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It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and its members in particular, a better understanding of Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, and Rod Building. We wish to perpetuate the sport as a most pleasurable and exciting fishing method and provide education, instruction and the opportunities for relaxation to the membership.

**NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS founded in 1984**

**This Past Month**

Things are going along pretty good for us this month and this year also. We have kicked off our promotion for the 2nd annual Masters Clinic series. Erick has done a fine job on the flyer (see page 7) and we are now taking reservations for the event. The cut-off is set for 75 participants so be sure to act soon. We also want to give Tom Bullock a big vote of appreciation for his effort to bring this event together.

Despite the weather, February was a fun month with some fine fishing and the Little Mo Fly Fishing Festival. We have some great events coming up in the next few months also so get geared up.

Don't miss this month's meeting because it's our annual Chili and Flies contest. See you there.

**Next Meeting:**

March 11, 2014 7PM at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA  
This is our Chili and Flies event so don't miss it. Come early to set up.

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You are invited to

# Caddo Conclave 2014

Hosted by East Texas Fly Fishers and North Louisiana Fly fishers  
April 11 and 12, 2014

***Located on beautiful Caddo Lake near Karnack Texas at  
Caddo Lake State Park***

***Registration: \$10 per person, \$20 maximum per family***

## ***Schedule:***

***Friday: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.  
Pot luck supper (bring enough for you and one additional family)***

***Saturday: Breakfast provided by North Louisiana Fly Fishers  
There will be speakers scheduled throughout the day  
Bring your fly tying equipment. Plenty of tables for fly tying  
Jackson's Kayak Team will provide you the chance to paddle new kayaks  
TFO will be present for you to cast their classic and new fly rods  
Lunch: Provided by East Texas Fly Fishers***

***Plenty of fishing available at bayou located at State Park***

***If you plan to camp, make reservations early, camp sites fill up quickly  
There are beautiful cabins available for rent. Again, make reservations early, cabins  
fill up quickly.***

***Caddo Lake State Park 903-679-3351***

***For more information contact***

***Mike Hawkins of East Texas Fly Fishers at 903-736-1887  
or  
Scott Irwin of North Louisiana Fly Fishers at 318-742-2190***

***Expo***



Rex and Erik embarrassing the white bass on the Sabine River. This is going to be a tale worth hearing about at the March meeting. You two guys be ready to give a full report .





### **The Little Mo Fly Fishing Festival February 15th.**

Lots of great tiers, presentations and food. I'm beginning to think that festivals are as much about food as they are fishing. Several of our club members were among the tying group and donated flies for the drawing at the close of the festivities. As always the festival was educational, informative and just plain fun. The fishing was great also. This event is held each year in the middle of February so make your plans to be there next year. Our sincere thanks to Jeff Guerin for hosting the festival.

### **Workshop at Bass Pro**

Our last workshop was the 2nd in a series of good salt water flies. The fly to the right is the one Scott tied. We had a good group of tiers there with several of our fellow fly fishers from Longview present. Be sure to come to the March 20th workshop where Eric will be teaching a crab pattern. The workshops are at the White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro. Tying starts at 6 PM.

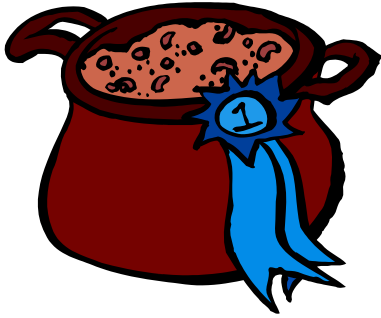




## MORE PICTURES FROM THE LITTLE MO FLY FISHING FESTIVAL



## Chili and Flies



Don't miss the much anticipated Chili and Flies competition. Cook up a pot of your favorite recipe or get creative and come up with something new to bring to the next meeting, Tuesday March 11, no road-kill please. Your entry will be judged by your fellow club members and rivals, so do your best. If you don't want to compete in the Chili competition, you can still enter the fly-tying contest (using the finest materials that can be found in Bud and Linda Bethea's trash, yard, and shop floor) and have a chance at a prize. Last year's competition had to be cancelled, so our fine chili cooks and fly-tiers are raring to go this year. Don't miss it!! \$25 Bass Pro Gift Card for winner of each contest!





## North Louisiana Fly Fishers

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Masters Series Event



# A Day with Dave Whitlock

## Fly Fishing for Bass

Learn about fly fishing for bass from the man who wrote the book (literally)...the *L.L. Bean Fly Fishing for Bass Handbook*.

### Date

Saturday, July 26, 2014  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Location

Red River National Wildlife Refuge  
Headquarters Unit  
150 Eagle Bend Point  
Bossier City, LA 71112



### Agenda

- Fly fishing techniques and tackle for largemouth and smallmouth bass
- Tying, casting, and fishing bass flies
- When and where to catch bass on the fly
- The life, art, and wisdom of Dave Whitlock

### About Dave

Forty years ago Dave pooled his talents in painting, illustrating, writing, photography, fly fishing and lecturing, resigned his position as a research chemist, and embarked on a new career as a full-time professional in the arts of fly fishing. Dave's art and writing appear regularly in many fly fishing and sporting publications. He has written, co-authored, and/or illustrated over 30 books, and demonstrated his fly fishing, fly tying and teaching skills in numerous videos. Dave is also known internationally for his innovative fly tying designs, including the popular *Dave's Hopper*. Dave has taught fly fishing around the world, and he and his wife Emily have shared the magic of fly fishing at their Whitlock Fly Fishing School for over 15 years. Dave's experience and creative outlook on the whole spectrum of fly fishing have earned him the reputation of being one of the top professional fly fishers in the sport. Learn more at [www.davewhitlock.com](http://www.davewhitlock.com).



### **Cost: \$35 per person**

(includes lunch, coffee, drinks, etc.)

*Space is limited to 75 participants;  
pre-registration required (see reverse).*

Visit the NLFF website or Facebook page for additional information.

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## Registration Form

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Cost is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch, coffee, drinks, etc.). Note: As space is limited to 75 participants, this fee is non-refundable.

Send payment (check or cash) to: NLFF, P. O. Box 8542, Shreveport, LA 71148-8542

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve a position for me in this program. I understand that my \$35.00 must be received by June 30, 2014 or my position will be forfeited to others on the waiting list.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please place my name on the waiting list if all of the 75 slots have been taken.

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**2nd annual  
Bass Tournament**  
In memory of Brinlee Mae Green  
Saturday, April 19, 2014  
Lake Bistineau State Park  
Doyline, LA

**Cost**

\$50.00 Per Team

\$10.00 Big Bass (optional)

**Prize**

Top places will receive  
cash and other prizes.

**Contact**

Whitney Green

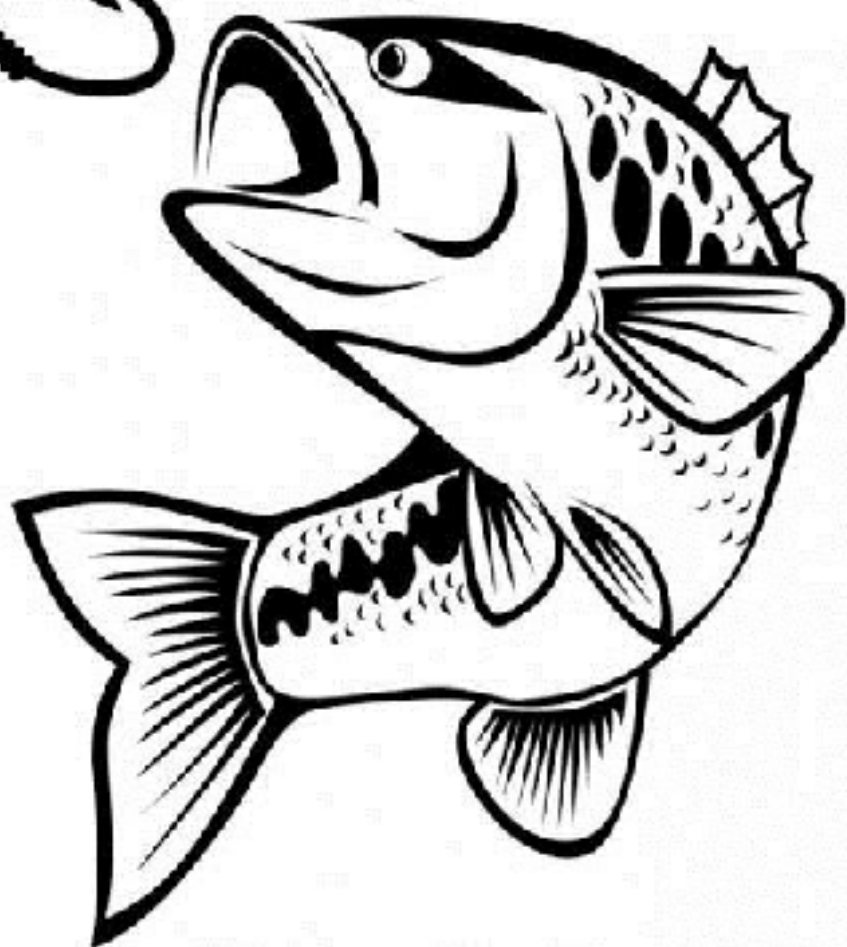
318-401-7989

Michael Waldron

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Sam Brimer

318-469-4094



All proceeds will be donated to the  
CJ Foundation for SIDS in honor of Brinlee Mae Green.

## Bass Tournament Rules and Regulations

- All payments MUST be paid at the Mandatory Meeting, Friday ,April 18 , at the Haughton Fire Department 224 W McKinley Ave, Haughton, LA 71037 from 6-8pm.
- All fishing for the tournament will be on Lake Bistineau. You may launch from any public or commercial site. If you launch at the State Park or trailer in, you are responsible for The State Park Fee.
- NO FISHING prior to 6:30am.
- Official Time is determined by signal sent to cell phone.
- ALL contestants MUST be in designated line for weigh-in by 3:00pm.
- Weigh-In Line at State Park #1
- A late penalty of 1 oz. per minute will be deducted, until 3:15pm. Any team arriving after this time is disqualified.
- ONLY Large Mouth Bass are eligible for weigh-in. Bass must be a minimum of 12 inches in length. Each Team may weigh a maximum of 5 fish.
- ALL Scoring is by pounds and ounces. Any and all ties shall be broken by largest bass within the team.
- ONLY Rods and Reels (CAPABLE of being cast) with artificial lures MUST be used at all times.
- Contestants MUST Fish from the same boat in which they began the tournament.
- Under NO Circumstances may any team fish within 50 yards of another team.
- Anyone who has EVER been paid as a fresh water fishing guide is classified as PROFESSIONAL and is NOT eligible to enter.
- ALL MUST Wear a U. S. Coast Guard approved life vest whenever the main engine is running.
- We are NOT LIABLE for lost, damaged, or stolen property OR personal injury or accident.
- Contestants Are Subject to receiving a polygraph test. Failure to submit WILL result in elimination.
- Absolutely NO alcohol or drug usage tolerated during any part of tournament. Violators eliminated. Elimination from the tournament is by TEAM AND prohibits participation in prizes or drawings and forfeiture of entry fee.
- ANY and ALL Decisions made by the Tournament Director are firm and final. For lake information or directions please visit <http://www.crt.state.la.us/parks/ilakebist.aspx>.

----- Entry Form, please cut and turn in with money-----

Name-\_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Name-\_\_\_\_\_

Contact number-(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee

Big Bass

Entry Fee \$50ns.00 Per Team Big Bass \$10.00

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## NLFF CALENDAR

JAN 14 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. JOHN WILLIAMS OF LAFAYETTE PACK AND PADDLE WILL RETURN TO SHREVEPORT WITH A PRESENTATION ON KAYAK FISHING IN THE MARSH. THIS IS A GREAT PREP FOR OUR CLUB OUTING PLANNED FOR APRIL 5 TO FISH THE MARSH NEAR [LAKE CHARLES](#).

JAN 16 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE [WHITE RIVER](#) FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO. ERIK WILL TIE AND TEACH THE SRIMP BUSTER.

JAN 25 - THE ANNUAL CLUB OUTING , "FROZEN CHOSEN" ON THE LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER IN ARKANSAS. SHORE LUNCH WILL BE BURGERS AND DOGS PROVIDED BY THE CLUB WITH EVERYONE ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH AND YOUR OWN DRINKS.

JAN 28 - NLFF [EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING](#) 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

FEB 11 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. HARRY BOYD, ONE OF THE PREMIER BAMBOO ROD BUILDERS IN THE NATION WILL BE PRESENTING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BAMBOO RODS, HOW TO MAKE AND FISH THEM.

FEB 20 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO. BUD BETHEA WILL BE TING LEFTY'S DECIEVER

FEB 25 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO [CONFERENCE ROOM](#) BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MARCH 11 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THIS WILL BE OUR CHILI AND FLIES MEETING THIS YEAR. BRING YOUR CHILI ALREADY MADE, AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF SOME REALLY FUN FLY TYING WITH A TWIST. SCOTT IRWIN ALWAYS HAS A SURPRISE FOR US ON THE FLY TYING CONTEST.

MAR 20 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO.

MAR 25 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

APRIL 5 - CLUB OUTING FOR MARSH FISHING IN SOUTH LOUISIANA. THIS WILL BE A SEMI-GUIDED TRIP IN KAYAKS, WITH 2 EXPERIENCED MARSH KAYAK FISHERMEN SHOWING EACH OF 2 GROUPS WHERE AND HOW TO FISH WITHOUT GETTING LOST. THERE WILL BE A FEE FOR THIS TRIP WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER WE FIND OUT THE FEES FOR THE GUIDES.

APRIL 8 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

APRIL 11 & 12 - CADD0 CONCLAVE AT CADD0 STATE PARK. DETAILS TO FOLLOW

APRIL 17 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO.

APR 22 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MAY 5 - NATCHITOCHES FLY FISHING FAIR HOSTED BY CANE COUNTRY FLY CASTERS ON THE CAMPUS OF NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY IN NATCHITOCHES.

MAY 11 - OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE NORTH LOUISIANA FLY FISHERS AT THE RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

MAY 15 - BASS PRO/NLFF WORKSHOP FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 IN THE WHITE RIVER FLY SHOP IN BASS PRO.

MAY 27 - NLFF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM IN THE BASS PRO CONFERENCE ROOM BEHIND THE GUN SECTION IN BASS PRO. ANY MEMBER IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

JULY 26 - THE SECOND ANNUAL "MASTERS SERIES" WILL FEATURE A DAY WITH DAVE WHITLOCK. THIS WILL BE AN ALL DAY EVENT WITH ONE OF THE MOST RENOWNED FLY FISHERMEN IN THE WORLD. DETAILS ON COST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SPRING. ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED TO 75.



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## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

March 8th: Fly Fish Texas at Athens TX. For details go to [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/teec](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/teec) and click on Fly Fish Texas link.

March 20th-22nd: 17th annual Sowbug Roundup. Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mtn Home AR. For details [www.northarkansasflyfisher.org](http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org).

May 3rd: Natchitoches Fishing Expo. Held at the Prather Coliseum. For details [www.canecountry.blogspot.com](http://www.canecountry.blogspot.com).

May 31st: 5th Annual Bass On The Fly Tournament. Lake Fork Marina. Information - [www.bassonthefly.org](http://www.bassonthefly.org)

June 12th-14th: 1st ever IFFF Texas Council Expo. New Braunfels Civic Center, New Braunfels, TX. For information, [www.texascounciliff.org](http://www.texascounciliff.org).

June 27th-29th: Grand Isle Weekend. At the Blue Dolphin Inn, Grand Isle LA. Go to [www.rsff.org](http://www.rsff.org) for details.



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