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TWFF Business Update

CASTING FOR RECOVERY REPORT - An article about "Casting for Recovery" appeared in the Austin newspaper. The article was very informative, well written and hopefully will give some much needed publicity to this cause. TWFF now has "Casting for Recovery" hats and pins for sale. Both are very nice. Hats are \$20, pins are \$10.

2006 TRIP UPDATES -

JULY 21-23: Next trip will be in Junction on the Llano River. A vote was taken as to whether or not a guide should be hired. After much discussion, the majority voted against hiring a guide for this outing. Information on guides will be gathered for those who wish to hire someone on their own. A vote was taken in favor of trying to acquire a speaker for Friday night in Junction, preferably at no charge. Raffle tickets for a float-tube are being sold now and the raffle drawing will take place in Junction.

SEPT. 15-17: September's trip will be in Port Aransas. Members discussed pros and cons about hiring a guide for this trip. No vote was taken yet. Everyone was urged to make reservations soon. Annual Auction will take place at September outing instead of July outing.

NOV. 3-5: November's trip is to Beaver's Bend, OK. Reservations can be made at Whip-Poor-Will cabins again.

Guadalupe Bass Restoration Project: The club donated \$500 for this cause.

Membership: We have six new members and 3 persons receiving free membership for one year through Casting For Recovery.

Addendum:

There was discussion Saturday by several members about the Taco Sale done for the Bud Priddy One Fly Contest. Sales were less the expected again and other clubs did not get the word out that TWFF would have tacos for sale again. The volunteers that do this service are giving quite a bit of their time and the return does not appear to be profitable. The idea of having members donate a fly each at outings and raffling off the flies as the Alamo Fly Fishers did at this outing was discussed. Money from this could go to Casting for Recovery instead of food sales.

From the President

Sheila Anderson

Since our last newsletter a few of events have occurred that I would like to share with you. I was honored to be asked to participate as a volunteer river helper at the Casting for Recovery retreat at Joshua Creek in April. It was a wonderful experience listening to "fish on" reports via the walkie-talkies, and to see the joy on the women's faces as they felt that magical tug of the fish biting. The ranch is a beautiful place and the water is clear. You can see the fish checking out the flies. There is a very nice audio slide show on austin360.com. Search on casting for recovery.



I regret I missed the annual trek to Camp Wood for the Bud Priddy contest. My daughter graduated from college that very same weekend, and I needed to be in California. Sarah's trip report details a very fun time, I wish I had been there! My thanks go out to Lavene for handling the business meeting and to all who participated in the events that weekend. See Sarah's report for delightful details of the trip.

Also in May, I was invited to the Orvis store to make a presentation of the Texas Women Fly Fishers organization and activities. This presentation was advertised by Orvis for over two months, and four women were interested enough to attend. They also joined TWFF, more than doubling our Dallas active membership. The Orvis store donated many goodies for our auction and also for door prizes at upcoming outings. They invited us back for Orvis Days in September, and for another presentation day in the fourth quarter, probably in late October. I updated the presentation used by Sherri Ray, Sarah Valentine, Audrey Ambrose, and myself for our visit with the San Marcos TOWN group last year.

I want to express my amazement at the growth of the TWFF. Since January, our membership has gone from 76 people to 96! That's over 20% growth in the number of members this year. Most people find us on the web, but we have also placed the outing fliers at various outfitter stores throughout the state. I hope this interest in our group doesn't wane over time. Our outings for the remainder of the year should be excellent! I look forward to seeing you next at Junction in July.

Lastly, will all of you please look ahead to EXPO this coming October 7th – 8th? All Austin members please reserve a couple of hours that weekend to volunteer at the fly fishing tent. Any out-of-town members, who plan to attend, please let me know if you can spare a couple hours to help out. We had such a successful CFR fund raiser at Fly Fish Texas selling donated flies that I would like to do the same at EXPO. Plan on another fly tying round table at a location to be determined prior to EXPO, so we can work our charm again. We need a volunteer coordinator for EXPO. If you have the time to do this, please contact me so I can get you in touch with Ronnie Ray for additional information.

Thanks and regards,

Shelia

Welcome New Members

Sharleen Liles, Lubbock, TX
Ruth Elms, San Antonio, TX
Barbara Palousek, San Antonio, TX
Rebecca Young, Austin, TX
Karen Gebhardt, San Antonio, TX
Vickie Wood, Tyler, TX
Susan Dymond, Dripping Springs, TX
Danna Murfee, Lubbock

Pat Sindle, Grapevine, TX
Virginia Shannon, Grapevine, TX
Frances Estes, Oak Leaf, TX
Rozlynn Orr, Oak Leaf, TX
Katie, Dunn, Alice, TX
Gretchen Neubauer, Houston, TX
Shelia Roberts, Austin, TX
Sally Wolfe & family, Waco, TX

Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest Trip Report

By Sarah Valentine

For weeks I'd been watching the western skies, praying for a good hard rain on the watershed above the Nueces River. The Bud Priddy "One Fly" event was only a few weeks away and I knew after my scouting trip Easter weekend that the river was in dire need of some quenching rains. The new bridges had been built, roads repaired, and debris removed, since the floods a few years back; if only it would rain. I knew that the faithful would return to the Canyon, despite the lack of rain. There's something magical about these clear, pristine waters full of feisty Hill Country fish. I looked forward to trading laughs with the Alamo Fly Fisher guys and supposedly the Texas Fly Fishers were making the trek from the Houston area. Yes, the women were ready to hear tall tales at the end of the day about fish counts nearing 250 (must be fishing in a hatchery). We were ready, but we didn't care; one of our members usually caught the biggest fish and hopefully this year would be no different.

Audrey, Sherri, and I piled our gear into the truck and kayak trailer—way too much gear for three women to use in three days but, as Sheila Hood always says, "if you've got the room, put it in." We'd decided to leave on Thursday around noon so that we could actually get some fishing in on Friday. We rolled into the Big Oak Tree Campground in the early evening with plans to spend the night under the stars in our new tent. Coco helped set up and soon a fellow fly fisher wandered up and introduced himself, Rob Pyrtula from Chattanooga, Tennessee. We invited him for supper at Coco's RV and everyone jumped on the tailgate and we headed out. We stopped and picked up one of our newest members, Deb Dunsford; and we all enjoyed Coco's cooking. We soon learned that Rob was an avid fly fisher and tier; and that he was on a quest for a Texas Grand slam, his own invention: a largemouth bass, a Guadalupe bass, a Rio Grande Perch (cichlid), a catfish, and as many different kinds of sunfish as he could manage. We assured him that with the exception of the elusive Rio Grande, he would meet his goal.

The next day Deb loaned Sherri her float tube and helped us launch our kayaks for the float trip from below the dam down to the campground. Linda Love and Betty Burleson were about an hour ahead of us and we couldn't wait to see what the water had to offer. We found ourselves out of the kayaks most of the time, not because of the low water but because of the fierce winds blowing in our faces. We caught some really nice fish and loved our afternoon on the water—I think Sherri's bass was 14 inches—but we knew that for the contest, we'd leave the kayaks on the trailer. We neared the last riffle of river water and Sherri was in the lead. I didn't think she'd have any trouble in the float tube, but when I saw her standing up and way too still I knew something was wrong. I dragged my kayak along side her and saw her holding what remained of her Sage rod; broken at the base of the shaft after a nasty trip on the river bottom rocks. Audrey and I tried to make her laugh and soon we were swimming toward Coco who was fishing one of the far banks at the campground. Thank goodness for those rod replacement warranties.

We walked up to the campground and found Linda, Betty, Lavene, Frances, Cindi and Will, the kids from Campwood and their families watching Rob demonstrate proper casting technique. All of the instructors were wonderful as they helped the kids make their first casts with the long rods. Our thanks to Linda Love for coordinating the event and again to Rob for donating his casting expertise to the kids. We held the mullet mixer at our cabin and we had lots of

good laughs and good food. I enjoyed meeting Sheila and Greg Setter and especially enjoyed the salads prepared by Lavene and Frances! Lavene; a short business meeting was conducted that provided organizational updates, T-shirts and caps were sold, and then most everyone headed back to their cabins to watch the Spurs game.

Coco pulled up to our cabin at 4:45 the next morning and the casting for recovery (CFR) Taco Kitchen sputtered into action while the coffee brewed. Deb came over to help and we piled the tacos into Coco's truck and headed into town for registration. We all had a great time on the river that day, quickly learning how to fish small pockets of water and making the most of the water that was there. Rob accomplished his Texas Grand slam and despite my doubts, I also caught one of the elusive cichlids. It was such a lovely fish. The awards dinner was held at Casa Falcon and the 250+ fish story catch of the day was honored. The biggest fish was caught by a TWFF member of course! Cindi Sudds won with a 16" largemouth bass. We each went home with smiles on our faces and a cool prize from the Alamo boys. They really outdid themselves this year! Some of us headed over to Deb's cabin to see her fly tying setup and then Rob showed us how to tie some of his flies. It was the perfect ending to a great day on the water.

We rose early Sunday morning and had coffee with Coco and then she packed up her trailer and headed out. Betty and Buster were just ahead of her pulling their kayak trailer. It was a lovely morning for a drive in the hill country. Most everyone stopped by our cabin and lots of fishing stories were traded before the group slowly trickled out of the park. Rob tied new leaders and tippet on for those of us who asked—very nice, and Audrey and I also received a nice casting lesson from him. The checkout time was approaching, but we knew Terri wouldn't mind if we were a bit late. Though we missed our TWFF buddies who were usually there, we knew the trip had been one of our best. Thanks to all of those who attended. It was great fun and our new and honorary members became part of our TWFF family.



2006 Outing Schedule

July 21-23, South Llano River Outing, Junction, TX

September 15-17, TWFF Saltwater Trip, Aransas Pass, TX

November 3-5, Trout Fishing, Broken Bow, OK

South Llano River Outing

Morgan Shady Park, Junction Texas

July 21 – 23, 2006

Coordinators: Glenna Noret michael.noret@cox.net and Kelley Kazura rkkazr@cox.net
Hope everyone is ready for a HOT time in Junction. The good news is that the water is always running and cool!

TWFF will travel to Junction, Texas to fish the spring-fed South Llano River, home to native Guadalupe Bass and Rio Grande Perch as well as largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, and other species. Outing headquarters will be Morgan Shady Park, located on the banks of the South Llano as the river pools to form Lake Junction.

With its grassy banks and huge pecan trees, the privately owned Morgan Shady Park is an ideal spot for summer camping in the Hill Country. Flowing out of the "Land of 1100 Springs," the South Llano maintains an adequate flow and the lake waters remain cool and refreshing even in the middle of our long, hot summers. You can check out their website at <http://www.morganshady.com/>.

TWFF has reserved *The Party Barn* at Morgan Shady Park, for the headquarters for this outing. It has electricity, picnic table seating, and a misting system to help cool the area. Facilities at the park runs from basic camping to RV sites with full hook-ups; there are also rustic air conditioned bunk rooms available (2, 4, 6, to 8 per room). All sites have safe drinking water, electricity and a table and there are bathhouses with toilets and showers. Daily costs from \$18 to \$25 a day depending on the site. The park also has three "bunkrooms" which has been reserved for our outing. The bunkrooms cost \$60 a night and can accommodate 4 to 8 folks - depending how friendly you want to get! All rates are based on 2-person occupancy. Additional people are \$5.00 each. There is also a \$5.00 fee for day use only for those not staying at the park. For those who desire more modern conveniences, Junction has many moderately priced motels within a 10-minute drive of Morgan Shady Park.

Reservations

For bunkhouse reservations, contact Glenna Noret at michael.noret@cox.net or Kelley Kazura at rkkazr@cox.net. We only have one bunkhouse left and it will hold 4 to 8 folks, so anyone interested, please contact us as soon as possible. For tent or RV site reservations, contact Morgan Shady Park at 325-446-2580 or 325-446-2071. For motel reservations, please see the list below and make your reservations directly. ***Once your reservations are made, please email either Kelley or Glenna and let them know you are attending the outing so we can get a good count of the attendants.***

Dinner Reservations: Tentatively set for Isaack's Restaurant, 1606 Main Street, at 7 p.m. If something changes we will email all those who have contacted us and signed up to attend the outing.

Directions to Morgan Shady Park.

Morgan Shady Park is located at 600 South 6th St., Junction, Texas 76849. Exit IH-10 at the 456 marker. Turn on to Hwy 377 / 83 to come to Junction. This becomes Main Street in Junction. Follow Main Street to the Kimble County Courthouse. Turn right on Sixth Street, the street just before the Courthouse. (There is no marker to tell you that this is Sixth Street until you go one block.) Stay on Sixth Street until you enter the park on the banks of the South Llano River.

Area Motels

Comfort Inn Located at I-10, exit 456 (325) 446-3572
800-228-5150

Day's Inn Located at I-10, exit 457 (325) 446-3730
800-329-7466

The Hills Motel, 1520 Main Street (325) 446-2567

Econo Lodge at Exit 465 on I-10 (325) 446-2475

La Vista Motel, 2040 Main Street (325) 446-2191

Lazy T Motel, 2043 Main Street (325) 446-2565

Slumber Inn, 2343 Main Street (325) 446-4588

Sun Valley Motel, 1611 Main Street (325) 446-2505 or 866-446-2505

The Legends Inn, 1908 Main Street (325) 446-8644
877-445-8444

Local Canoe & Kayak Rentals.

If you plan to rent a canoe or kayak from a local outfitter, please make your reservations early. Peacemaker River Expeditions, 325-446-2363, 365 River Road Junction
South Llano River Canoes (& kayaks), 325-446-2220, 6 miles south of Junction off Hwy 377
Sonny's Canoes, 325-446-2112, 214 Patricia, Junction. Canoe rentals

OUTING SCHEDULE

Friday, July 21

Meet for Mullet Mixer at The Party Barn at Morgan Shady Park. Kelley will be smoking a turkey and cooking a big pot of beans. There will be ice cold water melon, so dress cool and bring your drinks and side dishes. All the paper goods will be furnished.

Saturday, July 22

Gather at Morgan Shady Park at 8 am and be ready to shuttle to our put in at South Llano River State Park. We will merge into as few vehicles as possible after loading our vessels on the shuttle trailer. Our group will paddle during the day back to Morgan Shady Park. It is about a 5 mile easy float with good fly fishing. Morgan Shady Park is suitable for both bank and wade fishing. If you prefer to or float fish the lake at Morgan Shady Park. Wade and bank fishing is also available at the river crossing near Texas Tech. Directions: Take Main Street north (left) to Hwy 377 and head toward the state park. About ¼ mile, you will see a sign on the right for Texas Tech University. Turn left at the sign; it is a few blocks to the low water crossing. A small parking area is available. There's also plenty of fishing opportunities "up the road" closer to the river's headwaters and maps will be provided at the Friday night mullet mixer.

Saturday Night Dinner – 7 p.m. at Isaack's Restaurant, 1606 Main Street. Brief business meeting after dinner.

Sunday, July 23

You are free to fish or leave for home according to your schedule.

GUIDELINES & SUGGESTIONS

Bring your fly rod, reel, flies and extra equipment for those who may forget or need help. If you want to bring a spinning rod, that's fine too. Suggested Flies: Woolly Buggers, Jig Head Nymphs, Clousers, Sponge Bugs, Zonkers, Tarantulas, Miss Prissy, Spider Legs or use your warmwater imagination. Bring sunscreen, camera, rain jacket, polarized sun glasses, warm clothes because even in July it can get chilly in the evening. You will not need waders in July but if you prefer wearing waders, wear breathable rather than neoprene. Nylon shorts and tennis shoes work just fine. Remember your hat too!

If you are paddling on the river trip you will need dry bags. Dry bags work and plastic bags do not. Try Austin Outdoor Gear & Guidance, REI, Academy and Bass Pro for dry bags. Everything gets wet inside a canoe or kayak on a river trip so please place your food and possessions in dry bags.

Bring food for the day and more water than you think you will need. If you fill a water bottle ¾ full, freeze (leave the cap off when you freeze it to allow for expansion) then put the cap back on just before you pack it, you will have ice water all day.

Please leave pets and loud music at home.

Bring food for your breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, check out several of the local restaurant on Main Street. If you plan to stay longer on Sunday bring food accordingly.

Rent canoes and kayaks in advance! Call now to reserve a boat! If you wait till the last minute there is good a chance they will all be rented. Call NOW to make your camping and lodging reservations now! Motels and campgrounds book up fast in the summer.

Helpful Links

Morgan Shady Park <http://www.morganshadypark.com/>.

South Llano River State Park <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/slano/slano.htm>

City of Junction <http://www.junctiontexas.net/>

TWFF Saltwater Trip
Aransas Pass, TX
September 15 - 17, 2006



Coordinators: Mary Rohrer and Stacy Trimble

Come kayak fish Port Aransas Lighthouse Lakes or Brown and Root flats for speckled trout and redfish. This is TWFF's second salt water trip to this part of the Texas Coast and should be an excellent trip and great way to learn the tools and techniques of flats fishing at the Coast. Check out the very informative and easy to use website www.aransaspas.org for information, maps and links to the lodging and guide services below.

On Friday night, The Mullet Mixer will be held on the patio of the house at Neptune Motel, TWFF Headquarters, for the weekend at 1330 S Commercial St, Aransas Pass, TX 78336, and (361-758-3766). Bring hors d'oeuvres to share, and any of your saltwater questions about fish, flies and equipment. TWFF members Stacy Trimble and Mary Rohrer will be available to check out your equipment, lines, leaders and knots to prepare for a successful weekend of salt water fishing. In the early evening, casting instructions and techniques will be demonstrated Stacy. She'll teach us techniques for casting in the wind, presentation of the fly, hooking, playing, and landing that gorgeous redfish you've been stalking in the flats. Stacy will also provide the all important "local knowledge" on where to fish on Saturday. The launch point and departure time on Saturday morning will be provided at the Mullet Mixer.

Kayaks are the preferred method of gaining access to the flats and to areas where the fish congregate. Dean Thomas of Slow Ride Guide Service has kayaks available for rent and can bring them to the launch point on Saturday morning. Give him a call to reserve a kayak, if needed.

Slowride Guide Services
[Dean](#) and [Jennifer](#) Thomas Owners
821 South Commercial in Aransas Pass, Texas 78336
1-866-856-9477 (toll free) or, 361-758-0463
www.slowrideguide.com

If you are bringing your own kayak or renting one, here is a good list of paddling accessories to have along:

PADDLE-CRAFT EQUIPMENT

Kayak/ canoe	Binoculars
PFD	Dry bag
Paddle Soft sided ice chest	Seat with back Bungee cords
Anchor with rope	Large sponge/ bilge pump (for sit-inside style kayaks)
Bow line	Boat light/ head lamp/ flashlight
Compass; GPS unit	Maps and charts

Saturday will be a full day of fly fishing and kayaking. We'll meet at the launch point around dawn, and continue fishing and paddling until the wind blows too hard for casting in the mid afternoon. Bring a hat, sunscreen, polarized sunglasses, to keep protected from the elements, and water and lunch/snacks for energy. Fly fishing equipment should include six weight or heavier rod and 12# leader and tippets. Good flies to have in your fly box would be clousers, spoons, topwater poppers, and crab and shrimp imitations. Wading equipment should include booties, or wading boots with good soles, not sandals. Some of the areas of the flats are oyster shells, so the footwear needs to be sturdy. Depending on water temperature and the weather, bring along some light weight waders, if you have them available. Remember also that the wind always blows at the Coast, pack a long sleeved shirt or windbreaker. The Lighthouse Lakes area is a great place to try that new handheld GPS for navigation. Bring it along and see how good your skills are!

In the late afternoon, before dinner, we'll meet at the Neptune Motel Patio for a very short TWFF business meeting.

Saturday night dinner will be in Rockport at one of the many seafood restaurants, like the Boiling Pot. Sunday is time for fishing on your own.

LODGING INFORMATION:

We have arranged for hotel rooms for the TWFF group at the Neptune Motel. Please get your reservations in, as space is filling quickly! Six rooms are reserved for TWFF members. Sheila Anderson has rented the small house at the Neptune for TWFF "headquarters" with the picnic area for our use. The cost of the rooms (two double beds in each room) is \$55.50/night. Rooms in the "new wing" have an efficiency kitchen and front porch and are \$72.50/night. To reserve a room, please call Eva directly at Neptune at 361-758-3766.

Other accommodations are available in the area if we fill the Neptune. The Aransas Pass website, www.aransaspass.com, has links to the local hotels and the phone numbers are listed below.

Hawthorne Suites	800-527-1133
Microtel Hotel	391-758-8000
Super 8 Motel	800-800-8000

For campers - Please contact the Ransom Road RV Park 361-758-2715. The RV park is within walking distance of the Neptune Motel and is adjacent to the Hampton's Landing boat launch. Their fee is \$30/day.

Please send an email to Mary Rohrer (mary_l_rohrer@yahoo.com) or Stacy Trimble (stacytrimble@cableone.net) if you are planning to come and we can get a good count of the attendants. This should be a great trip for those interested in learning more about saltwater fly fishing.

GUIDE INFORMATION:

You may wish to arrange personal guide services with local guides in the Aransas Pass area. Here is a partial list of guide services available. Check the web for additional guide services.

Trimble Fly Fishing
Billy Trimble Guide Service
www.trimbleflyfishing.com
Stacy and Billy Trimble
1-361-205-1266

Captain Sally's Reel Fun Charters
Captain Sally
P.O. Box 1571
Rockport, TX 78381
361-205-0624
www.sally@CaptainSally.com

Let's Go Guide Service
Captain Scott Null
281-450-2206
www.letsstofishing.net

TROUT FISHING ON THE LOWER MOUNTAIN FORK RIVER

Beavers Bend • Broken Bow, Oklahoma

November 3-5, 2006

Outing Coordinator: Kathy Goodlett and Karen Mitchell (email: kgoodusav@yahoo.com)

TWFF will travel to southeast Oklahoma over November 3rd-5th to fish for brown and rainbow trout in the stocked waters of the Lower Mountain Fork River at Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort, near Broken Bow, OK. Broken Bow is approximately 200 miles northeast of Dallas. Last years trip was incredible and the fall foliage was at its peak.

The Lower Mountain Fork flows south out of Broken Bow Reservoir. This tailwater is the most noted year-round trout fishery in the state. Brown and rainbow trout are regularly stocked and may be found throughout the stream and its tributaries. The designated trout area includes a 12-mile reach of the Lower Mountain Fork River extending from Broken Bow Dam downstream to U.S. Highway 70 bridge. About 5 miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beavers Bend State Park, which offers excellent fishing access.

Spillway Creek is a tributary of the Lower Mountain Fork River that is a part of the designated trout area. When you hike along Spillway Creek you feel as if you are in a Rocky Mountain stream. This 1 ½ mile stretch is the first section of the 12 mile designated trout stream and is one of the most popular fishing areas on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Several of our members have enjoyed successful trout fishing in this area. Several fish habitat structures have been installed throughout this section of stream to improve fishing quality and angler success. Trout are stocked near these structures, providing excellent places for angler to begin their trout fishing adventures. Habitat structures include boulder clusters, rock weirs and veins and medium stage check dams. These improvement areas are being stocked with trout on a regular basis to make your fishing better. A state record 9 pound 12.8 ounce brown trout was caught January 13, 2003 from Zone II of the Lower Mountain fork River.

Below Beavers Bend State Park there are public access points at the Regulation Dam and Presbyterian Falls as well as a fee access site located near the Highway 70 bridge. You will need a map and good instructions to get to Presbyterian Falls. Both of these places are more difficult to fish than Spillway Creek. If you have felt sole wading shoes with cleats, they will be very helpful as these rocks are extremely slick. Some guides will not even take you here without them. You must at least have felt soles. Be sure to bring your wading staff and keep it handy. Rob will give you more instruction concerning safety in these areas.

TWFF Outing Headquarters will be at Whip-Poor-Will Resort (<http://www.texhillcntry.com/whippoorwill/>), located 6 miles from Beavers Bend State Park close to the golf course (<http://www.beaversbend.com>) adjacent to the Ouachita National Forest.

Numerous other cabins and tent/RV campgrounds are located in the vicinity. For a listing of these and additional information about the area including other activities, see the [Beavers Bend Oklahoma State Park and Resort](#) web site.

Whip-Poor-Will Resort has 18 rental cabins that we can rent at last year's rates. Make certain you tell Cathy you are reserving for the TWFF outing to get the special rates. **Make your reservations soon because the cabins will book up quickly.** (Whip-poor-will cabin reservations can be cancelled without penalty up until 7 days before your reservation date.) All cabins are air conditioned, and have fully equipped kitchenettes, charcoal grills, country decor, and cable TV. Reservations can be made by phone (580-494-6476) using Master Card/Visa, American Express, or Discover cards.

Please make your reservations directly with Whip-poor-will or the resort/campground of your choice. Send an email to Kathy Goodlett when your reservations are confirmed, she needs a head count of persons attending.

RV/Tent Camping is available at Beavers Bend State Park. The park will fill up quickly, and there are no guarantees that sites will be available for a Friday arrival during a busy time of year. There's also camping at the

nearby Lake Pines (\$17/ night for full hook ups). Lake Pines is approx. 5 miles from Whip-poor-will and is located approx. 1-2 miles outside of the park just past the turn on the park road. Tel. 580-494-6464 (no website).

Beavers Bend State Park

The park has several beautiful locations for wade fishing with convenient parking nearby. It also has a park store and a restaurant with a really good breakfast for your convenience. There is a great museum there that tells some of the history of the area.

Fishing License:

Go to wildlifedepartment.com for a lot of information. Information for 2006 may change.

Non Resident License Fee for 2005 as follows:

Annual \$37.00

5-days \$18.50

Trout \$10.00

Legacy \$ 5.00

Texas residents 64 or older pay only the \$5.00 Legacy fee.

Online fishing license can be obtained at:

Wildlifedepartment.com - an additional \$3.00 fee will be charged.

Plan on attending the Mullet Mixer at a location to be determined a little closer to the outing date on Friday night at 7:00. We will probably head out fishing early Saturday morning around 8:00 with a stop by the local fly shops and the State Park to purchase fishing licenses (if you do not already have them) and get maps. The area is best for wading. Kayaks can be used in some locations but not necessary for the best fishing. Plan on going out to eat Saturday night at 7:00 at a restaurant near by followed by a brief business meeting. Then, more fishing on Sunday with meals on your on that night.

Remember waders and long johns. The water is cold year round, but the air may be cold also. This is best time of year for trout fishing in this area. So be prepared to reel in lots of fish, but also to be patient and courteous as the streams will most likely be filled with other fishers.

What to Bring:

Rod size: Spillway Creek 5-6 weight. You can also use 3-4 weight fly rod for a bit more action with smaller fish. (Pam had good action on #3 weight rod early this year.)

Flies:

Olive wooly bugger, with/without bead head size 8-10. Black/olive also good.

Streamers: white or silver & white minnow style and white Zonker #6 long

Nymphs: Prince nymph #16; Pheasant tail, with/without bead #14-16. Flash back OK too. Gold rib hares ear #14-16.

Brassie and Copper John #14-16

Red fox squirrel tail size #14-16.

Midge - red, pearl, #20-22. Soft hackle in orange & olive are good colors.

Dry fly: Parachute Adams 14-16; Caddis in tan or gray #12-14. Blue wing olive #18.

San Juan worm - tan #12-14.

There are two fly shops in this area. One is The Beaver Bend Fly Shop located in the park, and the other is the Three Rivers Fly Shop, 3rivers@pine-net.com, phone 580.494.6115, located near the Whip-Poor-Will cabins. You can obtain your license there, or you can get it online at their web site prior to arrival. Sid at The Fly Shop is very helpful and is well stocked with flies.

More information will be provided Friday evening at the mullet mixer beginning around 7 PM (exact time will be provided later), including orientation to Beaver Bend, OK, fishing, how to read the water, fishing different kinds of water, flies to use, techniques, and where to fish.

Saturday morning those with previous experience here may want to help those who are new to the area. Trout fishing is a bit different than bass and pan fish. You may want to hire a private guide for this day.

Information about available guides:

Rob woodruff is a full-time licensed fly fishing guide. He holds a B.S. in Entomology from Texas A & M and has over 30 years fly fishing experience. He has been featured twice on ESPN's Fly Fishing America. Rob's techniques and flies have appeared in magazines such as Fly Rod & Reel, Warmwater Flyfishing, Fly Fishing and Tying Journal, Outdoor World, Flyfisher, Texas Fish and Game, Bassmaster and Southwest Fly Fishing. Rob hosts Salmon and Trout trips to the remote and beautiful Chilcotin district of British Columbia every July and September. He also guides on the fabulous Lake Fork, where he lives, and where you can fish for lunker bass. Also guides on Lake Monticello, Texas which is a power plant lake and on Glass Lake, Texas, a private access 73 acre lake. His rates are most reasonable (check out his web site). He is a very easy person to talk to and get acquainted with and his instructions are easy to follow. You can visit his web site at www.flyfishingfork.com for more information or to book his services.

Jesse King has 30 years of guide experience. He will first teach you all of the ins and outs of fly fishing, and then as he will lead you to fishing spots that are sweeter than the ones you dream about! He can provide fly fishing supplies, world class instruction, and equipment rental.

Rates:
 \$125-Half Day
 \$225-Full Day
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 3 Person Limit
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