



TVFF Club News

January 2018



Happy New Year



This Month Program Debbie Hill & J.J. Yount

Debbie and JJ will bring you up to date in our effort to incorporate.

Much work has been done and It's important the members know and understand the impact of becoming an FFI Charter Club.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation to answer any lingering questions prior to next month's vote.

This is an important event, don't miss it.



Updated Fishing Reports

- [Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#) – Little River Outfitters (Daily)
- [White and Norfolk Rivers](#) – Cotter Trout Lodge (Weekly)

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This Month's Activities

- 4 Jan – BOD meeting , 7pm, room 201
- 11 Jan - Fly Tying, 7pm, room 201
- 18 Jan - Club Meeting, 7 pm, room 201
- 25 Jan- Fly Tying, 7pm, room 201



Participation Award

Must be active member to participate

2018

Name: _____

Date: _____

Don't miss out!
Winning is easy! Simply pay your 2018 dues and attend any TVFF function.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

11 January - Featured Tyer – Donald Dehm

Donald will be tying a pair of midges long favored by midge fisherman around the world. Both the Zebra and Jujube midges are incredible fish getters especially in tail waters.

25 January - Featured Tyer – Jesse Males

Jesse will be joining us via internet to demonstrate another of his versatile fly patterns that fish will find hard to resist. The Candy Corn Crawler was originally designed for saltwater, this weedless fly is a must for trout, bass and even carp.



All are welcomed! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or even designed.

Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

Catch of the Month

Bill Pittenger and granddaughter Sidney with one of several nice rainbows caught by Sidney at Hayes Preserve during the Christmas break.

The City stocked Bar Lake with 900 pounds of rainbows in November and, according to “unnamed sources”, most are still in the lake.

Congratulations Sidney and thanks to Huntsville’s Green Team for providing a wonderful opportunity to make memories.



Send your fish photos to editor@tvff.club

Please include; location, size, species, fly, etc.



Introducing Your Kids to Fly Fishing: 4 Tips for Success

Oct 9, 2017 by Jon Sutton

Reprint from *The Flymen Fishing Co. blog*. For this and other great articles go to <https://flymenfishingcompany.com/blogs/blog>

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 children 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 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 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 Empire'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.

Board of Director's meeting had been rescheduled

The February BOD meeting scheduled for 2nd February has been rescheduled for the 4th of January.

All members are urged to attend.

2018 will be a busy year with numerous program changes in the works. Your comments, insights and ideas are needed.

More January Holidays

Martin Luther King Day

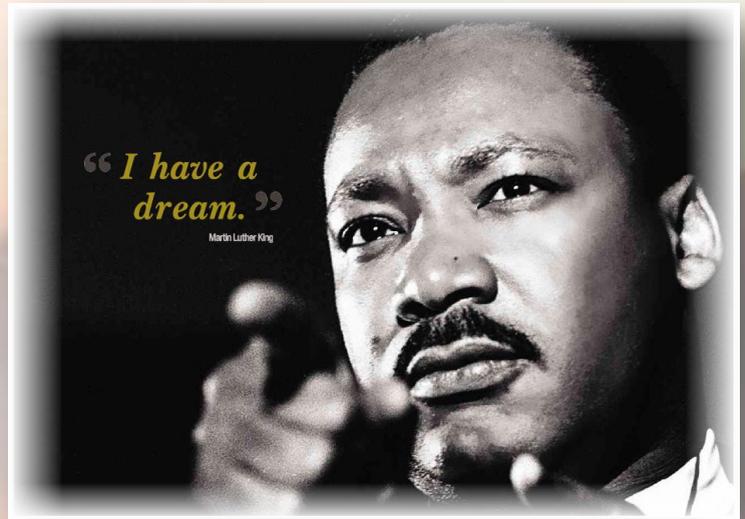
Date When Celebrated: The third Monday in January.

Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. grew to become one of the greatest Social Activists the world has ever known.

At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee.

His birthday became a National Holiday by an act of Congress in 1983.

Many consider it a day to serve your community.



Spouse's Day

Date When Celebrated : Spouses Day is always on January 26th

Spouse's Day is a time to enjoy and appreciate your better half.

You can use this day as a prelude or warm up to Valentine's Day, perhaps. But, its not as much of a gift giving event. Rather, use it as a time to show your spouse that you care and appreciate all of the things that he/she does for you and for the household.

Over the long years of a relationship, its easy to take for granted the many things your spouse does. He/she's always there. They do so many big and little things as a routine event.

So, take today to notice and to say thanks. As for the "enjoyment" part of the day...we will leave that up to you to enjoy your spouse however the two of your desire....



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