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## Masters Series is a BIG Event!

For anyone to make the cover of a national publication in their field of endeavor is a sign of greatness and special meaning. It usually means that the individual is at the top or one of the best in their field. Sports figures portrayed on the cover of a leading sports magazine, the model that also graces the cover of their swimsuit edition, a CEO on a business mag, even a movie star on the cover of any number of rags are prime examples.

Which brings me to the reason that the NLFF Masters Series is a BIG event! Every past presenter at our Masters Series is at the top or one of the best in their field of expertise in the world of fly fishing. Every previous presenter at the Master Series is or will be a legend in the fly fishing world or at the very least, occupy that area of rarified air at the top. Last year's presenter, George Daniel, is

mentioned on the current edition of Fly Fisherman.

The 2018 Master Series is fast approaching (July 28th) and tickets are going fast. You don't want to be left out of



this event. Think about it. How many opportunities are you going to have to rub elbows, pick their brains, or learn tips, tricks and techniques from the best in our chosen sport. Sure you could travel to a national event that is overcrowded with fly fishers so much so that you may only get to SEE the headliner. Good luck trying to have a conversation with them much less having dinner with them at a local restaurant!

A day with Kelly Galloup, a living legend according to the FFI, is one not to be missed. See details on the next two pages.



**6th Annual NLFF Masters Series**

The 6th Annual Masters Series tickets officially go on sale May 1st at early bird pricing of \$35.00 per ticket until June 1st, after which the will be available at the regular price of \$40.00. Tickets to the June 28th event featuring Kelly Galloup are available by mail or in person at any NLFF function or meeting. This is sure to sell out quickly, so get your tickets early. A limited number of seats are available and due to sponsorship sales, about half of the seating is already reserved. Don't delay, lest ye forget! Get your tickets now.

**2018 NLFF Executive Board**

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**North Louisiana Fly Fishers  
6th Annual Masters Series  
Proudly Presents:**

***Kelly Galloup***

**Kelly Galloup** started his fly fishing career at the age of 13, tying flies for the local tackle shop and has over forty nationally recognized fly patterns. He started guiding at the age of 16 and is still guiding to this day some 30 years later. Kelly owned and operated the Troutsman fly shop in Northern Michigan from 1981 to 2002. In the spring of 2002 he sold the Troutsman and moved to Montana where he and his wife Penny bought the Slide Inn lodge on the Madison River.

Kelly has written two books *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout* and *Cripples and Spinners*. Kelly has been published in nearly every major fly fishing periodical in the country and is now one of the Editors-at-Large for *Fly Fisherman* magazine. Kelly was also one of the hosts of *Fly Fish TV* on the *Outdoor Life Network*. In 2004 Kelly was nominated and received the Living Legend award by the Federation of Flyfishers, now Fly Fishers International.



**Tickets: \$40 each**

***Early Bird Special: \$35 each  
(if purchased before June 1st)***

**Where and When:**

***Red River NWR  
150 Eagle Bend Point  
Bossier City, LA 71112***

***July 28, 2018  
9:00am - 4:00pm***

**For More Information:**

**Contact Scott Irwin  
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## Introducing Your Kids to Fly Fishing: 4 Tips for Success

Fishing is a wonderful family activity and it provides a great way to bond with your children. But while plenty of parents hand their child a spinning rod and head down to the local farm pond, relatively few try to teach their kids how to fly fish.

This is understandable, given the complexity of the activity, but unfortunate too. The truth is, most youngsters are perfectly capable of learning to whip a fly through the air. No, fly fishing isn't an ideal pursuit for very young children, but most kids can learn to handle a fly rod by the time they are 10 to 12 years of age.

However, it's always important to have success while introducing chil-

dren to any type of fishing, otherwise, they'll get bored and lose interest. And while it is slightly more complicated to do so when you are trying to teach them to fly fish, you can still set yourself up for success by keeping the following four considerations in mind.

### 1. Pick a fly rod well-suited for young anglers.

You don't want to hand your child a rod designed for an adult, as it'll be difficult for your youngster to wield and control. Instead, try something about 7 or 8 feet long with moderate action, which will enable your child to feel the rod load more effectively. And while you should always try to go with a rod



of reasonable quality, there's no need to spend a fortune on your child's first fly rod, which they may break.

### 2. Fish in accessible and productive locations.

In the interests of catching fish, you'll want to go somewhere that you know is productive. Don't waste your time trekking hours up a mountain stream with your kid to reach some new pool you've been dying to fish. Instead, you want to go to a place in which you regularly catch fish.

Additionally, avoid places with numerous obstacles in favor of

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put up a great fight once hooked. Rainbow trout can also be a worthy target, especially in well-stocked waters.

### **4. Use only the most productive flies.**

You want fish striking and rods bending, so tie one of your most productive flies on your child's line to set them up for success. This may not be the time to break in your new experimental fly pattern.

If you're not familiar with the local fish, be sure to chat up the locals to find out what works in the area.

Also, you'll want to use simple floating flies, such as the new Double

Barrel Bass Bug poppers, which are easy to retrieve and fairly simple to fish.

*If you'd like to learn more about introducing your kids to angling in general, check out Outdoor Em-*

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places with wide-open casting lanes and ample elbow room.

### **3. Target fish that are easy to catch.**

You may lay awake at night dreaming about wild and wary brown trout, but these are poor targets for first-time fly fishers. Instead, concentrate on species and fish that are more likely to take a taste of your fly. Panfish often hit flies quite aggressively, and they



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pire's comprehensive review of the subject. It is targeted at conventional angling more than fly fishing, but it will still provide invaluable information and advice for making your child's first fishing trip a success.



About Jon Sutton:

Jon Sutton loves to spend time in the woods and on the water. His life has revolved around outdoors since his early childhood days when he caught his first bluegill in his local pond. Since then he has grown into a full-fledged angler targeting salmon and bass during his free time. He also enjoys hiking, camping and seeing the world through travel. He is currently a content manager for Outdoor Empire.

## Help Wanted

I am in my fourth year of publishing *The Fly Line*. Wait! Keep reading. I'm not looking for a replacement editor. (Not yet anyhow!) Over those three plus years, I have received only a handful of submissions from club members. It takes a lot of work to contact authors of interesting articles that I find to get permission to re-publish them. Much of my work can be cut down by submissions from club members. I know that ya'll have interesting stories to tell. Heck, I hear them all the time. Send me your thoughts on paper and I will do the hard work. I will add pictures if necessary, edit for space requirements, spelling, punctuation, grammar and anything else. No shame here! Just send me your tales. I know the most interesting stories for our members come from our area and our members. Send submissions to [nlffclub@gmail.com](mailto:nlffclub@gmail.com) or hand them to me at any club function.

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*Steve Oliver*, Editor



## 2018 Banquet Announcement

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**NLFF ANNUAL BANQUET**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**SHANE'S SEAFOOD & BARBECUE**

**9176 MANSFIELD ROAD**

**SHREVEPORT, LA**

**INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING!**

**ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL!**



**GET LUCKY WITH RAFFLE PRIZES!**



**AND TAKE HOME SOME REALLY COOL STUFF!**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE, CONTACT  
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**NLFF Calendar**

**Jul 10th: NLFF Monthly Meeting.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Casting lessons during our social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm. Kris Nault from Arkansas Wildlife and Fisheries will talk about the Little Missouri River.

**Jul 19th: Fly Tying Workshop.** White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. David Whatley will be tying a streamer pattern.

**Jul 24th: NLFF Executive Board meeting.** 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

**Aug 14th: NLFF Monthly Meeting.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Casting lessons during our social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm. Vicki and Gene Thibodeaux will give a presentation on their visit to Mountain View, AR including fly fishing and other things to do when in the area.

**Aug 16th: Fly Tying Workshop.** White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm. Steve Oliver will be revisiting the Wiggle Minnow and showing an improvement on the design.

**Aug 21st: NLFF Executive Board meeting.** 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

**Sep 11th: NLFF 2018 Banquet.** Shane's Seafood and BBQ on Mansfield Rd in Shreveport. Dinner at 6:00pm, fundraising raffles to start at 6:45pm.

**Sep 20th: Fly Tying Workshop.** White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm.

**Sep 25th: NLFF Executive Board meeting.** 6:00pm at Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA upstairs in the conference room directly across from the elevator.

**Oct 9th: NLFF Monthly Meeting.** Red River Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA. Casting lessons during our social gathering at 6:00pm, meeting starts at 6:45pm and presentation will begin at 7:00pm.

**Oct 18th: Fly Tying Workshop.** White River Fly Shop in Bass Pro Shop in Bossier City, LA., 6:00-7:30pm.



**NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE!**  
**SEND ITEMS TO EDITOR:**  
**STORIES, PHOTOS, ITEMS OF**  
**INTEREST ARE ALL**  
**WELCOME!**



## Upcoming Events

**Jul 13th - 14th:** "14th Contraband Fly Fishing Expo". Friday-Saturday, July 13-14, 2018 Friday: 12 noon to 4:00pm Saturday: 8:30am to 4:00pm Isle of Capri Casino Hotel, Lake Charles, LA FREE ADMISSION. Sponsored by the Contraband Fly Casters / Tom Nixon Chapter. Fly Tying, Casting Demos, Lure Exhibits, Auctions / Raffles, Food and Refreshments, Equipment Displays and more! Public invited. For more details, go to [www.contrabandflycasters.net](http://www.contrabandflycasters.net).

**Jul 28th:** North Louisiana Fly Fishers 6th annual "Masters Series" Headliner this year is Kelly Galloup, July 28, 2018 9:00am to 4:00pm Cost: \$35 Cost includes admission, lunch, coffee, drinks Capacity limited to 75, pre-registration required. Advise buying tickets early! The Masters Series is an annual program in which the NLFF brings the very best fly fishermen in the world to the region. This years event will consist of an intense day of learning from a legend in the sport of fly fishermen, Kelly Galloup. This is a full day of learning. Segments will include power point presentation, outdoor casting clinic, and fly tying. For more info, contact Tom Bullock 318-393-7729 or Scott Irwin 318-469-0854, or check the NLFF Facebook page or website at [www.northlaFlyfishers.org](http://www.northlaFlyfishers.org)

**Aug 7th - 11th:** 53rd annual Fly Fishers International - National Fly Fishing Fair , Aug 7-11, 2018 9:00am to 5:00pm Saturday admission is free! Join us for: fly fishing, tying, casting workshops, fly tying demos, casting demos, programs, exhibitors and vendors, book authors, special activities for youth and women, awards banquet, barbecue, and other social events. For more info, go to [www.flyfishersinternational.org](http://www.flyfishersinternational.org)



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### North Louisiana Fly Fishers

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**Founded in 1984**

**Serving the Ark-La-Tex for over 30 years**

It is the charge of the North Louisiana Fly Fishers to afford the general public and our 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.

The North Louisiana Fly Fishers (NLFF) Club serves the Ark-La-Tex area surrounding Shreveport. As the closest cold water fishery, we consider the Little Missouri (Little' Mo) River near Murfreesboro, AR our home waters. We also fish the local rivers and lakes. We even have a growing group of kayak fishermen that, as well as the local rivers and lakes, will fish the gulf coast marshes for some saltwater action!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Red River Wildlife Refuge (150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA). Meeting starts at 7pm but come about 6pm to visit, tie flies and practice casting when the weather permits. See you there!