

Arkansas Chapter Trout Unlimited 2005 Conservation Banquet & Auction



In 2002 the Arkansas Chapter of Trout Unlimited created the Coy C. Kaylor Conservation Award to be given annually at its Banquet. We are pleased and proud to announce this year's recipient is Scott Branyan who is pictured above.

Scott is a native Arkansan. After receiving a graduate degree in theology (Th. M, 1984) from Dallas Theological Seminary, Scott and his wife Sharon returned to the Northwest Arkansas area they love. They have one son, Paul, along with other accomplishments became an eagle scout. Scott has continued to minister as a bible teacher in small group settings, but makes his living guiding and as a freelance outdoor writer/photographer.

Scott is owner and operator of Ozark Fly Flinger. He opened his business in June of 1996. He started fly fishing in college and eventually delved into many of the different aspects of the sport, including boat building and rod making. He has fished all of the Arkansas White River Tail waters as well as trophy streams in Wyoming, Colorado, and Alaska. Scott has appeared as on-camera guide on Trout Unlimited Television (ESPN, ESPN 2, and The Outdoor Channel) and writes a bi-weekly fly fishing column for the Northwest Arkansas Morning News. He is an elder at Believes Fellowship in Elm Springs, AR. Scott is a pioneer in using a drift boat on the white river, and is the first to guide on the river using a square-end McKenzie boat. Conservation is important to Scott, and he conveys this to his customer. His trips are catch and release, and he works to teach principles that minimize impact to the fishery. His beliefs led him to become a dedicated volunteer with trout unlimited. Scott has served in various positions including secretary and as editor of the Bi-monthly newsletter, "The Arkansas Trout" for nine years.

Not only is he a great conservationist, but he is a wonderful ambassador for the sport. He puts his time where his mouth is. It's not the frequency of his fishing that's earned Scott this year's award, but his commitment to protecting the rivers and his leadership

Congratulations Scott and Thank You for your commitment to Trout Unlimited!