

White River Community Association White Fish "Buy Fly" Fishing Tournament

Purpose: The purpose of the tournament would be three-fold:

1. Raise money for the perpetuation of the Historic Buford School.
2. Secure the white fish for the annual June WRCA Community Fish Fry.
3. Provide a fun, competitive opportunity for the community.

Cost: \$100 per person for a 2-day tournament. Entry only as a 4-person team to compete for the team prizes, as well as the individual prizes. Entry fee entitles you to use 2 of your own personal flies of your choice per day with the option to purchase the use of a third fly for \$25 and a fourth fly for \$25 each day.

Hours: The 2-day event will be held on March 12th & 13th 2016. Fishing begins at 8:00 with teams & judges meeting at the Buford School at 7:00 am on Saturday. You can meet your judge & team at your fishin' hole on Sunday.

Every member of a team must report for "check in" Saturday Morning at 7:00AM

Saturday: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm [All fish are to be filleted & weighed by 6:00 pm]

Sunday: 7:00 am to 1:00 pm [All fish are to be filleted & weighed by 3:30 pm]

Meals: Lunch will be provided on Saturday with a chili dinner on Sunday immediately following the weigh-in with the awarding of the top prizes.

Prizes: There will be 1st, 2nd, & 3rd team prizes. There will also be an individual prize for the most pounds of fillets turned in. Prizes will be awarded based on the total weight of the white fish fillets caught for the 2-day total.

Additional fees: If you choose to do so, the use of a 3rd fly may be purchased for **\$25** and a 4th fly for an additional **\$25**. Each participant may choose to purchase use of the third & fourth flies each day. Treasurer will be present to issue 3rd & 4th extra fly tickets on Saturday morning. If you don't get your extra flies for Sunday from the treasurer and wish to purchase use of an extra fly ticket on Sunday morning **BEFORE** you start fishing, you may do so from your judge who can authorize the extra fly, collect your donation & will turn in your donation to the treasurer on Sunday.

Bonus awards: If at the end of each day, you still have your tournament flies, you will receive a bonus given at weigh-in to add to the weight of your fillets: ¼ lbs. for 1 fly; ½lbs. for 2 flies; & ¾ lbs. for 3 flies and 1 lb for 4 flies.

On Sunday there will be chili dinner and the awarding of tournament prizes. Family members are welcome to join in the fun on Sunday afternoon.

Rules for the WRCA "Buy Fly" Tournament

1. You must have a valid fishing license.
2. Entry fee entitles you to use 2 flies, from your own personal fly selection, per day. The 3rd fly [Mulligan fly] for **\$25** and a 4th fly for an additional **\$25**, must be purchased for each day (you can still use your own fly collection, but a free fly will be included in your donation). Flies to be selected prior to beginning each day & shown to the judge. Only those flies selected at the beginning of the day will be allowed for that day.
3. You can use either a spinning rod or a fly rod.
4. No more than 2 flies on 1 rod.
5. Any use of flies or bait not selected prior to the day's fishing, will automatically disqualify individual or team from the tournament. **NO refunds given.**
6. While fishing, you may change your fly-of-choice as many times as you wish; however, judge must acknowledge each change at the time of the change.
7. If you lose your tournament flies for that day, you are only out of the scoring for that day from the time your flies are lost. You may continue fishing as the association can use all the fillets we can get. Your weigh-in for that day will be based only on the filets secured prior to losing the selected flies.
8. A judge will accompany each team. All team members must fish within eyesight of the judge assigned to their team. **Note: All fish must be caught during tournament hours and checked in with the judge before being filleted.**
9. All trout must be returned to the river, alive.
10. Fishing is allowed on any stretch of the river you or your team chooses – public or private. If fishing on private section, permission must be secured from the landowner.
11. All fish must be filleted [no bones] prior to weigh-in. A fillet knife will be provided for those who do not have one. Teams are responsible for filleting their own fish.
12. All weigh-in scores will be posted for each day's fishing. The weigh-in judge will handle any discrepancies at the weigh-in. Judge's decision is final.

All white fish fillets become the property of the White River Community Association after weigh-in for use at the June Community Fish Fry.