peacock herl
Hackle:	3 turns of brown, dry fly cock saddle hackle (not furnace colored hackle).

Recently, a long time friend asked if I could send him a few Cracklebacks for his wife to fish (he had recent surgery and won't be wading for awhile). So, I decided to "revise" the "*How to Tie the Revised Crackleback*" article I did quite a few years back.... just in case someone might be interested in tying a few before the weather warms up. So here goes:

Since I started tying a Crackleback 15+ years ago, I've changed it slightly a few times, mainly by modifying the number of hackle turns.

In the past, I also tried changing the color of the body with various materials but have found that I catch more fish using a light olive or pale yellow dry fly dubbing, settling on Hareline's "*Pale Evening Dun*" and "*Pale Morning Dun*" dubbings.

Instructions

1. Using a dry fly, barbless hook, I start the black thread slightly behind the hook eye and do close wrapping turns to the end of the hook shank.
2. Then tie in by the butt end a solid brown (not a furnace hackle but solid brown color) saddle hackle with the concave (inside) of the hackle facing away from me on the side of the hook.
3. Wrap the tying thread securely over the butt end of the hackle and wrap the thread approximately halfway down the hook towards the eye.
4. Tie in two pieces of peacock herl at the top of the hook and then wrap the tying thread back to the end of the hook shank stopping at the saddle hackle.
5. Dub the tying thread with the dry fly light olive or pale yellow dubbing and then wrap the thread / dubbing towards the hook eye, leaving enough room to tie in the peacock herl and hackle.

6. Pull the two pieces of peacock herl towards the hook eye and then using the bare tying thread, secure the peacock herl and trim off the herl flush with the tying thread.
7. Taking the brown saddle hackle, do 3 hackle wraps at the end of the hook shank slightly before the hook bend then do 6½ evenly spaced turns of the saddle hackle over the dubbed bodies, stopping slightly before the eye of the hook.
8. Do a couple thread wraps over the saddle hackle and then trim off the saddle hackle.
9. Do a 3 turn whip finish and then another 4 turn whip finish to tightly secure all the materials making a small black head taking care to leave the hook eye open.
10. Add a drop of head cement to the thread and, if desired, put a drop of “Watershed” on the finished fly and let the “Watershed” dry overnight.

If tied with the above instructions, there should be a small “tail” at the end of the fly made when doing the 3 hackle turns at the end of the hook shank and all the hackle turns should be facing the eye of the hook.

By having the hackle facing towards the hook eye, the hackles should agitate the water when fishing upstream and the fly drifts towards you. Same thing should also happen when fishing “*down and across*” as the Crackleback drifts across the stream at the end of the leader / tippet.

When using a size 12 or 14 hook, the 9½ hackle turns are possible, but when using a size 16 hook, 3 hackle turns at the end of the hook shank can be made but reduce the “body” hackle turns to 5½ or else the body dubbing may not be visible beneath the hackle.



Grumpy's Page by Kurt Haberl

I hate wind. Sometimes it starts out innocently enough, just a gentle breeze that cools the evening and pushes the campfire smoke in one direction, usually toward whoever is sitting in a red camp chair, and sometimes it whispers in pines like a lullaby that helps campers drift off to sleep. That was the wind that greeted us on our first outing, and our campfire echoed with laughter after stories of casts gone awry, fish jumping into nets, cows demanding to be petted, and fishers face-planting into mudbanks. Ha ha, that was always funny until I did it. Then Ghost Mary asked me if the mud was intended to be a beauty treatment, at which several friends noted at exactly the same time that such a beauty treatment was futile. I protested that such a beauty treatment was unnecessary, which resulted in more laughter, and the conversation went downhill from there. After that, even the wind seemed to be chuckling as we drifted off to our tents.

After midnight, the wind became impatient, then petulant, then downright nasty, whistling and whining at us until it lost its temper completely and railed at us like an angry banshee. My tent quivered, shook, and rattled for half an hour, and by then I was wide awake.

“Marco!” I heard Roy the Plumber call out in his fine baritone voice, and several of us called back, “Polo!”

By morning, the wind had tired, and we woke to a wet stillness that told us the banshee of the night had gone off to visit its sister. Most of us emerged in knee boots and stiff necks from tossing most of the night.

Then we saw it. Dewey’s old tent, a patched, drooping thing over which he had thrown a ragged tarp in hopes of some rain protection, had collapsed. It was an “X” tent, with one aluminum pole bent almost double and one scavenged fiberglass pole broken in half. The tarp was gone, and the tent showed a large rip where one of the poles had torn its way through faded material before collapsing. Dewey had taken some pride in keeping the tent going, often carefully patching holes with duct tape and making sure larger holes in the tarp did not match patches in the tent itself so he could expect to be reasonably dry. We found Dewey in the passenger seat of his truck, snoring away in peaceful oblivion. Wet Curtis found Dewey’s ragged tarp wrapped around a wild rose bush, pock marked by new punctures and thorny holes. He brought it back to camp, but wasn’t sure if he should attach it to the collapsed tent or put it in the trash barrel by the shower house. He just held it and waited.

When Schnoz called out “Coffee’s hot,” we shuffled over to the table near the campfire to fill our mugs. Dewey emerged from his truck, stretched, and said, “Wow, that was some night.” He walked over to what was left of his tent, pulled out a wet sleeping bag to hang over some branches, and spread his fishing vest over the hood of his truck. He

had apparently taken the vest into the tent with him, along with his broken-down rod to replace a tippet before going to bed. That's when we saw that the rod was also broken, snapped off two snake guides below the tip.

"Hm, yesterday was not a lucky day for me," Dewey said. I would have been cursing and throwing things, but Dewey just looked bewildered. "Well, I have an old back-up tent at home. I should probably get it right after breakfast."

"That's three hours each way," I said. "We can do better than that. There's a sporting goods store in town. We could find something there."

"No luck there," said Johnny Fessup. "I stopped in to see if they had any new gear I could buy and found a really nice lightweight dining fly with reinforced corners and seams for a couple of hundred bucks, but the only tents they had were family models that would sleep 10 or 12 and take about a month to set up."

"Dewey could sleep with one of us," Schnoz said.

"Are you kidding?" Ghost Mary said. "You guys are all over 60 and snore like band saws cross-cutting green lumber. No one would sleep, and I'm not fishing with a bunch of grumpy old - um sorry, Grumpy, I didn't mean to insult you."

"No offense taken," I said. "I know I snore."

"Me too," said everyone else in turn.

That's when Wet Curtis and Schnoz gave a thumbs up to each other, shrugged, and started pulling the pegs on our old dining fly. In a minute they had it down, dragged it over to Dewey's area, pegged its corners down, then put two adjustable poles on each end to create a ridge. Curtis dragged Dewey's ragged tarp under the dining fly and pegged it down for a floor. Johnny Fessup saw what they were doing, got his new dining fly out of the back of his new truck, and before anyone could say anything, he took his professionally sharpened Bowie knife and sliced the dining fly from corner to corner.

"What the hell, Johnny," I said. "That was brand new."

Johnny also shrugged and pointed to Dewey's makeshift tent. "We need two triangles to close up the ends. Who's got duct tape?"

"I have a roll," said Dewey. Curtis also found a roll, so they lashed the reinforced loops on Johnny's triangles to the grommets on our old dining fly and duct taped the gaps.

"Wait a second," Mary said. She rummaged in the back of her SUV and found a long roll of Velcro. One side was sticky so she fixed one edge of Johnny's triangle into a door that could be closed by Velcro.

“Mary,” Schnoz said. “Who carries a roll of Velcro? I mean-“

“I do,” Mary said. “I go to sewing and craft stores, and I get Velcro. You guys can depend on duct tape, but women know about Velcro. So there.”

“Wow,” Dewey said. “This is better than my original tent.”

“At least it might make it through the week,” Roy the plumber said. “But we have two more problems.” He leaned into the wet pile that was once Dewey’s tent and managed to extricate Dewey’s old rod, its tip dangling only by the new tippet Dewey had put on.

“That’s no problem,” Schnoz said. He brought out a rod case with his old favorite rod the same time I fetched my third rod, and Johnny Fessup carried over two premium rods, each costing more than dental caps or electric bikes. An argument ensued about which rod Dewey would be forced to use, until Mary finally rolled her eyes and said, “Men. Just put them on the table and he can try all of them, one at a time. If he finds one he likes, he can use that the rest of the week.”

Dewey got the bewildered look on his face again, and said, “All of them?”

“Sure,” Johnny said, “but try mine first. Since I have two extras, it’s only fair.”

“Okay,” Roy the Plumber said. “Now I’m looking at how flat Dewey’s vest is, drying there on the hood of his truck. I don’t see a fly box.”

“Oh, right,” said Dewey. “I have not had good luck lately. I dropped my fly box into that deep run on Gorham’s Meadow yesterday, and that’s the last I saw of it. I thought today I’d go to Sterrit’s Run where Roy always fishes from his thinking rock, and leaves a supply of flies in the bushes on both sides of the stream in case he needs them.”

“But those are flies I leave there because they never catch anything,” Roy said. “You can’t actually fish with them. Besides, birds and weather kind of tear them apart.”

“Gee, Roy, what’s wrong with you?” Schnoz said. “You were going to leave flies for Dewey that never catch fish? What the hell?”

“I didn’t know,” Roy said. “Did you know?”

Mary pulled out a large box with a hundred foam slits, and soon we filled it with caddis, cracklebacks, soft hackles, pink squirrels, bead-head pheasant tails, perdigons, zebra midges, scuds, Adams of various sizes, and foam beetles. An argument followed in which everyone tried to convince Dewey to begin with his or her favorite. Insults flew like buzzing mosquitoes in a swamp. It turned into great fun, almost as much fun as catching fish the next day. Yep, that’s us, fly fishers. God, I love the wind when it blows through.

Upcoming Non-Chapter Events

- [Time Flies: A Centennial Celebration](#)" April 8 - June 8, 2025 at [Creek Bend Nature Center](#) in St. Charles, IL. This exhibit showcases the heritage of fly fishing during the formative years of the Forest Preserve District. Explore this customized collection of historical fly fishing rods, reels, flies, artwork and videos curated by the American Museum of Fly Fishing.
- [Fox Bluff](#) workdays hosted by MCCD Site Steward, Matt Tegelman, 9:00 AM - Noon (email mtegelman@yahoo.com to R.S.V.P. yes):
 - April 26, 2025
 - May 17th, 2025
- SWTU 2025 Spring Workdays (email jimhess5599@gmail.com to R.S.V.P. yes – detailed information for each workday will be sent out prior to the event to those who R.S.V.P.)
 - Tuesday, April 22 (1:00pm – 2:30pm) - Gordon Creek. This will be an Earth Day Event. Students from Hallandale Elementary will be helping us plant swamp white oak trees. The trees will be about 6 feet tall and the DNR will pre-drill the holes. This is a DNR easement upstream of the bridge at County Rd A. Justin Haglund, DNR Fish Biologist, has contacted the landowner, who is very excited and has agreed to water the trees. The DNR will also perform a stream survey for the kids. This workday is being funded by The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. After this event, we will also plant a few trees on Kittleson Creek along Cty Rd H. Replacing dead trees that we previously planted. We will need to dig these holes.
 - April 26 (9am – 12 noon) - Conley Lewis. This will be a joint workday with the Nohr Chapter, removing large box elders. Same location as last fall. Working with Justin Haglund and his crew.
 - May 10 (9am – 12 noon) - Kittleson Creek along Cty Rd H just south of the intersection of Cty Rd A and H. Removing willows and clearing a large

stand of honeysuckles. We are coordinating with James Brodzeller, Dane County.

- May 17 (9am – 12 noon) - Big Spring DNR tree planting. Justin Haglund and his crew will be leading this workday. The DNR will predrill the holes and provide fencing and t-posts. The Nohr Chapter has another event that day, but are still planning to send some volunteers. So, we need a big turnout. This site is where we have had several workdays in the past 2 years clearing out willows so we can plant these trees.
- May 24 (9am – 12 noon) – Duerst Property, same as April 5
- June 7 (9am – 12 noon) - Kittleson Creek or continue working on the Duerst Property if needed.
- [2025 TU Annual Members Meeting and CX3 Event](#) - St. Paul, MN - September 24-28, 2025
- [IF4](#) screenings in the region:
 - [Hotel Winneshiek, East Water Street, Decorah, IA](#) - April 26, 2025
 - [Starlite 14 Drive In, Richland Center, WI](#) - June 6, 2025
 - [Wilmette Theatre, Wilmette, IL](#) - November 11, 2025
- [Fly Fishing Film Tour](#) (F3T) screenings in the region:
 - [Marshall J. Gardner Center for the Arts, Gary, IN](#) - 1:00 PM, May 3, 2025
 - [Marshall J. Gardner Center for the Arts, Gary, IN](#) - 6:00 PM, May 3, 2025
 - Park Theater, Park Falls, WI - June 20, 2025
- *Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing* (PHWFF) - Ongoing (click [here](#) to get involved)

- *Fly tying with [NIFTY](#)*
- Illinois RiverWatch training sessions (click [here](#) for schedule)

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When joining Trout Unlimited (TU) at the national level, TU automatically assigns you to a local chapter based on your Zip Code and [this chapter boundaries map](#).

If not already a TU member, [click here to join TU for as little as \\$17.50 for your first year](#).

Already a TU member but not assigned to the Lee Wulff chapter? Call TU customer service at 1-800-834-2419 and make the switch to the Lee Wulff chapter (#448) today!