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Fly Fishers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JUNE 2011

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Life's most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others??

Martin Luther King Jr.

On June 6 we will be having our **annual raffle** and silent auction at the **South-western Yacht Club** at 2702 Qualtrough Street on the Bay in Point Loma. This is a new venue for our annual fundraiser; one



ART REIFMAN

that we hope you will join us at and enjoy. The Yacht Club is a special location and a beautiful place to spend an evening. The bar will be open all evening and the restaurant will have limited seating before the beginning of the raffle at 7:30. If you would like to eat and socialize at the Yacht Club plan to come early. I plan to be there about 4:30 to 5:00.

As we have come to expect, the raffle will have many great prizes. This year

the grand prize is a handcrafted 7-weight Bamboo Fly Rod, made by our resident bamboo rod maker, **John Holland**. This is a very special fly rod, but to win you must be a member in good standing and be present at the raffle. The best of luck to everyone, buy lots of tickets.

The silent auction table will have on it some must have items. If you have wanted a really fine 2-weight fly rod, look no further. A 5-1/2-foot, 2-weight bamboo fly rod build by Jon Holland will go to the highest bidder. If after seeing **Bob Berry's** presentation to the club in March, you have been dreaming of owning one of his fish carving, your time is near. We will be auctioning off a beautiful hand

carved Brown Trout. It's a must have, and will go home with one lucky bidder. There will be Bob Berry Trout prints and fishing trips to be won. An all expense paid trip to the famous **Clearwater Lodge** will be on the auction block. Team up with a fishing buddy and win this trip.

Remember that all the money you donate at the annual raffle and silent auction goes to the club Conservation Fund to help support local conservation programs. So join us, and help raise money for these worthwhile causes.

Do all the good you can, ? By all the means you can, ? In all the ways you can, ? In all the places you can, ? At all the times you can, ? To all the people you can, ? As long as ever you can. ?

John Wesley

San Diego Fly Fishers

Annual Fundraiser

date: Monday June 6

time: 6:00 PM chat,eat,drink
7:00 PM raffle & auction

location: Southwestern Yacht Club
(NOT Sierra Elementary!!! **See map below**)

SDDF Member Bruce Harris has arranged for us to hold our annual raffle at the Southwestern Yacht Club. This year we'll be able to eat and drink in the Yacht Club's new dining facility as we schmooze prior to the start of the raffle and silent auction. All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to local (city, county, and state) conservation organizations, so please join us and help us raise money for these worthwhile causes.

Along with our usual annual array of outstanding rods, reels, fly boxes, flies and gadgets, we have a number of special prizes both in the general raffle as well as the silent auction table.

Raffle prizes include:

- Buck's Bag float tube
- Orvis Hydros 4 piece fly rod (9 foot, 8 weight rod)
- A Renzetti vice
- Lamson reel
- Complete collection of Mel Kreigger casting DVDs

We also have a **very special grand prize: a 7-weight bamboo fly rod** crafted by our resident bamboo rod maker, **Jon Holland**. Jon has asked that the rod be won by someone in the audience the evening of the fundraiser, and also that the winner be a member of San Diego Fly Fishers. You must be present to win this grand prize. If you are not a member you can join at the meeting.

Silent Auction prizes include:

- A great fully paid lodging and meals package to the famous Clearwater Lodge
- A day of fishing on the bay with the Salty Doc
- Two Bob Berry trout prints (valued at \$125.00 each)
- Two signed books, Joe Humphreys, valued at \$125.00
- We also have two very special silent auction items. A magnificent **5½ ft, 2-weight bamboo rod** built by **Jon Holland**. Imagine fishing for golden trout with this rod! And a **hand-carved Brown Trout** by World Champion Fish Carver **Bob Berry** (valued at \$1,200.00)

It's not too late to buy more tickets or donate gear for the raffle or silent auction !!

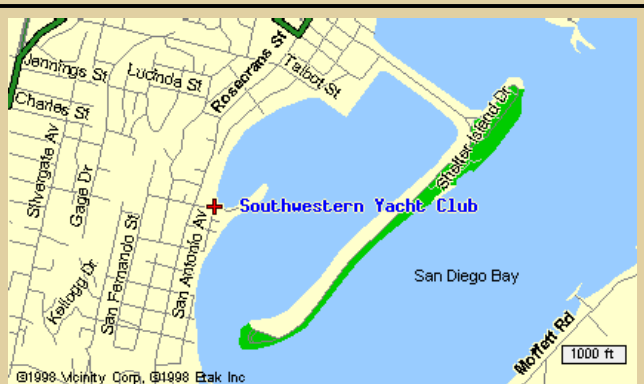
Buy tickets at the May 2 program meeting, at Stroud Tackle or at the Yacht Club on the night of the raffle.

If you have new or slightly used fly fishing gear to donate for the raffle or silent auction, contact raffle chair, Jim Tenuto at or one of the SDDF board members.

Directions to SWYC from I8 West or I5 South

Exit Rosecrans West to Owen St.
Left on Owen 1 block to San Antonio
Left on San Antonio 2 blocks to Qualtrough
Right on Qualtrough & follow SWYC entry at end of street

Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough St.
San Diego, CA 92106
(619)222-0438





CLEARWATER LODGE

San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Fundraiser

"3 nights Lodging and \$100.00 Coupon for guided fishing at Clearwater Lodge for 2"

FREE Accommodations for two people at the Clearwater Lodge in Fall River Mills, California for three days and three nights with a \$100.00 coupon towards a Guide Day. Clearwater Lodge is located on the Pit River close to great fishing on the Fall River, Hat Creek, Pit River, Spring creeks and the McCloud River. This offer includes lodging and meals only. Guide services are available for \$400 per day for up to two people. Shore lunches are provided on the river every day with the guide. Offer valid throughout 2011 subject to availability.

This "3 nights Lodging and \$100.00 coupon towards guided fishing at Clearwater Lodge for 2" donation has no exchange value, nor is it transferable and is only valid for accommodations at The Lodge and cannot be used or associated with the Orvis Rod package or any other discount package being offered by Clearwater Lodge.

This offer can be extended for additional days at the option of the winning bidder
Estimated Total Value: \$2000.00 for lodging for three days, \$100.00 coupon towards guided fishing, plus lodging tax, alcohol and gratuities.

Donor: Clearwater Lodge Contact Information

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Forster".

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The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC FFF)

An Evening With Joan Wulff

The SWC FFF is hosting the legendary Joan Wulff for an evening devoted to all things fly-fishing. Joan and her husband, Ted Rogowski, will fly from New York to Los Angeles where she will speak, answer questions, mingle with guests and talk fly-casting, fly-fishing, conservation and other aspects of the sport and her life.

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Olympic Collection
11301 W Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Dinner: \$75

Fund Raising: The dinner will benefit the work of the Southwest Council FFF. Funds will be raised through sponsorships, a raffle, auction and silent auction. One of the auction "items" is expected to be a private brunch with Joan on Sun., Oct. 16.

Sponsors: The Winston Rod Co. is donating a Special Joan Wulff edition rod for raffle. Other sponsor opportunities are available to help defray the cost of dinner, transportation and hotel accommodations.

Background: Joan Wulff is one of the world's most famous fly fishers. From 1937 as an 11-year old tournament caster in Patterson, New Jersey to 1960, she won numerous International and National tournament casting titles. In 1951, she captured the Fisherman's Distance event while vying against an all-male line-up. Joan cast a fly 161-feet in one competition. Joan is the co-founder and chief instructor of the Wulff School of Fly Fishing in Lew Beach, New York. She has appeared in many fishing films and authored Joan Wulff's Fly Casting Techniques; Fly Fishing: Expert Advice from a Woman's Perspective and Fly Casting Accuracy. Her DVD, **Joan Wulff's Dynamics of Fly Casting**, is one of the most respected and the highest selling casting DVD ever produced.

Through promotion of catch and release, she has helped sport fishing be accepted as environmentally-sustainable. Both Joan and her late, legendary husband, Lee Wulff, have had a positive impact on fly-fishing.

SWC FFF: The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers is composed of 23 individual clubs in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Funds from the dinner will be used to fund Trout in the Classroom, casting and fly tying programs and ongoing support for local clubs.



What's Happening at Chollas Lake



Annual Youth Fishing Derby

The annual STAR/PAL youth fishing derby will be held on June 18, 2011 at Lake Chollas. Those wishing to volunteer for this event are encouraged to meet at the lakes picnic area on Friday, June 17 at 11:00 AM. to assemble rods and reels. The picnic area is located at the north end and just below the parking lot. Volunteers unable to attend on Friday may report to the picnic area on Saturday, June 18 by 6:30 AM. to help with the actual derby. Everyone is welcome!

Chollas Lake is located at 6350 College Grove Way about a mile west of College Ave. If you have any questions please contact Paul Woolery _____

Volunteers Needed for the Chollas Lend-A-Rod Fishing Program

San Diego Fly Fishers has supported a youth fishing program at Chollas for about 10 years. Volunteers from the club assist Park and Recreation Leaders with lending of fishing rods and reels to children under the age of 16. We also assist children with casting and fishing instruction.

We are looking for a few new volunteers to assist us. It only requires a four hour commitment every four to six weeks. San Diego Department of Park and Recreation requires that anyone working with children submit to a background check and be finger printed. Anyone interested in participating in this program is asked to contact Paul Woolery. _____

Official Dedication of the New Fishing Pier

The new Joe Bain Youth Fishing Pier at Chollas Lake will be dedicated on May 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The dedication will be held in conjunction with the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation Fishing Derby. The fishing derby is sponsored by San Diego Park and Recreation, California Fish and Game and The Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation. Parking will be limited so plan on wearing your walking shoes.



Members Fishing Reports

Lucky Ketcham fishes the salt-I finally went fishing off Chula Vista at J Street with **Bob Pharoah** and **Mark Sweat** early Saturday morning (April 30th). 7 until 11.

I caught 6 small spotted bay bass from 5 to 10 inches long. Bob caught a few more. One little 3 inch bass tried to eat his Kim's Z Worm.

Bob must have hooked and lost another 10 fish. He was starting to believe me that I cut all the barbs and points of his saltwater flies when I had them for two weeks. I did not want him to hurt him self on all those sharp points.

Mark Sweat was fishing separately with a fishing buddy from Bakersfield. They were on the water by 6 and caught up to 20 larger spotted bay bass. Mark followed the local kayakers up to the mouth of the Sweetwater River and the deeper channel where it zig zags off National City.

It was a longer kick in a float tube but Mark is young and strong. The water was like glass early in the morning and the sunrise was good to see after months of sitting at home. The power boaters were very careful when passing near me in the little Fish Cat float tube. They created very little wake. I think I was still in the 5 mph zone. SD Bay - no launch fees, easy access and good fishing — try it you'll like it. At 5:30 in the morning it is only 15 minutes from my door. (if I drive 70 or 80 mph with no traffic)

My SD Bay expert, **Marvin Darling**, told me that the water on the Chula Vista flats at J Street is getting too warm for a good comfortable oxygen content. Most of the larger bass, bonefish and bait have moved to the deeper colder water off National City and Sweetwater. It might be easier for me to launch at Pepper Park, off 14th Street in National City. If I fish the J Street channel near markers 17 and 18 you will get mostly small bass. [That is what Bob and I found. We were trying for the small bass slam - catching 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 inch bass. I caught most of mine drifting over the outer and inner edges of the channel. I had to move closer to shore and drift over the outer edge of the eel grass as the sun got higher in the sky. Bob was out on the flat and may actually caught a bonefish about 15 inches. It did not fight very hard. I did not see it and Bob does not know what they look like - silver with an odd nose, no fang tooth like a Corvina, no barbel and down turned mouth or yellow fins - not a croaker.

Tip: When Marvin Darling speaks - you should listen and take notes. I'm going to add that note to my late April Fishing Calendar.

Gretchen, Sonia, Heidi and Kim Jones fished Sutherland on Saturday. Kim and Sonia caught some trout and the Irressitibles had a nice morning on the lake. How come I did not see **Theresa Spencer's** name on this list of beauties? Where was Suzie? Look at the video of Mish on her paddle board. That "little tug" double haul

and shooting all that line is what you are practicing every Sunday. You can do it too.

6 May Lucky and I (Bob Pharoah) fished **San Diego Bay at Sweetwater river** outlet for the first time. We launched at Pepper Park in National City and found it farther to the fishing flats than we had thought. It is a very long kick out in a float tube. For your information, the park is locked until 6 AM. We arrived around 5:30 and had to wait. Lucky had a rough day fighting a leaking tube and had to fish in shallow water. He gave up and went home a little early. I used my electric motor so I was able to fish out on the flats and found a honey hole. I fished from 6:30 until 9:30, caught 10 Sand Bass and 1 Yellow Fin Croaker. The water was 67 degrees, the wind was on the chilly side.

LUCKY

We fished from Pepper Park at the foot of Tidelands Avenue, in National City.

I have taken small boats, my kayak and a pontoon boat out of there over the years but forgot how long a kick it would be in my old Fish Cat float tube. When you are in a power boat like Al Venton's we get out to the channel in a few minutes. It seemed I had to kick almost a mile to get out to channel marker 3. I usually like to throw heavy flies to the pilings and shade of the long loading dock. This morning a giant new car freighter arrived just as we were heading out and it looked too dangerous to go over to the dock. Without a fish finder or depth finder I had a hard time finding the

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Members Fishing Reports

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edges of the channels. I kicked way down to channel marker #3, part way to Chula Vista, to be certain I was on a break. Bob does not tell you that it was one of the worst tide days that you could imagine. I fished the dead low - minus tide until it was just starting to come in. When the wind started to kick up I was bouncing around in my little float tube, stopping only to go into the mud flats and pump up one side of the float tube. The last time I tightened the cap on the valve so tight that I could not get it open without taking the entire valve apart. I was a mile and a quarter from the launch with one tube completely empty. With a little effort I was able to get the top valve open again and inflated the tube. For a few minutes I was afraid I was going to have to swim kick back to the dock with only one side of the float tube as a float. About that time the bacon and eggs sandwich and two cups of coffee started to come up on me. I don't usually get sea sick, but the bouncing around and aggravation without a bite from the bass was too much for me. I yelled at Bob that I was finished having fun for the morning and headed in.

I'm going to have to order a new valve or bladder for my old Fish Cat. It has served me well. Like me it is getting old. I would not recommend taking a float tube out of Pepper Park, unless you wanted to stay in the river channel and fish the dock pilings and the rock wall near the launch. Fish will move back there in the colder winter months, but when the water temperature gets close to 70 there is not enough oxygen

for the fish to be comfortable. Bob found cooler deeper water out in the real bay.

When I was down at channel marker #3 the tide started to come in. That is usually good for moving the bait, but the tide in the channel was like a river and wanted to take me to Chula Vista to the south. I had to kick fairly hard to get back north to the Sweetwater River, all while urping and having stomach cramps. I was wondering: "When does this start to be fun?" Some days even a seasoned fishing fool or addict has to remind himself that he likes fly fishing. I fished 6:30 until 9 AM without a bite.

Launching and fishing from J Street, Bayside Park and Tidelands are all much easier. The little kayak launch beach at Bayside Park gets to the dredged channel and eel grass beds within several hundred feet from shore. It is much easier to find the fish holding area. A moderately long kick north gets you to where the channel zig zags. The local kayakers have been catching some of the larger spotted bay bass there all week. Chartreuse and Olive/brown Clousers were the color. Mark Sweat had luck with a Kim Z's worm - rootbeer cactus chenille with a brown marabou tail. Bob and I have been using the bright orange tailed version. See the fly hanging in the mouth of a nice yellow fin croaker. The unweighted worm has been a good pattern when fished above a heavy fly and bounced along the bottom.



Annual Raffle is Just Around the Corner June 6th

**Buy Your
Tickets NOW!**





JOE'S DREAM CAME TRUE

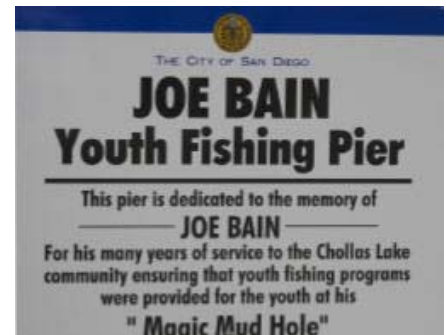
Joe Bain was an avid supporter of youth fishing. Nowhere was this more evident than at Chollas Lake. Joe wanted all children to experience the joy of catching a fish. He wanted today's youth to be hooked on fishing and not on something else.

Joe became interested in Chollas Lake many years ago. The Park and Recreation Department had a person running a weekend fishing clinic with a few donated fishing rods. Joe became interested in helping out. He searched through all the garage sales looking for fishing gear. He created the Chollas Lake Lend-A-Rod fishing station. Joe then created a 5 year plan to improve the lake and surrounding park. He would make weekly visits to Park and Recreation Department with his 5 year plan for Chollas Lake. He also visited the San Diego City Counsel and especially Tony Young's office to impress upon him the importance of improving Chollas Lake and the park.

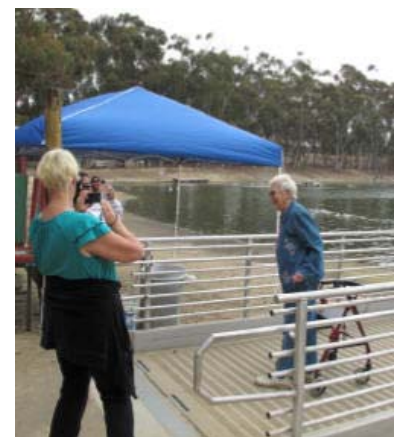
On May 14, 2011 Members from the San Diego City Counsel, San Diego Park and Recreation Department and the Chollas Park Recreation Counsel gathered at Chollas Lake. The reason for the gathering was to dedicate a newly constructed fishing pier in memory of Joe Bain.

Also in attendance were Juli Bain, Joe's wife of over 60 years and Joe's daughter and brother. Juli was asked to take the first steps on the newly constructed pier.

Further improvements are planned for Chollas Lake as the funds become available. For Joe's "Magic Mud Hole" his efforts and dreams came true on May 14, 2011.



Stacey LoMedico kicks off the dedication ceremonies



Juli Bain takes the first steps on the new pier named for her late husband Joe.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Krabby Patty a surf fly by Kevin Green

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S Stinger hook, size 6
Thread: Brown 3/0
Eyes: Large Bead-Chain - painted black
Tail: Red marabou
Underbody: Spirit River's "Speckled Chenille" in brown
Hackle: Spirit River's "Palmer Chenille Rootbeer"
Head Cement: Sally's Hard as Nails



Notes by Lucky Ketcham and Steve Piper, January 20, 2011

Kevin Green is an avid surf fly fisher who haunts the waters of Newport and Laguna Beach. He posts his reports on Fliflicker.com under username Kevin. Thanks to Kevin for giving me permission to share his pattern with San Diego surf anglers.

He uses several variations of the above fly. The intent was to mimic the colors, general size and shape of the little "jetty crabs" in Newport. I thought the perch would go for something like that. When I finished the first tie, I thought it looked like a crab hiding in the kelp patty - not really what I intended.

Nevertheless, it catches fish like a champ - perch, halibut, croaker and corbina so far. The key ingredient is the "Palmer Chenille Rootbeer," which has great movement and fishy eye-catching pearly colors.

This is a simple fly pattern, tie it as you would a beadchain eyed woolly worm, substituting the new "palmer chenille" for the hackle. Stoke the long filaments to the rear of the fly as you palmer wrap to prevent tangles tied down fibers. I think you could substitute a standard salt-water hook but the Gamakatsu is a very sharp hook right out of the package.

Variations and Use:

I do an orange version of the Krabby Patty too. I like the **red in turbulent off-color water**, and the **orange version for clearer water**. The orange version still uses the rootbeer (or brown) palmer chenille, but it uses orange thread, orange marabou tail, and orange "base" chenille (beneath the palmer chenille). For the base chenille, I like something with some flash. The base chenilles I'm using at the moment are "New Age Chenille," in size 2, in "orange crush" and "sparkling

wine." Very sexy! Like the palmer chenille, the New Age Chenille also seems to be supplied by multiple vendors; I have one package from "Cascade Crest Tools" and another from "Riverborn."

You are a detail guy, so I'll give you one last detail. The palmer chenille comes in a wide variety of colors. I've tried olive and orange versions for the Krabby Patty, but they did seem to work as well. That oily iridescent rootbeer color seems to be the magic stuff. Why? I think it's because that color looks a lot like some of the polychaete worms I've seen.



Polychaete Marine Worm





**5TH ANNUAL
RUSH CREEK CLEAN-UP
JUNE 25TH, 2011
8:00AM**



**SPONSORED BY SILVER LAKE RESORT AND
SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS**

JUNE 25TH 8:00AM TILL NOON

Meet at Silver Lake boat ramp for sign up at 8:00

Bring gloves, hat, and (waders if you have them)

Trash bags will be provided

Bar-B-Que Lunch provided by Silver Lake Resort after clean-up



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Stroud Award

2004-Jim Brown
2005-Allen Greenwood
2006- Hugh Marx
2007- Mike Rivkin
2008- Bill Van Wulven
2009- Larry Bottroff
2010- Gary Strawn



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Make checks payable to Eileen Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to:
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1457 Morena Blvd
San Diego, CA 92110

All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

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articles---Friday June 17th.

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You can E-mail at Thanks!!

Send change of address information,signup for
electronic version of newsletter, or Club membership renewal to:

Lucky Ketcham

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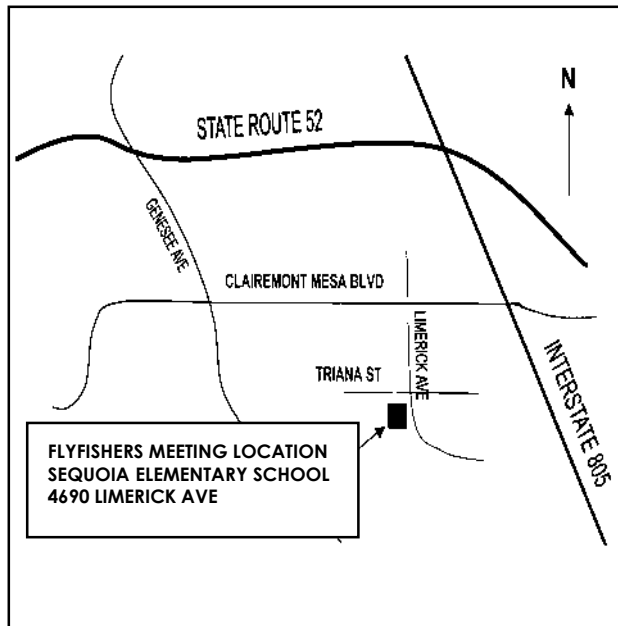
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San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 1.6 miles. When you come to Lake Adlon Drive, (first corner past Jackson Dr.) turn left. Go down three blocks and the recreation center will be on your right. It is on the corner of Lake Adlon and Lake Badin.



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