

Patriots on the Fly

JULY 2026

MEETING INFO.

Our next meeting
will be:

Thursday, July 16th

6—9 PM

Casting Practice
on the water.
(Wet Wading /
No Fly Tying)

**JUST
FOR
LAUGHS**

WHY WAS THE MOVIE
ABOUT FLY FISHING A
BOX OFFICE FLOP?

(*BAD CASTING*)

WHAT IS THE BEST
WAY TO WATCH A FLY
FISHING TOURNAMENT?

(*LIVE STREAM!*)

I BOUGHT A MAYFLY'S
BIOGRAPHY.

(*CHAPTER 1: THE END*)

I TOLD THE WAITER MY
FISH WAS DRY.

(*THE WAITER SAID THEY
HAD TO TAKE IT OUT
OF THE WATER*)

Congratulations!

Patriots On The Fly is starting its' third year!
Where DOES the time go?

THANK YOU!



Thank you to the donors that continue to support us.
Thank you to the Volunteers who do amazing things
with extraordinary love. Thank you to the Ambassadors who have become
confident fly-fishing collaborators. Thank you to the Patriots who continue to
show up to classes and events. And thank you to our social media 'followers'
who continue to be amazed at what we have accomplished!

Do you know we currently have 87 people on our combined roster? Yep...87.
I truly hope to see ALL of you at our July 19th picnic! (*I know the commute
from the Carolinas is a bear, Bear! But know that we'd love to see you!*)

Over the last 6 months, leadership has asked for, and received, feedback
from everyone. In keeping with our mission of providing fly-fishing education
and a healthy community, the Executive Committee is working on a strategic
plan in the hope of making the program more efficient, more effective, and
even better for EVERYONE!

See you soon!

Diane



All the News You Need to Catch !

Calling all AMBASSADOR wannabees!



WE NEED MORE AMBASSADORS

The path to Ambassadorship is easy, but YOU need to take the first step. Contact Kelly Gillmore at 440-251-1706 when you feel you are ready, or if you just want more information about the process. You can also reach out to our existing Ambassadors for more information.

Basic fly-fishing knowledge is all that is needed for you to become a Patriots On The Fly Ambassador. We cover everything you need to know over the course of a year OR we are happy to work one-on-one and fast track you to success and eligibility for an upcoming Ambassador overnight trip!



UPCOMING AMBASSADOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS

These overnight opportunities are open to all Ambassadors and Volunteers. Ambassador trips are meant to strengthen each attendee's fly-fishing skills. The number of Volunteers will be dependent on the number of Ambassadors who are going. Let Diane know if you are available so she can hold a spot for you!

Chagrin River Outfitters' Steelhead Lodge (NE Ohio)

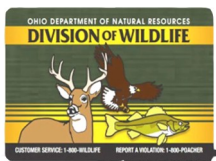
Oct. 27th-29th, 2026

(Limit 10 attendees)

South Holsten Lodge (1509 Bullock Hollow Dr., Bristol, TN, 37620)

Feb 22nd-25th, 2027

(Limit 10 attendees)



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Summer **FISHING**



Billy has set up some fabulous summer fishing outings! In anticipation of those, you should be tying flies that are appropriate for:

- **BLUEGILL** (*foam spiders/ants/terrestrials size 14-16*),
- **CRAPPIE** (*flashy white, black or chartreuse streamers/nymphs size 8-12*),
- **BASS** (*streamers/poppers/'purple' woolly buggers/leeches/crayfish size 8-12*),
- **CARP** (*crayfish/nymphs/damselflies/'black' woolly buggers size 10-12*) and
- **CATFISH** (*weighted flies a.k.a. sculpins/leeches/crayfish size 4-8*)

Tie on your own and/or come to class and tie some!

Here's where you'll catch fish with us this summer:

PINE LAKE TROUT CLUB (17021 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH, 44023)

This is a new trout club for us! Join us on Thursday, July 9th from 9am-noon. Accessible fishing for all. Limited number of anglers, so contact Diane ASAP if you are able to go! This event is good for newbies and experienced anglers! Catch and release.

CASTALIA FISH HATCHERY PRIVATE WATERS

This is another new location for us. The outing to this location will be on July 23rd. Address and details will be provided soon!

SPRINGBROOK GARDENS (6776 Heisley Rd., Mentor, OH, 44060)

Outing in August-date TBD. Meet Ups will be announced spur of the moment throughout the summer. Good location for newbies and experienced anglers. No limit. Come and join the fun with your fellow Veterans and Volunteers! Catch and release.

SUNNYBROOK TROUT CLUB (1104 Fremont Ave., Sandusky, OH, 44870)

Tuesday, Oct. 6 will be our last trip of the year to this trout club. Limited number of anglers, so contact Diane ASAP if you are able to go! This location is good for newbies and experienced anglers! Catch and release.

*In addition to OUTINGS, we'll be offering spur of the moment MEET-UPS.
Check your email DAILY so you don't miss fishing opportunities!*

Ambassador Cup Challenge



This contest follows the Fish Ohio criteria.

The categories are "Biggest Fish Caught" and "Most Species Caught".

Fish Ohio Regulations:

- Fish must be taken by legal fly-fishing methods and not from any pay lakes/trout clubs. Deadline Dec 1st, 2026.
- Using ethical fish handling, measure and take a quick picture of your catch. Send to Brad Kuhmer @ yojitsujunkie2@gmail.com
- Winners announced at December Christmas Party!
- Get out there and FISH!

QUALIFYING SPECIES & SIZES:

<u>Lake Erie</u>	<u>Minimum Length</u>
Freshwater Drum	24 inches
Lake Trout	31 inches
Smallmouth Bass	19 inches
Steelhead Trout	28 inches
Walleye	28 inches
White Bass	15 inches
Yellow Perch	13 inches



Cast Like a Pro!

Summer classes are a great time to get everyone on the water and hone casting skills. The 'whip and flip' technique works...to a point. However, if you really want fly-fishing success and productive 'catching', effective casting is the way to go. Getting distance, with accuracy, is essential!

To that end, the July 16th class will be at Chagrin River Park starting at 6pm. Folks interested in Advanced Casting can observe and get on the water as Lance continues his instruction on Skagit, Spey and Scandi casting techniques. If you are overwhelmed by the techniques Lance shares, know that Volunteers can offer Basic Casting skills that evening. That being said, I strongly urge you to watch the Skagit, Spey and Scandi demo. This information is usually NOT part of our curriculum, so take full advantage of this special presentation.

The August 20th class* will also be at Chagrin River Park starting at 6pm. This Basic Casting Class will be held on the grass with a fun obstacle course to test your skills in a fun way!

- If there is inclement weather (river is blown or lightning is present), meet at the VFW 1500 for a fun Movie Night! (Popcorn will be provided!)

Celebrate America's 250th



Sunday, July 19th
10 am - 3 pm



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THIS IS THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON !

GUESTS WELCOME !

BLAIR RIDGE PARK PAVILION
5360 BLAIR RD. LEROY TWP. OHIO 44077

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PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE !



RSVP REQUIRED