



GTAA Newsletter -- February, 2008

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Greetings from the Greater Tenkiller Area Association.

We have lots of information to share with you in this issue. It has been a weird winter with cold fronts coming right behind cold fronts! Thank you for supporting the Tenkiller area!

GTAA Meeting Schedule:

Following are the meeting dates:

2008 Meeting Schedule -

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday April 9, 2008 at 12:00 Noon Board Meeting• Wednesday June 11, 2008 5:30 General Meeting & Fish Fry - 6:30 Board Meeting• Wednesday October 8, 2008 12:00 Noon Board Meeting• Wednesday January 14, 2009 12:00 Noon |
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The meeting will begin at Noon at the Community Center building at Tenkiller State Park. We hope to see you there! Terri will send out a reminder about a week ahead of time.

Web Site Hits:

Web site hits for the past 30 days have numbered 158,798. That's an incredible amount of visitors to our site. Is your business listed? The Lake Tenkiller site is: www.laketenkiller.com.

Executive Director's Report:

I can hardly believe signs of summer are already here and GTAA is off to a fast start.

- The new 2008 GTAA Visitor Guide distribution is almost complete with over 60,000 already in distribution.

- Nine of the twelve 2008 Coop and GTAA Travel shows where our guides are given to potential visitors have been completed and over 16,000 guides were distributed.
- 656 guides were mailed in January to potential visitors who requested a guide by Telephone or Online. Telephone and Online guide requests reach over a 1000 per month during our peak summer months.
- GTAA media advertising published in January include in 2008 Oklahoma State Travel Guide, 2008 Guide to Green Country.
- **Media plans for spring** (1) One full page ad in **Oklahoma Living Magazine** for April, May and June. This is the states largest publication with 310,000 subscribers reaching a target demographic that fits GTAA potential visitors exactly. (2) One or two pages of coop advertising in **The Current** for late spring and summer based on member interest. The Current is a monthly distributed in N.E. Oklahoma for free at high traffic retail location. It is full of each month's current activity and fun things to do.

With that said for this summer, I will be starting on the 2009 Greater Tenkiller Area Guide in April and plan to have all advertising changes and additions complete no later than July. Have your ideas ready, you will be hearing from me soon.

Have Great Season,
Don Nowlin
Executive Director

Water Watchers Report:

Water Watcher's Report February, 2008

The water has been cold and clear in the lower end of the lake, and as is usual for this time of year -- there is no thermocline. Oxygen levels are pretty much uniform from top to bottom due to the continual movement of cooler (and heavier) surface water to the bottom of the lake. This process transports oxygen to the deepest portions of the lake.

The rain over the weekend of February 16 and 17 has brought the lake up at least three feet and the back ends of most of the coves are a little muddy.

This is a good time to try night crawlers on the bottom in the back ends of the cove, like Pine Cove for example. Channel cats will be in there feeding on anything edible that washes down the stream.

Fishing is generally sloooowwww, except for crappie and bass around brushpiles and docks. Also, a few nice catfish are being caught on juglines, however finding shad for bait is tough. Frozen shad will work, though not near as well as fresh shad. If you go fishing, be very careful.

Hypothermia will set in very quickly if you fall in the water.

John Ellis, Tenkiller Water Watchers

Report from Save the Illinois River (STIR)

"In Defense of the Illinois River and Tenkiller Lake" will be presented Wed., March 12 in Tahlequah by Save the Illinois River, STIR.

Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson will discuss Oklahoma's clean water lawsuit naming out of state poultry companies for polluting the Illinois River watershed. The United States Federal Court suit against some of the nation's largest poultry corporations is expected to be heard in Tulsa in 2009.

The program will begin at 2 P.M. at the Armory Municipal Center on Water Street. There is no charge for admission.

STIR is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization formed by Tahlequah citizens in the mid-1980s to protect the Illinois River, its tributaries, and Tenkiller Lake. STIR was instrumental in obtaining the U.S. Supreme Court ruling Oklahoma and other states now rely on to protect their streams that originate in other states. STIR members from throughout Oklahoma also rallied to create one of America's first rules to protect water from phosphorus pollution.

For more information, call 918 456-3407 or see www.illinoisriver.org

TAHLEQUAH— The issue of damage to public recreation on the Illinois River from poultry waste is critical for the tourism industry that supports Tahlequah and Lake Tenkiller communities. Despite the rhetoric and the public relations campaign of out of state poultry companies, the scientific results will be presented and subjected to vigorous cross-examination.

Finally, after nearly three years of litigation, discovery, and investigation, the public will hear the scientific evidence and testimony concerning the dangers and the benefits of poultry waste as a fertilizer. It will be up to U.S. Federal District Court Judge Greg Frizzell to decide if there is an imminent threat to public health from fecal bacteria in the poultry waste entering the Illinois River and if so, whether the danger outweighs the benefits derived from the use of poultry waste as fertilizer.

Save the Illinois River, Inc., STIR, stands with the State of Oklahoma in seeking injunctive remedy that will help determine if the Illinois River will ever truly be an Oklahoma Scenic River. All Oklahomans need to realize that if excess poultry waste is not managed correctly, we just might see the Illinois closed to recreation because of dangerous bacteria.

STIR is a not-for-profit citizen's coalition chartered to protect the Illinois River, its tributaries, and Tenkiller Lake. It is based in Tahlequah and can be reached at www.illinoisriver.org

Fishing Tournament Schedule:

CURRENT EVENTS - 2008							
2008 PERMITS	DATE	LOCATION	EVENT_TYPE	OPEN_CLUB	GROUP_NAME	NO	TIMES
08-001	11/10/2007	Elk Creek	Bass	Club	Fishers Of Men	10	safe-1600
08-002	11/18/2007	Cherokee Landing	Bass		American Bass Anglers	15	0600-1500
08-003	10/13-14/2007	Chicken Creek South	Bass		Got Bass	100	safe-1500
08-004	10/20-21/2007	Strayhorn Marina	Bass		Fire/EMS Bass Club		
08-005	11/25/2007	Chicken Creek South	Bass	Open	Alma Bassmasters	15	0700-1500
08-006	12/15/2007	Chicken Creek South	Bass	Open	Alma Bassmasters	15	0700-1500
08-007	02/28/2008	Burnt Cabin Marina	Bass	Open	BURNT CABIN MARINA	30	1000-1600
08-008	07/26/2008	Chicken Creek S	Bass		Bassmasters Weekend Serie	100	safe-1700
08-009	04/12/2008	Chicken Creek S	Bass	Open	Bass Freaks	65	safe-1500
08-010	03/29/2008	Chicken Creek S.	Bass	Club	Fishers of Men Legend Boa	130	0600-1500
08-011	10/2/2007	Chicken Creek S.	Bass	Open	American Bass Anglers	100	0600-1600
08-012	05/31/2008	Three Forks Harbor	Bass	Club	Bass Freaks	65	safe-1530
08-013	11/22-25/2007	Trout Stm Bluffs	Spec Event		Red Rescue & Safety Inc	10	Daylight
08-014	03/09/2008	Chicken Creek S	Bass		Morton & H&H Marine		
08-015	03/15/2008	Chicken Creek S.	Bass				
08-016	12/01/2007	Chicken Cr. S.	Bass	Club	Ft. Smith Bass Club	6	0700-1500
08-017	06/14/2008	Three Forks Harbor	Bass	Open	ELW Outdoors	150	0600-1400
08-018	03/09/2008	Chicken Cr. S.	Bass	Club	Morton/H&H Marine Couples	75	safe-1500
08-019	03/22/2008	Chicken Cr. S.	Bass	Club	Oklahoma Rod Benders	14	safe-1600
08-020	03/08/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Open	Lake Country Anglers	50	0430-1600
08-022	03/15/2008	Chicken Cr. S.	Bass	Club	Tulsa Bass Anglers	125	safe-1500
08-023	07/26/2008	Chicken Cr. S.	Bass	Club	Tulsa Bass Anglers	125	2000-0700
08-024	06/14/2008	Snake Creek	Spec Event	Club	4 States Riders	200	1600-2000
08-025	07/19/2008	Chicken Creek S	Bass	Club	Chickasha Bassmasters	25	0700-1500

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2008 PERMITS	DATE	LOCATION	EVENT_TYPE	OPEN_CLUB	GROUP_NAME	NO	TIMES
08-026							
08-027	03/15/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Club	Hog Hunters Bass Club	40	safe-1500
08-028	06/07/2008	Chicken Cr. S.	Bass	Club	Hiram Walker	25	
08-029	02/23/2008	Chicken Creek S.	Bass	Club	Tulsa Southside Hookers	40	0700-1600
08-030	08/23/2008	Chicken Creek S.	Bass	Club	Tulsa Southside Hookers	40	0800-2000
08-031	05/24/2008	Chicken Creek S	Bass				
08-032	04/26/2008	Chicken Creek S	Bass	club	Baldor	60	0600-1600
08-032	04/19/2008	Chicken Creek S.	Bass	Club	Baldor	60	0600-1600
08-033	03/08/2008	Chicken Creek S.	Bass	Club	Hawg Hunters Bass Club	20	safe-1500
08-034	05/10/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Open	Lake Country Anglers	50	0430-1600
08-035	07/12/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Open	Lake Country Bass	40	0430-1600
08-036	05/01/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Open	Home Builders Assoc.	40	safe-1500
08-037	05/02/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Open	Home Builders Assoc.	40	safe-1500
08-038	05/03/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Open	Home Builders Assoc.	40	safe-1500
08-039	03/22/2008	Pettit Bay	Bass	Club	Hook Setters	20	safe-1500
08-040	04/06/2008	Cherokee Landing	Bass	Club	Web Bass Club	20	safe-1500
08-041	05/18/2008	Chicken South	Bass	Club	Web Bass Club	20	safe-1400
08-042	06/28/2008	Chicken South	Bass	Club	Web Bass Club	20	1900-0300

Fishing Report -- Terry McDonald, Fishing Guide

Fishing report: Feb/Mar Lake Tenkiller, Upper Illinois river

Crappie are good around docks and main lake structure using both minnows or jigs. Good stringers are coming from midlake with some heavy slabs measuring over 15 inches. White bass are good in main lake river channels trolling and slabbing 15-25ft. Black bass are reported slow but improving with some heavier fish starting to show around docks and 12 -20 ft brush. Jigging and spoons are preferred with some fair reports on soft plastics. Catfish are fair with some 30lb giant blues being landed but not in big numbers.

Come and Enjoy the FUN!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Terry McDonald

Oklahoma Hunting and Fishing Adventures

www.oklahomahuntingandfishingadventures.com



Terry McDonald with some nice crappie

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GTAA Christmas for Kids campaign:

Thanks to your generosity, the GTAA raised more than \$2,400 in 2007 for underprivileged children in the area. A total of 75 needy children were helped with Christmas presents and clothing.

That's it for this addition. I'll be communicating again with you next quarter.

Thanks
Terri Ussery
Secretary/Treasurer -- Greater Tenkiller Area Association

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