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Meet at the Heritage Cafeteria at 1364 East Battlefield Road (Battlefield and Fremont)

We will gather at 5:30 pm and celebrate the season together.

There will be raffles and an election of 2015 officers, gossip, fish stories and great food.

It will be great to be together to begin the Christmas Holiday Season.

See you there!



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar for December 2014

Dec 4, 2014	Christmas Party/Election of 2015 Officers	5:30 PM Heritage Cafeteria
Jan 1, 2015	No Regular MTFA Meeting/ Holiday	
Jan 24, 2015	Fly Tying at Springfield Nature Center	1-4 PM Spfd Nature Center
Jan 30, 2015	Conservation Teen Club/ Fly Tying	6:30 – 8:30 PM Spfd Nature Center

From The President

Happy Holiday's Everyone! We have our Christmas party coming up on Thursday, December 4th, at the Heritage Cafeteria. For those of you who are celebrating your first Christmas with us, here is a little bit of what to expect.

The party is a fund raising event for at risk kids at Pipkin Middle School. We each bring a gift or two for the gift raffle. The gifts do not have to be fishing related-our members have a lot of different interest and hobbies so diversity is welcome. We can then purchase the tickets for the bucket raffle. There really isn't any expectation of one gift per person. Since the purpose is to raise money for the kids, we each purchase as many raffle tickets, as we feel comfortable with. One person could spend \$5.00 on tickets and leave with a booty of 5 gifts. On the other hand you could spend \$50.00 and walk away with nothing to show for it except a warm heart and a really fun time. Again, it's all about the fellowship and the kids. Planning on arriving around 5:00-5:30 and we generally get in line to eat around 6:00.

Lezley

Education Events at the Nature Center in January

We have two events scheduled at the Springfield Nature Center for the month of January. Once again this year we will be doing a public demonstration of fly tying. Unlike the Insect-O-Rama, this event is for the entire family and most of us tie on hooks instead of pins. The demo is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 from 1-4PM. In the past it was not unusual to have an individual or two spend over an hour with us talking about tying and even tying with us. I'll bring along two extra vises and tools that visitors can use if they want to try to tie with us. Hope to have at *least* 2 or 3 others join me at the Nature Center on the 24th.

The other event is something new that John has been working on with Alan Reed from MDC. Alan has a Conservation Teen Club for youths between the ages 12 and 18. We are going to do a hands-on program with the Teen Club on January 30. That's a Friday evening. We'll meet between 6:30 and 8:30 PM. At this time I'm not sure what all we will be doing, probably tying with them. We've been told to expect about 15 students. There will be more details as the class is firmed up.

If I don't see you at the Christmas Party on December 4th, and even if I do, here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and I hope to see you at the Nature Center in January for one or both of these events.

Ralph

Membership

Dan and Joanne Rasch are new members to the club joining at the November meeting; please make him feel welcome.

Some members have already paid 2015 membership, thank you very much. The renewal membership forms and membership cards will be sent out in December. A slight twist will be at the Christmas Party; I will be on hand to deliver the renewal membership applications with your nametag and 2015-membership card. Please review the data printed on the form to verify it to be correct before paying and return the form to me. This will verify the club's directory update with correct email addresses and home addresses.

The day after the meeting, the rest of the renewal membership applications will be mailed to members. You can return it by mail or bring the 2015 membership application to the next meeting in February.

Thank you for the support and being a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association.

Kim Schultz

Upcoming Election Information

Lezley Chastain appointed a nominating committee to search out officers for next year (2015). The members on the nominating committee are as follow: Charles Gregory and Dave Tucker. They announced their nominees for 2015 at the November meeting with the names to be published in the December newsletters. There will time to add any one else to the list at the December meeting before the election. The election of officers will take place at the Christmas party and December meeting on December 4, 2014.

See a file of the By-laws on the web site:

http://mtfa-springfield.org/member_area/officers.htm or a portion of the By-laws below

The candidates nominated are as follow:

President	John Dozier
Vice President	Bob Randall
Secretary	Lori Burke
Treasurer	Ralph Eichholz

Executive Committee:

3 year	Bill Burke/ Dick Deerfield
2 year	Connie Erickson / Joe Simecek
1 year	Warren Wilkerson / Mark Strothkamp

From Article III section 3 of the MTFAs Springfield Chapter By-laws. The nominating Committee shall meet and select nominees at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting, publicized by mailed notice to the membership at large two weeks prior to the annual election meeting. Nominations for officers may also be accepted from the floor of the election meeting.

2014 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

President	Lezley Chastain	848-1858
President Elect	John Dozier	209-8041
Secretary	Dorothy Prugger	862-9972
Treasurer	Ralph Eichholz	343-2591
3 Year Executive Committee Member	Connie Erickson / Joe Simecek	
2 Year Executive Committee Member	Warren Wilkerson / Mark Strothkamp	
1 Year Executive Committee Member	Charlie Erickson / John Prugger	

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

Committee Chairs

Program/Materials Chair – Kim Schultz
Education Chair – Ralph Eichholz
Social Chair - TBA
Newsletter Editor – Eve Krit-Anderson,
Newsletter Advisory Editor - Kim Schultz
Librarian – Dennis Stead / Harry Morgan
Equipment/Supplies - John Prugger/Kim Schultz
Web Page - Brent Simmons
Membership Chair – Kim Schultz
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