

## YES, I WANT TO BE A MEMBER!

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Growth of the club can be attributed to the enjoyment fishers realize from sharing the sport and science of fly fishing.

Membership Fee \$20.00 Individual

Membership Fee \$35.00 Family

Junior Membership fee is \$5.00 for individuals 18 and under.

*Family membership shall include spouses and children under the age of 18.*



Dues are renewable each January. Dues paid during the last quarter receive credit for the following year. Please make your check payable to St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers.

SJRVFF is a 501C-3 non-profit.

Mail with dues to:

**SJRVFF**

P.O. Box 933

South Bend, IN 46624

### OUR BEGINNING

Through monthly meetings started in 1978 by a handful of local fishers, the St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers club has become a reality. Motivated by interest and the need to focus their energies in order to cultivate and promote the science of fly fishing in our area, the club has realized a steady increase in its membership by both beginning and experienced fly fishers. Growth of the club can be attributed to the enjoyment fishers realize from sharing the sport and science of fly fishing.

### GOALS

A major emphasis of the club will be directed toward cultivation and advancement of the art and science of fly fishing, conservation and restoration of rivers and lakes, and public education programs that will broaden the understanding of the delicate balance that shapes our fresh water environment.

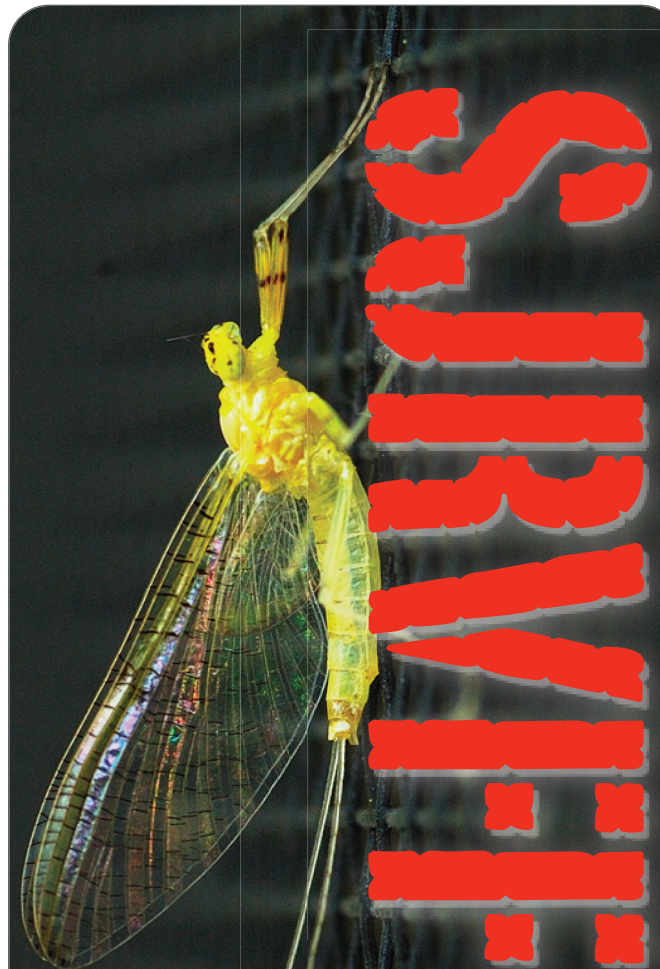
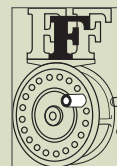
### MEETINGS - OUTINGS - FLY TYING

The St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers have monthly meetings that provide members with a wide variety of programs, including guest speakers, demonstrations, and work shops. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, from September through April at Juday Creek Course and our May meeting is held at the Elkhart Conservation Club. An educational fly fishing demonstration starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner is served at 7:00 p.m., and the meeting / program begins around 8:00 p.m.. Club fishing outings are held during the spring, summer, and fall. They provide fellowship as well as the opportunity for those more skilled at casting and presentation techniques to teach beginners in the club the art of fly fishing. Fly tying classes taught by club members are held each year, and are open to club members as well as the general public.



### AFFILIATION WITH F.F.F.

The St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers are affiliated with the Federation of Fly Fishers, a national organization for fly fishers. This affiliation gives our club members an opportunity to participate at local, regional and national levels with others interested in the advancement of fly fishing and the conservation and restoration of our nation's waterways.



## St. Joe River Valley Fly Fishers

Meetings: Third Wednesday of the Month  
September through May 7:00 P.M. at Juday Creek  
Golf Course, 14770 Lindy Dr., Granger, IN 46530

May meeting at the Elkhart  
Conservation Club, 55515  
Rivera Dr., Elkhart, IN  
46514

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Cup Award



# THE ST. JOE RIVER VALLEY



## Education

Fly tying classes are held each year in conjunction with the South Bend Parks Dept. Classes are alternated yearly between beginning and advanced tiers. All materials and equipment are supplied. Throughout the year SJRVFF teaches the basic fundamentals of fly casting. Students are encouraged to bring their own fly rod, but the SJRVFF has a limited supply of fly rods to teach fly casting.



## Conservation

The club has been involved in many stream restoration projects in both Michigan and Indiana. During the past year manpower and materials have been provided for stream improvement projects on the Dowagiac and Brandywine Creeks in Michigan.

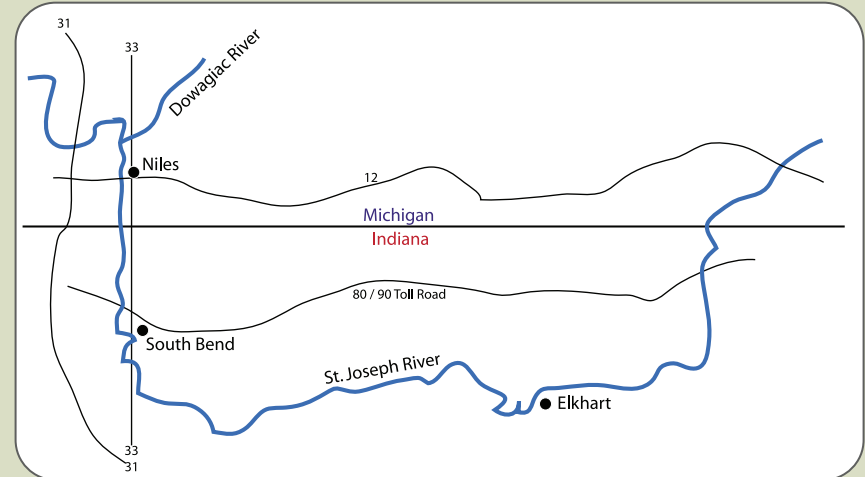
## Activities

Club fishing outings are held throughout the year, some in concert with other area clubs. These outings provide fellowship as well as an opportunity to learn from those who are more skilled in casting and presentation techniques. The outings also provide an introduction to waters and areas that you might otherwise not visit.



## SO MANY SPECIES

The St. Joseph River Valley offers some of the best freshwater fishing in the midwest. And since you can fish all year round, there's always an excuse to grab your fly rod and head for the water! Whether you want to big water fish for Steelhead, Coho, or Chinook Salmon on Lake Michigan tributaries, or wade into a clear stream for brown trout, the challenge will lure you in again and again. Other catches include smallmouth bass, walleye, pike, catfish, crappie, carp, bass and muskies.



## RIVERS AND STREAMS



**St. Joe River:** The St. Joe River is one of the most versatile rivers you will find. Expect to find an abundance of Steelhead and Salmon in the spring and fall. In the summer months, the Joe becomes a top notch Smallmouth fishery. There are many wadable sections with easy access through out the South Bend area, including downtown!

**Dowagiac River:** Starting at the Pucker Street Dam and flowing south until she dumps into the Joe, Dowagiac River is a fast moving thrill ride that can produce trophy fish. While there are wading opportunities, this stretch is a great half day float with easy access getting in and out. North of the dam offers anglers a more mellow wade with an abundance of big browns.

**Dowagiac Creek:** Nestled just to the east of the Dowagiac River, Dowagiac Creek is a beautiful little spring creek, full of beautiful trout; perfect for beginners as well as seasoned anglers. Once you fish this charming stream, you will be back!

**Little Elkhart River:** This stream can be found in the Amish country of northern Indiana, near Middlebury. "The Little E" offer miles of catch and release trout fishing, as well as great food and shopping nearby. There are many public access point with easy wading. This is quickly becoming the finest trout water in Indiana.

**Other Streams:** Also check out: Cobus Creek, Elkhart River, The Brandywine, Trail Creek, The Galien...or come to a meeting and find out where the really good fishing is!!

