

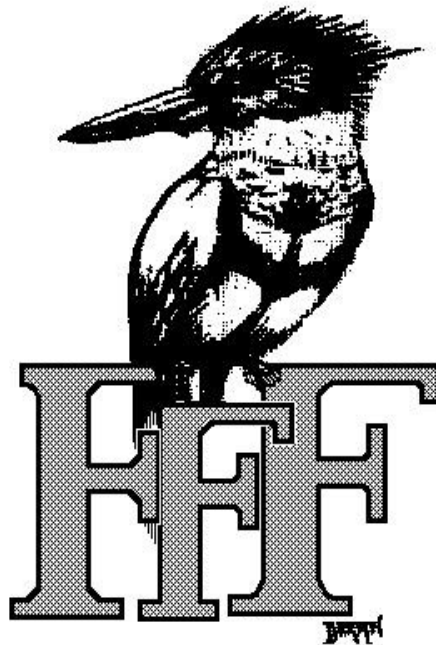


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The South Eastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) represents 13 affiliated clubs and over 500 individual members in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee and one club in north Florida. The FFF consists of clubs and individuals throughout America and the world. The Federation is made up of people who wish to share their sport with others, foster good sportsmanship, conservation, and ethics. The FFF's mission is to protect all fish in all waters by conserving, restoring, educating through fly fishing.

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FRED STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

With the economy being what it is today and many Federation members being of the age to have children in college, I thought it appropriate to remind folks about the SEC's FRED STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This \$1,000.00 grant is awarded each year to an under-graduate or post-graduate student who makes application to and is accepted by our scholarship review committee. In past years it has actually been a chore to try to solicit applications for the scholarship ... folks just weren't aware that we have this wonderful benefit. So, stated below are the criteria for applying for this award.

The CRITERIA for the SEC's grant are: The applicants must:

Be students registered at a fully accredited public college or university within the FFF South Eastern Council geographical region (AL, FL, GA, KY, LA (east of the Mississippi River), MS, NC, SC or TN) and must be in at least their sophomore year of college.

Be majoring in a field of study that fosters the preservation of and/or protection of gamefish or their habitats; for instance, a field relating to aquatic or wetland ecology might qualify as well as more obvious curricula dealing with fish biology, restoration ecology, fisheries management, etc.

Have a 3.0 (of a possible 4.0) G.P.A. or better.

Send a certified copy of his/her transcript plus a statement (at least one page long) explaining how the award monies will further the recipient's career goals to the Scholarship Awards Committee.

Notes:

As of the 2003 FFF/SEC board meeting, applications can come from both undergraduate and graduate students.

As of the 2004 FFF/SEC board meeting there is no FFF membership requirement; applicants who are either themselves an FFF member or who have an immediate parent or guardian who is an FFF member will be given preferential status over non-members.

What constitutes an appropriate field of study is left largely to the scholarship committee to decide, but a broad concept will possibly enlarge the potential pool of applicants.

For more information, Contact Bill Dunn at wldfly@centurytel.net or call (205) 937-2827 or mail him your request at:

366 Roberts Circle
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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The South Eastern Council has Fly-CASTING Outfits (20 6-weight and 10 8-weight) and 20 Fly-TYING Toolkits and Materials for use by member clubs for fly-casting classes, seminars, fly-tying classes, etc.

The use of this equipment costs the clubs only shipping back to me. We ship them to you by Fedex Ground 5-Day service. How you get them back to us doesn't matter as long as they are available for the next user in time for their classes. This process requires advanced notice. I need you to email or phone me your requested dates and other information (club name, address to ship them to, etc). I would ask that you do that several weeks if not months in advance of your fly-casting or fly-tying session. That way I can plan on how to get the equipment to you in time for your classes.

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Email address: _____

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SOUTH EASTERN COUNCIL INFORMATION

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FFF SEC BOARD of DIRECTORS

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As you can see, there is currently one position open on our Board of Directors:

VP-Development - Heads up fundraising efforts and future direction of the Council

None of these positions is particularly difficult. They all require differing amounts of time, but they all also provide a tremendous sense of accomplishment. We need people who are truly dedicated to flyfishing and its promotion to fill these positions. If you would consider doing any of them for a term or two, it would be most helpful. If you are not up for an actual officer position, we can always use more Directors. Contact Anthony Hipps if you are interested.

PAST & CURRENT PRESIDENTS of the South Eastern Council

1991-2000 Fred Stevenson	2006-2007 Dave Duffy
2000-2003 Bill Rowell	2008-2009 Lynn Scott
2004-2005 Gene Barrington	2010-2012 Anthony Hipps

SOUTH EASTERN COUNCIL INFORMATION

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SOUTH CAROLINA

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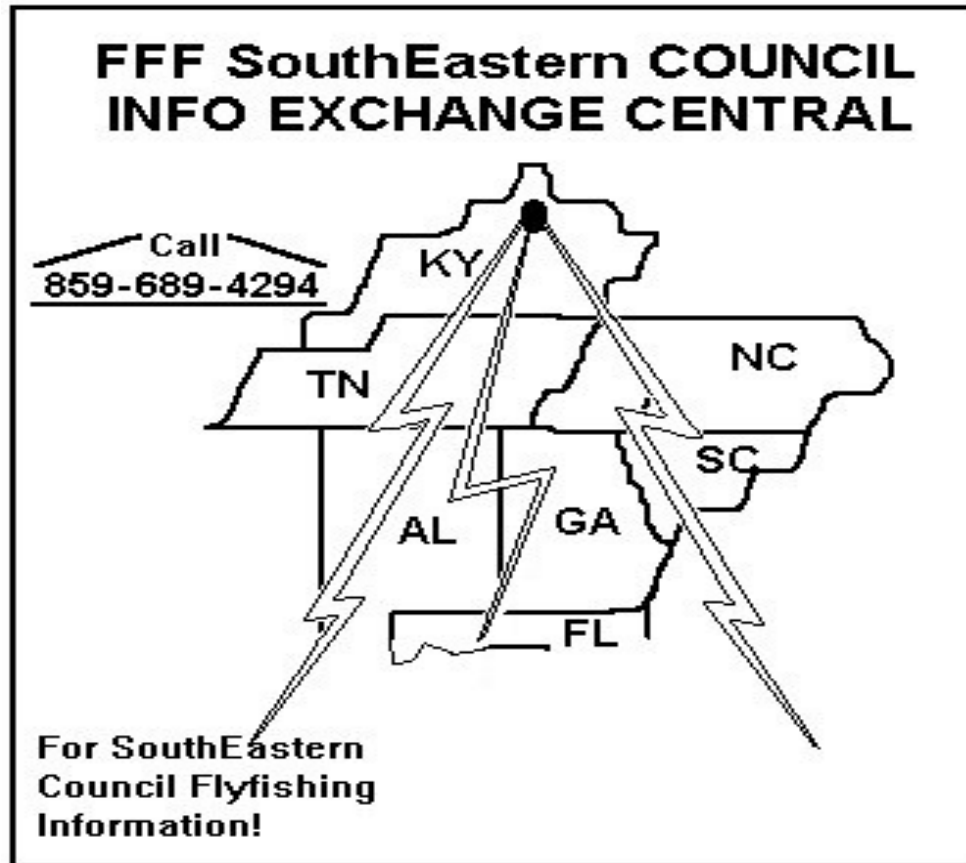
Florida has it's own council now (visit www.fff-florida.org), but a couple of northern Florida clubs have elected to remain in the SEC.

Fly Fishers of NW Florida

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SOUTH EASTERN COUNCIL INFORMATION

INFO EXCHANGE



The FFF SEC INFO EXCHANGE has been revived its members and for any member of any FFF-Affiliated flyfishing club within the council:

Want to go fishing somewhere within the South Eastern Council? Call MIKE ARNOLD at 859-689-4294 and give him your name, FFF membership number or the name of your Flyfishing Club, and the area within the SEC where you want to go fishing.

Mike will contact a nearby club or FFF member and ask if they are willing to share some info. Then Mike will put the two of you into contact. It's a win-win situation!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2011 comes to a close, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a joy filled 2012. I hope all of us get to spend some quality time with friends and family during the holiday season, get some much needed rest for our minds and bodies, and enjoy fellowship and a special joy. I also hope that we all get to spend more quality fishing time on the water in 2012.

The officers, board members and volunteers of the South Eastern Council are all hard at work preparing for the 2012 Fly Fishing Festival this coming April 28-29 (Saturday-Sunday) at Unicoi State Park and Resort in Helen, Georgia. I plead with all of you who can to attend the April fly fishing festival. This is the South Eastern Council's only annual fund raising event. The importance of the festival is that a significant portion of the funds generated are donated for conservation and education.

Efforts we donated money to in 2011 were the Wounded Veterans/Handicapped Sportsman Fly Fishing Education project for Fort Bragg soldiers at the Pechmann Center in Fayetteville, NC, Casting for Recovery programs in North Carolina and Tennessee, and brook trout restoration work in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We simply could not support these important and worthy programs without funds raised through our annual fly fishing festival monies raised through our seminars, classes, donations from vendors and friends, raffles and auctions.

The April 2012 Fly Fishing Festival will feature internationally famous fly fishing celebrities Bob Closer, Tim Rajeff, Jimmy Jacobs, Tom Travis, Oscar Feliu and many more. We will have an outstanding lineup of audio visual programs, fly tying seminars, casting seminars and even some on-stream classes. Our programs will cover every genre of fly fishing from trout to warmwater to saltwater fish species. We will have over thirty of the finest fly tiers in America demonstrating their magic with fur, feathers, hair and synthetics. There will be many FFF Certified Casting Instructors who delight in teaching fly casting. Lots of flyfishing vendors will have booths selling fly fishing tackle, fly fishing accessories, books, fly fishing art, tying materials, guided fly fishing trips and other items. There will be a Friday night barbeque welcome dinner, a breakfast and fly fishing talk with Tom Travis, a Saturday night banquet with our hilarious auctioneer Johnny Chamness and many excellent Sunday programs. Whether you are a novice fly fisherman or a seasoned veteran there will be something there to inspire and educate you to better enjoy the fly fishing experience. The only thing else we need for a truly successful, fun and outstanding event is your presence.

The fishing will be excellent with a warmwater lake full of bass and panfish on the property and all of the local trout streams fully stocked. This will be an excellent opportunity to fishing some of northeast Georgia's beautiful trout water.

I sincerely hope that we can set an attendance record for the 2012 festival. Those who attend will benefit from the experience, education and fellowship during our event. There will be fishing stories shared, fishing lies told, tying and casting techniques shared, a lot of laughter and best of all friendships developed, renewed and strengthened. I promise that if you will come, the Festival will be one of your personal highlights for 2012.

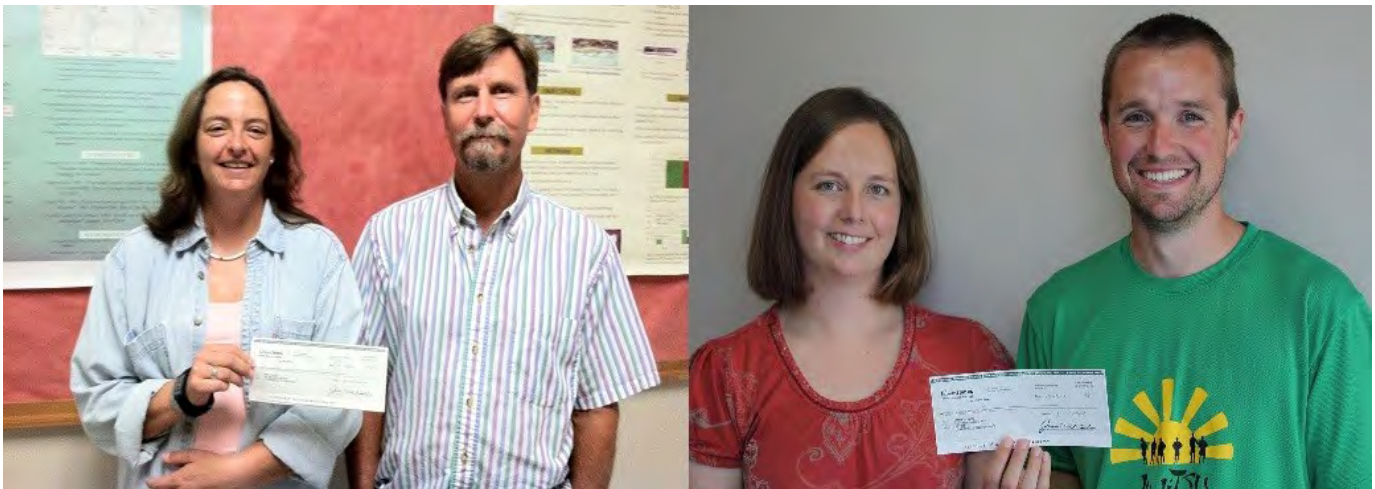
**Until then God Bless and Tight Lines
Anthony Hipps, FFF-SEC President**

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This year, we had three applications and they were reviewed by the committee at the Festival in June. Two of the applicants were of such outstanding quality and, since we had not made an award in 2010, we decided to award two \$1,000.00 grants in 2011.



CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Slade (on the left with her faculty advisor) and Mark Hoger (on the right with his faculty advisor) ... both are post-graduate students at Austin Peay University in Tennessee!

For more information about this program, Contact Bill Dunn at wldfly@centurytel.net or call (205) 937-2827 or mail him your request at 366 Roberts Circle, Lincoln AL 35096 .

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City-Limits Fishing

A Guide to Columbia's World-Class Urban Angling by COREY HUTCHINS *Photos by Sean Rayford*

Local fly fishing guide Michael Frank clammers over a sun-baked rock in the middle of the Saluda River and points a long fly rod toward where he thinks a monster rainbow trout might be rising in a swirling eddy. About a football field away is a concrete wall splattered with graffiti that separates the river from a major Columbia highway.

It's a Wednesday afternoon, and splashing in the water on Frank's periphery are college kids in bright bathing suits, floating on candy-colored inner tubes. Their stereos on the bank are playing rock music; their beer cans are glinting in the sun like flashes from a camera.

It's not the kind of atmosphere you'd expect if you're spending a few hundred dollars on a seriously professional world-class guided fly-fishing trip.

Indeed, looking around — the cloud-puffed horizon cut by high-tension power lines, the silhouettes of tall corporate office buildings, the graffiti and bikinied college girls — you might not think a 16-inch rainbow worthy of the best Saturday morning fishing show could really be lurking just under the water's surface, waiting for that perfectly presented dry fly. But it is — and Michael Frank knows exactly where and just what it'll bite on.



Thank You, General Sherman?

Like many northern transplants who are asked how they came to live in Columbia — standard answers: school, a woman — Michael Frank's is a little of both. His brother had just finished up a marine science degree at the University of South Carolina and he came down to help him move. In the process, he met a girl.

Originally from Long Island, Frank had been living in Washington, D.C., for 10 years and had always wanted to start a fly fishing guide service there. The market in the District, however, was flooded. Now, after doing it in Columbia for the past half-dozen years, Frank can't think of anywhere else he'd rather be. There's a pretty good reason for that.

Few might know it, but a unique set of circumstances over the last few years has conspired to forge in the heart of Columbia's city limits a hidden world-class river system where anglers from anywhere can come and catch what Frank calls the "Saluda Slam"— a trout, a striped bass and a small- or large-mouth bass — all in one five-mile trip.

Don Davis, a 64-year-old health care consultant from Daytona Beach, Fla., is a repeat client of Frank's Fly Arts who learned about it online while in town for business. He calls Columbia a hidden gem. "Right in the middle of an urban area; it's just amazing," Davis says of the fishing here. Accustomed to fishing with guides in the Sunshine State and other places, Davis describes many of the rivers that flow through American cities as "just sort of a notch above a sewer" — but not in Columbia. And he considers Frank's guided service top of the line.

"When you go out with Mike, it's a complete course in the history of the river: the ecological issues, the political issues, the realities, what he's trying to accomplish — and it's really fun," Davis says. "If you want to go out with a smart guy who's a great fisherman, a patient teacher — all those qualities — he couldn't be better."

On this Wednesday, at the bottom of Mill Race Rapids, an area of the Saluda just above the Riverbanks Zoo off Greystone Boulevard, Frank, 41, leans on the side of a solid 15-foot inflatable raft that he's been using to guide clients who have come from as far away as the Netherlands. He wears polarized sunglasses, a hat with flaps to keep the sun off his ears and a reversible flip-open vest-like contraption that holds hundreds of feathery flies he ties himself.

City-Limits Fishing (cont.)

"There are only a few places in the world that have this combination of game fish in one river system," he says, sweeping a hand across the water. "It's what makes it world class."

Take a river day trip through Columbia with Michael Frank and you'll understand what his client from Florida is talking about. An easy conversationalist and curator of unconventional wisdom, Frank offers a rapid-fire natural history of the area and what it's meant for the many cold-blooded species lurking in its depths. Consider, for instance, how a Yankee general much loathed in these parts is to thank if you're in the Capital City and looking to hook up with a monster trout. Up over the rapids adjacent to I-26, Frank points to what's left of a man-made rock structure that used to span the river more than 150 years ago.

"It's an old dam that was created to force water through a mill race on the Lexington side that powered a textile mill that produced 50,000 cotton uniforms a year for the Confederacy back during the Civil War," Frank says. "So, when General Sherman came through for the Union and burned Columbia he also dynamited that dam, which sent the rocks flying, and they landed like pick-up sticks through what's now the Mill Race Rapids." Doing so, he adds, made for some killer trout fishing these many years later by creating deep holes in the riverbed. "So, whatever your political leanings are in terms of the Civil War, what General Sherman did for the river is he created a trout habitat that can never be picked clean by the striped bass," he says. "The trout can get in these holes that the striped bass can't, which allows them to hold over and grow pretty big."

A History of the State Fish

South Carolina might be known for a lot of dubious things in American history, but there's one thing the small Palmetto State has given the rest of the country that doesn't get the kind of marquee billing in the history books as, say, slavery or secession — freshwater striped bass.

Stripers — sometimes called rockfish — are anadromous by nature, which means they spawn in fresh water but live in the ocean. Built between 1927 and 1930, the Lake Murray Dam — built to harness hydroelectric power from the Saluda River — was the largest earthen dam in the world at the time. By the 1940s, when Lake Marion was impounded to create a reservoir, schools of striped bass were left stranded in the Santee Cooper river system that includes the Saluda, Congaree and the Broad.



"The marine biologists at the time didn't expect these striped bass to survive," Frank says as he strategically maneuvers his boat around the rocks by the zoo with large, powerful pulls on a set of oars. "Nobody really knew whether the striped bass needed to be in the ocean for part of the year in order to survive and reproduce. Years later, when fishermen started catching striped bass in this river system, they realized that they had a very unique situation where the striped bass were reproducing in a closed, freshwater system."

Those striped bass were then exported throughout much of the country — and the world.

"Most of the fish that are stocked in lakes and rivers west of the Appalachians are genetically related to the fish here, and I find that few people here really understand that," Frank says. "Not only is it the state fish, the population of the fish we have here are historically significant for being the seed stock that started a sport fishing industry across the country".

Ross Self, the chief of freshwater fisheries for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, backs up Frank's assessment. "[Here] was the first place it was documented that striped bass could complete their life cycle without having to go to the sea or saltwater," Self says. "We provided striped bass to the majority of the states; and several foreign countries have gotten striped bass over the last two or three decades from South Carolina. [This area] is kind of a hotbed of striped bass culture." Self adds that the DNR stocks the Midlands river system with trout and that they're only able to survive— a rarity in parts of the Deep South— because of the cold water and turbulence provided by the Lake Murray Dam. It can make fishing for them here a little surreal. "It's a fairly unique experience to be casting flies for rainbow and brown trout in the shade of trees draped with Spanish moss," Self says with a chuckle. Meanwhile, when it comes to smallmouth bass — also not a native species to the Midlands river system — Self says that they were stocked by DNR in the upper end of the Broad and have gradually made their way downstream, aided by the limited access to fishermen. They were kind of protected by lack of access and just gradually were able to get established and expand their range," Self says. "Now they are showing up here downtown."

City-Limits Fishing (cont.)



How Frank's Fly Arts Was Born

Columbia's urban river system — often referred to as the three rivers — is made up of the Saluda, which comes out of Lake Murray and merges with the Broad near the I-26 bridge in West Columbia to form the Congaree. Trout, preferring colder water, tend to stay up in the Saluda, closer to the dam. Large and small-mouth bass can largely be found near where the rivers merge.

That area, known as the confluence, is where part of the Columbia skyline can be

seen over the treetops, including the copper dome of the State House. It's Frank's favorite spot.

It was on this particularly scenic location on the river, where ospreys dive bomb the water and white majestic herons stab at glinting shad from between blooming Catawba lilies — and even where on certain days a bald eagle and its three eaglets might fill the sky — that Frank decided to start his guide business.

Originally, he had been teaching private fly tying and fishing lessons for arts and crafts classes at A.C. Moore, and summer camps for students at the Hammond School. He didn't own a professional boat at the time and was fishing from a kayak. One evening, he came out to the confluence on a night when the river was up and the striped bass were feeding like crazy. He'd created a new fly that he named the Craft Fur Minnow, and he wanted to get a decent picture of a large striper with the fly in its mouth.

"I could see the Catawba lilies blooming on the island downstream; it started raining so the river came up a little bit, the fish started feeding, and that evening I must have caught a half a dozen fish in the eight-to-10-pound range on that fly, plus a 15-inch smallmouth bass — just a bunch of fish," he says, anchoring the boat and surveying the scene around him now six years later. "It was a beautiful evening, and to top it all off as the sun was going down, a rainbow came out over the island downstream. I took it as a sign from God — as corny as that sounds — that it was time to start the guide service."

Understanding the River

Over the past few years, the five-mile stretch between the Riverbanks Zoo and Williams-Brice Stadium has been growing as a destination for recreational eco-tourism. But lately it's exploded, according to Stuart Greeter, the Congaree riverkeeper and former director of the Heritage Trust Program at DNR. A visit to the river between the zoo and the Gervais Street Bridge on any weekend highlights a microcosm of Columbia's population — crowds of tatted-up rednecks; blacks; Hispanics; college kids and suburban families alike.

"I can't blame them for wanting to get out there; it's gorgeous. I've always known it's an excellent, fun trip to do: perfect from the zoo down to Gervais Street," Greeter says. "There are hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people going down there every weekend. I've never seen as many people out there as there are now." Such an influx of people on the river hasn't come without consequences. Frank, who during a course of a fly fishing trip will often turn over several rocks in the riverbed to see what kind of bugs are hatching so he can match what he'll tie to the end of his line, has a ready-made joke about the side effects of so many new river revelers. "The beer-can hatch has been strong this year," he says with a pained smile. Asked about it later, Greeter, the riverkeeper, reluctantly sympathizes.

City-Limits Fishing (cont.)



"Oh, hell, if you float down around the lower end of the zoo and you see a crowd of people out there and you look in the water you'll see a cluster of beer cans floating down," he says. Greeter adds that 90 percent of the people who use the area respect it and the people causing problems are a slim minority — but they're still there. "The drunks," he calls them.

For Frank, it just comes with the territory of running a guide service in an urban environment, especially in an area that can sometimes get a bad rap because of concerns about pollution. Currently, there are seven private wastewater treatment plants around Columbia that discharge millions of gallons of treated water into the Saluda every day. In 2009, a City of Columbia pipe spilled raw sewage into the Broad for nearly eight hours. (The City of Columbia is the biggest sewage spiller in the state, according to DHEC records.) The summer before, an Alpine Utilities sewer plant in Lexington blew a gasket and wastewater glogged into the Saluda, spiking bacteria counts to unsafe levels. Alpine paid a \$25,000 fine for the mishap.

More recently, this particular stretch of the river has been dealing with an even bigger public relations problem. Last summer, environmental regulators discovered black, gooey tar balls between the Gervais and Blossom Street bridges, a substance that was hard to remove from the skin of those who came in contact with it. Some had to use gasoline to get it off. The state Department of Health and Environmental Control quickly determined that the gunk was a product of two gasification plants that burned coal to make the gas that powered city streetlights 100 years ago and had leaked into the river and been lurking ever since. DHEC spokesmen have said the agency has no reason to believe that the tar has ever been a threat to public health. Michael Frank was taking a group of local school kids fishing on the day that regulators first

started sampling the river, seeking to uncover the source of the tar balls. He remembers one of the children asking him if the river was safe. "Come here," Frank said, reaching down in the water and turning over a rock. On its bottom was a small creature wiggling around. "That's a blue-winged mayfly nymph and it's very sensitive to pollution," Frank recalls telling the kids as they assembled around him. "If any tar were in this river today, in suspension, that wouldn't be there, these fish wouldn't be here, everything would be dead or at least they would have moved away from this spot." And that day Frank and the kids caught plenty of fish.

"I'm in the river every day, and so I honestly am not terribly concerned about that pollution — I don't think it's going to affect me that much," Frank says now as he muscles the oars of his raft directly over the spot where the tar balls had been found. "My problem with the pollution here is that whenever there is a pollution event here in the river it is sensationalized. People seem to have one of two opinions about this river or both: that it's dangerous, or dirty, or both. The truth is this river is safe if you take common sense precautions. It is an urban river — it is what it is. But the truth is when I get under the Gervais Street Bridge and turn over rocks they're loaded with mayfly nymphs. That is an indication of excellent water quality. So it's still an urban river, but that's not to say it doesn't deserve protection."

City-Limits Fishing (cont.)

River Regs

The South Carolina striped bass season is closed from June 1 through Oct. 1, and the limit is three fish per day. Fish must be 26 inches or bigger for those wishing to keep them. That means during the time when the season is closed, fishermen aren't allowed to target striped bass while fishing for others. People do it anyway. And worse. Often during Frank's floats down the river he'll see poachers using hand lines to catch striped bass and keep them. He knows many of those who are doing it are likely sustenance fishermen just trying to feed their families. But it is putting a strain on the species.

Protecting the river — and the species of fish living in it — is a major concern for the proprietor of Frank's Fly Arts from a business perspective, but there's also an ethic that drives him, as it does many in his vocation. "The ethic of fly fishing is catch and release," he says. "I feel that the more people that catch onto the fly-fishing ethic around here the better off our population of striped bass will be — it will help them to rebound, because by 1991 they had raised the moratorium on commercial striped bass fishing in the Northeast and the fish had rebounded to the point where the stocks are almost at historic highs. It's one of the biggest success stories in history in terms of marine fish conservation."

The regulations on striped bass fishing in the state changed to what they are now in 2009. Before that, the limit was three fish per day and anything over 21 inches. Because striped bass tend to reproduce around the time they get to that size, years of lighter regulations might have led to a decline of reproducing fish in the area. Frank hopes the new regs could reverse that — if they are actively enforced. "We just need to make sure that people are aware of the regulations and they follow them," he says. "Because unfortunately I do find that people, especially this season, there have been guys that come in with hand lines and they take bags full of fish— it doesn't matter what size— they take as many as they feel like taking. I've seen it quite a bit."

'No Better Place'

It's Wednesday evening and Michael Frank is nearing the end of one of his guided tours. His raft has passed under the Gervais and Blossom Street bridges and through a set of train trestles downstream. The light is dying on the river and the tails of large carp are rising out of the water and circling like shark fins as they feed. Here and there a lightning bug flashes. It's quiet. Frank's trip this day has produced a large rainbow trout, a handful of smallmouth bass, a largemouth bass, and about a dozen stripers, which would earn a client fishing with him a button reading "I caught the Saluda Slam."

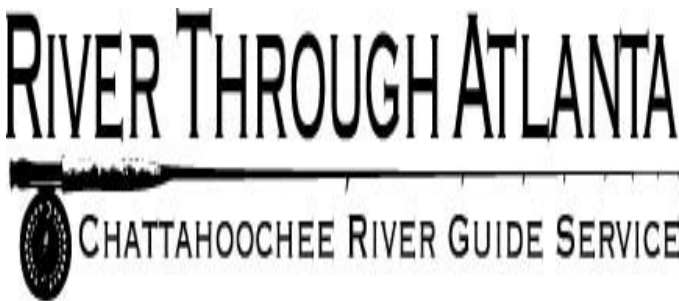
The temperature of the water is much warmer than when Frank first put his boat in just five miles upstream; the river is wider, calmer and deeper, and it's hard to believe it's the same body of water where that rainbow trout had been rising eight hours before in the pool formed by General Sherman. It's this area and further downstream where rumors about alligators swirl. "I never worry too much about gators because I tend to think that if I'm on the Saluda side of the river the water is a little too cold for them, but the one thing there are in these flats and in the pools behind [the old New Orleans restaurant] is carp — and they're like four feet long, so when you're wading through a spot in water that's waist deep and a carp explodes out of the water not three feet from you, you can't help but think 'gator' and it just stops your heart," Frank says as the front of his boat skips along the flat water toward the Rosewood landing, where he'll take out and hitch it to his trailer to drag home.

This day's trip lasted a solid nine hours. That can be less than average for a trip with Frank's Fly Arts' guided tours. He's known to stay out 13 hours or longer, to which his clients can attest. It's what keeps them coming back.

"Everybody seems to think that if you're going to fly fish you have to go to Colorado, or go to Montana," Frank says, looking up the river in South Carolina's Capital City that's been his life for more than half a decade. "If you're looking to learn to fly fish, there's no better place than Columbia to do it."

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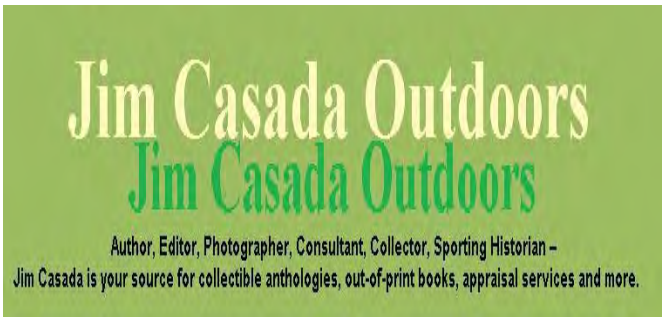
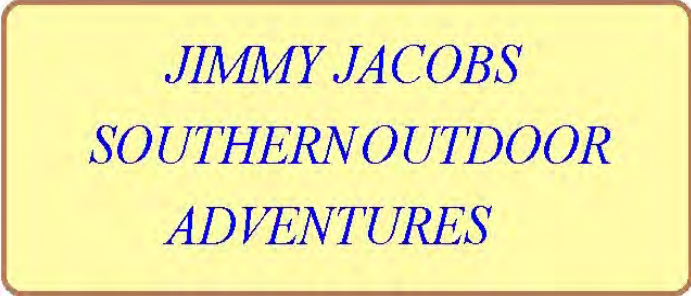
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A Federation of Fly Fishers Cookbook

With the goal of growing both our membership and income, we turn to all of you to participate in a fundraising effort to benefit the clubs, councils and national FFF office. That project is a recipe book of YOUR recipes published in a three-ring binder, a professional book similar to the "old red and black checkerboard publication" many of us currently have in our kitchens today. The difference between that book and OUR book is you and your recipes.

To make the book a success, we will publish 700 to 1,000 of your favorite recipes. We will have all of the regular categories like main dishes and desserts, but in addition it will include subcategories such as camp and Dutch oven, which we think is most appropriate for an outdoor organization like ours.

The Morris Press Cookbooks website (www.morriscookbooks.com) offers instruction through a drop-down menu under the "Recipe Pages" tab. Go to "Writing & Sorting Recipes." Once you finish reading the instructions, navigate to www.typensave.com to enter your recipes. To make your **recipe-entry job easier**, we've included the instructions and a direct hyperlink at our business website. Just go to www.btsflyfishing.com/ReelGoodFood.html to access the recipe entry information and the recipe entry module all in one place. In either case your user group is "fff" and your password is "driftboat" (without the quotation marks).

We expect to have the book ready for publication in the last quarter of 2011, so it will be available for Christmas gifts. The book will sell through an advance sales program at a reduced price of \$19.95 plus shipping and handling. Orders can be placed through the FFF Office in Livingston, Montana (406-222-9369 or by email to library@fedflyfishers.org). After publication the book's price will be \$24.95 plus shipping and handling, so get orders in early to lock in the reduced price. Contact us at gbeatty2@aol.com with your questions, suggestions or offers of help.

Dear Friend,

FFF is preparing a taste-tempting custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. These cookbooks will be professionally published and contain special pages of interest, a table of contents, an index, helpful cooking hints, and recipe category dividers. It is sure to be treasured for years to come.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cook-book. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a big success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order enough. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them. Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number and/or Email _____

Please submit your recipes to : Al & Gretchen Beatty
11964 W. Reutzel Dr.
Boise, Idaho 83709-4414

Thank you!

COOKBOOK (cont.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYPED OR PRINTED RECIPES

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, or TYPE and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
 - If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
 - Please **PRINT LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
 - List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
 - Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz. pkg., 24-oz. can.
 - Keep directions in paragraph form – not in steps.
 - Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., “Combine flour and sugar.”
- DO NOT use statements like, “Combine first three ingredients.”
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
 - Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
 - Your recipes should fit into the following categories:

Appetizers & Beverages Soups & Salads

Vegetables & Side Dishes

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Breads & Rolls

Desserts

Cookies & Candy

This & That

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Boise, Idaho 83709-4414

Thank you!

If you must hand-write the recipe, please follow the instructions and use the form for

hand-written recipes below.

COOKBOOK (cont.)

TYPED OR PRINTED RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted by Telephone and/or Email Address _____

INGREDIENTS: Use abbreviations: pt. qt. pkg. env. c. ctn. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

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Please Return Recipes to:

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COOKBOOK (cont.)

Format for submitting HAND-WRITTEN recipes

- Rule One:** Spell out all words – no abbreviations
- Rule Two:** Use lowercase letters except for brand names
 Example: 1 can lime soda
 1 can Sprite
 2 cups grated Kraft cheese
- Rule Three:** Spell out ingredient amounts, using plural when more than one
 Example: 1 cup 3 drops
 1 teaspoon 1 dozen
 2 tablespoons 2 sticks
 6 ounces 1 pound
 1 carton 1 box
 1 bottle 4 slices
- Rule Four:** Specify size of cans, cartons, bottles, etc. as shown here:
 Example: 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
 2 6-ounce cartons sour cream
 1 10-ounce package frozen mixed vegetables
 2 1-pound bags hash browns
- Rule Five:** Quantities less than one should be done as shown here:
 Example: 1/2 teaspoon NOT 1 – 1/2 teaspoon
 3/4 tablespoon NOT 1-3/4 tablespoon
 1/3 cup NOT 1 – 1/3 cup
- Rule Six:** Quantities more than one unit plus a fraction of a unit:
 Example: 1 1/4 cups flour
 2 1/2 tablespoons onion
 3 1/3 cups sugar
- Rule Seven:** Special instructions in ingredient list should be done as shown here:
 Example: 5 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
 1 medium yellow onion, sliced
 1/2 cup green onion, chopped
 1 small can mushrooms, stems and pieces
 2 cups cheese, grated
 1 medium head of cabbage, shredded
 2 pounds hamburger, browned
 1 pound Owens sausage, cooked and crumbled
- Rule Eight:** Each recipe needs an ingredient list, one column only, and paragraph form cooking instructions, with complete sentences and no abbreviations. Put only one space between sentences.

SOUTHEASTERN FLYFISHING FESTIVAL



The Federation of Fly Fishers™ - South Eastern Council will host the **Southeastern Flyfishing Festival** Friday-Sunday, **April 27 - 29, 2012** at the **Unicoi State Park Lodge** and grounds in **Helen, Georgia**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Check out UNICOI SPL on YouTube

This year's Flyfishing Festival will feature the sport's top personalities like



Bob Clouser **Tim Rajeff** **Jimmy Jacobs** **Tom Travis** **Oscar Feliu**

and many, many more presenting programs and seminars about all facets of the wonderful sport of flyfishing. There will also be

forty or so of the best regional fly-tiers demonstrating their art, **various fly-casting clinics given by FFF MCI & CCI instructors**, and **many Commercial Exhibitors** showing the latest in flyfishing goodies.

A **"Catch & Release FUN FISHING DERBY"** on Unicoi's Lake & Smith Creek is planned for Friday, April 27th, with prizes – proceeds to East TN Casting for Recovery, a **"Blind Woolly-Bugger"** fly-tying contest on Saturday April 28th,

A **FREE casting competition** (sponsored by Temple Fork Outfitters) with some great prizes will be **OPEN TO ANY AND ALL flycasters** on Sunday, April 29th.

Details of all the events are available at www.fffsec.org . Click on the Southeastern Flyfishing Festival tab at the top of the webpage or call Mike Arnold, Festival Chair at 859-240-5839.

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ONLINE FESTIVAL REGISTRATION COMING SOON**

**OUR APOLOGIES FOR TAKING SO LONG WITH THE ONLINE
REGISTRATION PROCESS. IT HAS TAKEN US A WHOLE LOT
LONGER THAN WE ANTICIPATED TO GET FINALIZATION ON MANY
OF THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS OUR PROGRAM PRESENTERS AND
FLY CASTERS ARE PUTTING TOGETHER FOR THIS FESTIVAL.**

**AS SOON AS WE GET THE ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS COMPLETED
AND TESTED WE WILL LET EVERYONE KNOW VIA A SPECIAL EMAIL BLAST.**

UNTIL THEN, THE OLD SNAIL MAIL METHOD WILL WORK JUST FINE ...

GO TO

http://www.fffsec.org/festival12/2012%20A%20Festival_Registration_Form.pdf

PRINT IT ON YOUR COMPUTER, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION AND

MAIL IT TO:

BOB HOLLIDAY

P.O. BOX 1590

LEXINGTON SC 29071

**WE WILL THEN GET THE INFORMATION LOGGED INTO THE ONLINE
CHECKING PAGES SO YOU CAN TRACK YOUR REGISTRATION.**

THANKS FOR BEING SO PATIENT!

SOUTHEASTERN FLYFISHING FESTIVAL



**Registration Form - - - - 2012 Southeastern Flyfishing Festival
Federation of Fly Fishers™ - South Eastern Council
April 27th - 29th, 2012 at Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA**



**For ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL INFORMATION go to www.fffsec.org - TO REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE, CLICK [HERE](#)
TO PAY BY CHECK AND SNAIL MAIL - FILL IN YOUR INFORMATION AND MAIL AS INDICATED BELOW**

Show Events	Cost	Number	Total Cost
*Individual Registration in advance (Price at the door \$35.00)	\$30.00	_____	_____
*Family Registration in advance (Price at the door \$40.00)	\$35.00	_____	_____
Saturday or Sunday Only Individual Day Pass	\$18.00	_____	_____
*Friday Night Barbeque - Must purchase tickets by Wednesday, April 25	\$17.00	_____	_____
Sunday Breakfast with Tom Travis - 7:30am	\$17.00	_____	_____
*Saturday Night Dinner and Live Auction - Must purchase tickets by order cut-off time	\$30.00	_____	_____
Raffle Tickets (FFF Members - \$5.00 of raffle tickets with registration)	6 for \$5	_____	_____
Fly-Fishing Festival Logo** Coffee Mug	\$11.00	_____	_____
Fly-Fishing Festival Logo** T-Shirt (L XL ONLY - checkmark size(s))	\$16.00	_____	_____
Friday all day - Continuing Education for CCI and MCI Instructors ONLY (Includes Lunch)	\$35.00	_____	_____
Friday 10AM-3PM - Catch & Release Fun Fishing Derby (Prizes & Support ETN Cfr)	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
Saturday AM - Beginning Fly Tying - Colin McDowell -	limit 10 <u>FREE</u>	_____	0.00
Saturday AM&PM - "Life Cycle of the Caddis" Tying and On-Stream- Oscar Felin-	limit 10 \$35.00	_____	_____
Saturday AM - Fly Casting with Kent Edmonds - Kent Edmonds CCI -	limit 8 \$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday AM - Casting Weighted Flies and Lines with Bob Clouser -	limit 10 \$50.00	_____	_____
Saturday AM - Soft-Hackle Nymphing Techniques - On-Stream - Allen McGee -	limit 10 \$15.00	_____	_____
Saturday AM - Casting: Moving from Trout to Tarpon - Pete Greenan MCI/BOG	limit 10 \$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday AM - Fly Casting Accuracy - Rene Hesse CCI -	limit 10 \$15.00	_____	_____
Saturday AM - Fly Casting for Women Only - Becky Strain CCI -	limit 10 \$15.00	_____	_____
Saturday PM - Small Stream Tactics - David Hulsey MCI - On Stream -	limit 6 \$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday PM - Advanced Performance Fly Casting Seminar - Tim Rajeff MCI -	limit 6 \$50.00	_____	_____
Saturday PM - Handle the Wind to Improve Your Cast - Ed Chamberlain MCI -	limit 10 \$25.00	_____	_____
Saturday PM - Build A Desktop Fly-Tying Station - WORKSHOP - Steve Hudson -	limit 10 \$35.00	_____	_____
Sunday AM - Intermediate Fly Tying - Aaron McDaniel -	limit 10 <u>FREE</u>	_____	0.00
Sunday AM - Tying Tom's Favorite Dry Flies - Tom Travis -	limit 10 \$25.00	_____	_____
Sunday AM - Single Hand Spey Casting Workshop - On-Stream - David Diaz MCI -	limit 8 \$25.00	_____	_____
Sunday AM - Roll Cast 101 - and you can practice on a lawn - Ross Schweinforth	limit 10 <u>FREE</u>	_____	0.00
Sunday AM - Fly Casting Seminar - Mac Brown MCI -	limit 10 \$25.00	_____	_____
Sunday AM - Advanced Performance Fly Casting Seminar - Tim Rajeff MCI -	limit 6 \$50.00	_____	_____
Sunday AM - Learn the Double Haul - Women Only - Becky Hulsey CCI -	limit 6 \$15.00	_____	_____
Sunday PM - Nymphing Techniques - On-Stream - Paul Bourcq CCI -	limit 8 \$25.00	_____	_____
Sunday PM - Teaching Yourself to Double Haul - Mack Martin MCI -	limit 10 \$25.00	_____	_____
Sunday PM - Fly Casting For Kids - Kevin McGrath CCI -	no limit <u>FREE</u>	_____	0.00
Sunday PM - Spey and Switch Rod Casting Seminar - Tim Rajeff MCI -	limit 6 \$50.00	_____	_____
Sunday PM - Changing Directions While You Cast - Tom Rueping MCI -	limit 10 \$25.00	_____	_____
Sunday PM - Five Essentials of Fly Casting - Peter Lami MCI -	limit 10 \$15.00	_____	_____
Sunday PM - Tying Flies with Bob Clouser - Bob Clouser	limit 10 \$50.00	_____	_____
Sunday PM - TFO-sponsored 5-WT Casting Competition (Open, Women & Under 12)	no limit <u>FREE</u>	_____	0.00

Check No. _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Full Name: _____ FFF Number (Membership not required to attend) _____

Street or PO Box: _____ FFF Membership Expiration Date: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____ FFF Club: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Number Attending _____

Are you a fly-casting instructor, program presenter, exhibitor or exhibition fly tyer at this year's festival? Yes _____ No _____

Make Checks Payable to: **Federation of Fly Fishers™ - South Eastern Council**
 Mail Registration Form and Payment to: **Robert Holliday CPA, PO Box 1590, Lexington, SC 29071-1590**

Make your Room Reservation (1-706-878-2201 Ext 271) by February 27, 2012 for our "event rate" and let them know you are with the FFF SE Council Flyfishing Festival - Event # E04809.

See PAGE 2 for how to check if your Festival and FEE-based program reservation was accepted. Most FREE programs are unlimited attendance (those with limits are noted above).

SOUTHEASTERN FLYFISHING FESTIVAL



PAGE 2

Registration Form - - - - 2012 Southeastern Flyfishing Festival
Federation of Fly Fishers™ - South Eastern Council
April 27th – 29th, 2012 at Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA



Join or renew FFF online at www.fedflyfisher.org and click on the “membership” tab.

FESTIVAL AND FEE-BASED PROGRAM RESERVATIONS

We've added a new feature to our website Fly-Fishing Festival pages to allow you to check and see if your paid reservations for both the festival and any FEE-Based program was accepted (i.e. “did you get into the class?”).

Just go to www.fffsec.org/z_registration_check.html and scroll through the page to find the Basic Registration or whatever Class/Seminar you want to check. Click on that name and you'll be taken to an up-to-date list of information about your selected topic. Attendees will be listed in alphabetical order. If the class is filled, there may be a list of “Standby” names also (in case someone backs out of the class later on). Please allow at least a week from when you mailed the reservations form before checking.

CATCH & RELEASE FUN FISHING DERBY

Come in a day early and fish Unicoi State Park's Lake with us from 10AM until 3PM on Friday, April 27th in our “CATCH & RELEASE FUN FISHING DERBY”. For a \$5 donation, anyone may participate. Half the money collected will go toward the prizes, the other half will go to the East Tennessee Casting for Recovery fundraising effort. Sign-up will be 8AM-10AM in the Logos Lobby.

The fishing can be done using any hand-held rod method (cane-pole, tenkara, spin- or bait-casting, flyfishing, etc). All fish caught must be measured, photographed, recorded on an official form and released unharmed. Points will be awarded for each fish caught with additional points being awarded for those caught on artificial lures and even more points if the fish was caught by flyfishing. Additional points will also be awarded for catching multiple species of fish (bluegill, green ear sunfish, carp, catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, trout, etc) – the more species caught, the more points awarded. Fishing can be done from shore or from any of the fishing docks around the lake ... but additional points will be earned if the fish are caught while fishing from a “human-powered” personal floatation craft (canoe, kayak, belly-boat, personal pontoon, etc). Please NOTE ... there is NO BOAT RAMP at this lake ... so don't plan to trailer a large craft and paddle or pole it around the lake.

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your size)



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FFF/SEC Merchandise—Some of the Festival Logo T-Shirts

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TO ALL FFF SOUTH-EASTERN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ...

WE SINCERELY HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR SUMMER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU! PLANS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY FOR THE 2012 SOUTH EASTERN FLYFISHING FESTIVAL - APRIL 27-29, 2012.



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