

## **Latham Springs Outing Proved March Was "In Like a Lion"**

The March outing at Latham Springs Baptist Camp turned out to be fun, but challenging for the 27 people who attended. The theme of this outing was "FLEXIBILITY."

The goal of this location was to kayak and fish the Brazos. We came to this location in May 2015 with that intent, but the May floods kept us from getting the river safely. The camp's several lakes are large enough for wading or kayaking, so everyone had fun. Many wanted to come back again because the fishing was good, the location was central and the promise of the Brazos.

So we planned it earlier this year in hopes of working around spring rains. Well, that didn't happen. The week of our arrival saw heavy rains in the area, raising the river levels to unsafe levels again. Then, a cold front moved in Friday night that brought 20 mph winds (gusts to 30 mph) making fishing difficult, but still produced a lot of good results. The crappie were active and plentiful along with bass and a variety of sun fish.

Member Jerry Hamon was our Friday evening speaker. He showed us photos of the Brazos and the fishing opportunities, so we KNOW it is a good place to fish when the water is at normal levels. He also brought a few kayaks for people to try.

Les Jackson, along with his grilling team of Jack Janco, Don Carlson and Jerry Hamon, cooked up some hot dogs to go along with the yummy food brought to the Mullet Mixer. Les also led a fly tying session after the presentation.

Saturday morning, the beginners and those who wanted a "tune up" got help from Sharon Leissner and Jack Janco. As the weather got a little "iffy" on Saturday, it provided more opportunity for more fly tying. By the evening, the wind died down enough for us to have a wonderful camp fire by the lake.

Outings are the lifeblood of TWFF and would not happen without the work of our local outing committees. A very special thanks to Jan Bates, who served as the outing coordinator along with her team of Sharon Leissner, and Kay and Les Jackson.