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The October MTFA meeting program will be Thursday, October 2, 2008 at the Nature Center

The October meeting conflicts with a commitment our President, Larry Wegmann has at the conclave.

Charley Gregory or John Dozier will chair the meeting. Rod Pennington is giving the program on his trip to Kodiak this past July. He tells me that his son broke two rods. There has to be a story in there.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for September 2008

- October 2** Regular Meeting @ 6 PM Springfield Nature Center
- October 2, 3, 4** [FFF Southern Council Conclave](#) - Mountain Home, AR
- October TBA** Chili Feed - Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery (Lake Taneycomo)

From the President, Larry Wegmann

Project Healing Waters has a booth at the Conclave and I will be helping Rick Trowbridge give out information and tie some patriotic creations. I have signed up for two tying workshops, Dr. Mazzier and Kelly Galloup. I have not received notification of the status of our clubs nomination for "Club of the Year". Maybe we are still in the running.

At conclave, I am looking forward to seeing Junior Crow of Flippin. If Junior Crow has his calendar open for November, I am hoping that he can demonstrate his tying skills for our meeting. His beetles and spiders will give anyone with arachnophobia midnight shivers.

If you cannot make the Conclave, you might like to stop by Backcounty Outfitter's on Wednesday morning, Oct. 1st. I have heard rumor that Kelly Galloup is flying in Wednesday and Mike is chauffeuring him down later that day. Mike is currently trying to break his wife's season record catch from last year's Alaska trip. He wisely left her home this time. Mike should be back in the shop by September 29th. I hope the rumor is true, check it out.

Christmas Party

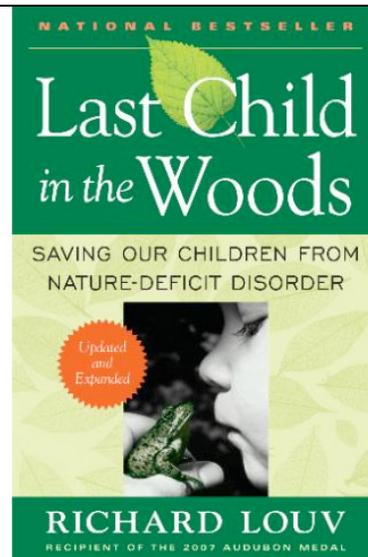
The cost of the Christmas dinner is \$10 per person. The dinner is at the Nature Center, first Thursday of December,. Attendees should forward their names and payment to Larry Wegmann, 5619 S. Roanoke Ave, Springfield, MO 65810-2627. Telephone: 417-823-7027

An Evening with Richard Louv – A Nature-Child Reunion Tuesday, October 7, 2008 6:00 – 9:00 pm Springfield Expo Center 635 St. Louis St.

7:00 – 8:00 pm
Last Child in the Woods
Presentation by Author Richard Louv

8:00 – 9:00 pm
Book Signing
Books available for purchase

6:00 – 9:00 pm
Before and after presentation
On going nature activity and information from local environmental and conservation organizations for parents, teachers, community and youth leaders, health care professionals and anyone who has ever been a kid.



Louv has been a columnist and member of the advisory board for *Parents* magazine and has written for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*. He is the author of seven books and a highly sought after speaker throughout the country about family, nature, and community. He lives in San Diego, where eh writes a column for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*

Tickets are required for this free event and may be picked up in advance from one of the following sponsors:

- ✦ Springfield-Greene County Park Board – 1923 N. Weller, 864-1049
- ✦ National Park Service Wilson's Creek National Battlefield – 6424 W. Farm Rd. 182, Republic, 732-2662
- ✦ Missouri Dept. of Conservation – Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4600 S. Chrisman Avenue, 888-4237
- ✦ Discovery Center of Springfield – 438 E. St. Louis, 862-9910
- ✦ Springfield – Greene County Library District, The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, 883-6036
- ✦ Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World – 1935 S. Campbell, 887-7334

Editor's note: I was sent a very nice PDF file about this event but could not convert it to put in the newsletter, so this is a hand made announcement. There are a lot of sponsors of this event that we work with and I think the subject matter is of interest to us all. Without the interest of children, why bother preserving what is so important to us and the rest of the planet? We need them to follow in our footsteps.

A Day on the Eleven Point River

This past week, we camped for three days on the Eleven Point River. On the first day, Sean, my son, and I had an invitation from John Ackerson, MDC Biologist to observe and help with an electro-fishing survey of rainbow trout in the Eleven Point River. We met John with four other biology/MDC personnel and Bryan, another non-MDC, who was very passionate for the Eleven Point. There were two boats outfitted with DC electrified probes that were dangled into the water delivering 180 volts at 6 amps, enough to stun the trout. John and Bryan in a canoe with gear to measure and count trout with Sean and I following up in our canoe. The stream at Riverton was at 3.7 ft with a flow of 650 cfs (normal 380). There was some color to the water, overall good conditions to fish.

Sean and I spent most of Monday with the MDC, leaving Greer access and meeting the group on the stream. John said in July, 5000 rainbow trout were planted throughout the blue ribbon area. The survey was to help determine the condition of those trout and count trout planted in past years. The clippings on the trout helped to identify when and where the trout were planted. The boats would work an area; collect trout with dipping nets and placed them in holding tanks. After collecting the fish, motored upstream, find John set up with 4x3x4 ft basket placed in the stream, and dip the trout from the holding tanks into the basket. John would take the trout one at a time, measure the length and identify the clippings and add a new clip on top of the tail to each trout. He had a tape recorder dictating the data for another day in the office, where he will transpose the data to a computer. Bryan and I helped by dipping the trout for John to measure and the other would clip the tail with scissors after John had a good hold on a trout. John figures this method of collection would yield 20% of the fish in the sampling area. The largest trout was a 22-inch male with several 17-inch small mouth bass. I was impressed with the numbers of fish collected, including the number of quality small mouth.

John called it a day after 4 PM, with eight areas sampled; the fish were counted and returned to the water. Sean and I thanked John for inviting us along for a day and life of a MDC biologist. The next time I catch a fish, extra time will be spent looking at the trout to identify the clippings and appreciate the history of the trout.

Kim Schultz

Roaring River Update

As I start writing for October's newsletter, the calendar is six hours into autumn. Hopefully we will return to a seasonal amount of rainfall.

I watched the hydrology gauge at Roaring River Sunday after Gustav left the Ozarks. The spring level reached nine feet and fell quickly to a running 2.5 feet. I thought it might, possibly, be worth a trip down to the spring that Tuesday.

When I arrived, the water was cloudy and runny, a foot higher than normal. There was the usual number of fishermen. I started out above the bridge in pool one. It was an exercise in futility.

As I looked around for flood damage, I noticed a lot of repair activity at the spring pool gate. The slab between the first and second pools had a washout and one of the heavy limestone curb stones was missing on the downstream side of the slab. They weigh around 75 pounds. Thinking about the force of water, moving that rock, is a powerful impression.

I moved downstream to the pools above the cleaning station. The dams holding the pools remained intact. But the crushed rock on the sides was missing. The area around the handicap access was heavily rutted.

On to the fly area; complete large trees and logs were lying in the field. The pesky willow and sycamore saplings that always bothered my casting were gone from the bank above the handicap pool. The handicap pool is now a gravel bar. Fishermen were scarce except for the last pool in the park. I was too discouraged to check it out. I did talk to the campground host. She told me they got everyone out, including their motor home. The debris left was inches deep below their tires.

Hopefully, the water conditions and trout movement will get conditions back in order for the MSU class trip on September 27th.

Larry Wegmann

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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center.
The first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for
Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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