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Oak Brook Trout Unlimited (OBTU)
2026 Holiday Fundraising Rod and Waders Raffle Rules

The following are the official rules of the December 9, 2026 OBTU Raffle:

1. Eligibility Rules:
   a.) You must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Purchases by underage entrants will be void.
   b.) OBTU will conduct the raffle on Dec 9, 2026 in Addison, Illinois. All tickets must be purchased in the state of Illinois. If tickets are purchased online, the ticket buyer must have permanent residence in Illinois. Ticket(s) of online buyers not resident in Illinois will be void.
   c.) Members of the OBTU Chapter, The OBTU Board of Directors, and Officers are all eligible to enter the Raffle.

2. The following prizes will be awarded:
   1st Prize (Grand Prize): Hardy Marksman Fly Rod with winner's choice of rod weight and length. (retail value up to approximately $995.00)

   2nd Prizes: Two winners will be awarded 2nd place prizes. Each will choose one of the following 3 options:
   1) Zipper-less Orvis Waders with the winner's choice of size, model, and male/female fitting. (retail value up to approximately $698.00), or
   2) Trxstle CRC Rod Carrier (Depending on choice, retail value up to approximately $699), or
   3) Lampson Litespeed F Reel of choice. (Depending on choice, retail value up to approximately $639.99)

3. How to participate:
   a) Raffle tickets may be purchased in person up until the time of the drawing which will take place approximately 8:30pm on Dec.9, 2026. The sale of tickets will be halted by the Raffle Manager a few minutes before the raffle drawing at Venuti's Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Addison, IL.
   b) For Illinois residents only, raffle tickets may be purchased online via email invitation. Ticket numbers will be assigned for each remote online purchaser based on the amount of the purchase and the physical tickets will be included in the drawing by OBTU. All information requested on the online form must be provided. Payments may be made online by credit card.
   c) Ticket purchases may also be made by mailing a check to:
      Oak Brook Trout Unlimited,
      P.O. Box 5046,
      Oak Brook, IL 60522-5046
   Mail ticket purchase payments must be received by December 6 (3 business ahead of the raffle). "Holiday Rod Raffle Tickets" must be notated on the check. Raffle ticket numbers will be assigned to mail-in purchasers based on the amount of the purchase. Physical tickets will be included in the drawing.
   d) All tickets are priced at $10.00 each.
   e.) OBTU will notify entrants of any late receipts of ticket payments. Tickets associated with any payment not received prior to the Raffle drawing will be void and the late payment will be refunded if desired by the entrant.

4. Odds of winning:
   The odds of winning will be determined by the number of eligible tickets sold. There is no limit on the number of tickets that will be sold. Each ticket has an equal chance of winning.

5. Taxes:
   The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) takes the position that no portion of the ticket price will qualify as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes. The IRS and the Illinois Department of Revenue (DOR) treats prizes won in a raffle as ordinary income for tax purposes. Raffle winners may or may not be required to pay additional taxes to the IRS and Illinois DOR. Any additional taxes required of the Raffle winners are the sole responsibility of the winners. Please consult your tax advisor to determine your personal tax liability.

6. Selection of winners:
   a) For the Grand and 2nd Place Raffle Prizes, three winners will be selected by random drawing at the OBTU Holiday Party at Venuti's in Addison, IL.
   -The first 2 tickets drawn will identify the two 2nd prize winners.
   -The 3rd ticket drawn will identify the Grand Prize winner of the Hardy Fly-fishing Rod
   b) Raffle entrants need not be present to win.

7. Qualification of winners:
   a) Potential selected winners will be subject to a final eligibility check. If deemed ineligible, the potential winner will be disqualified.
   b) If a winner cannot be contacted within a month following the raffle, the potential winner is subject to disqualification.
   (c) A raffle entrant is eligible to win only one of the three raffle prizes. If an entrant has winning tickets for both raffle prizes, the entrant can claim their choice of only one of the two prizes and will be disqualified from winning the second prize.
   (d) If a potential selected winner is disqualified from winning one or both prizes, another ticket will be drawn to determine an alternate potential winner whose eligibility will then be checked.

8. Claiming your prize:
   (a) Winners will be notified by OBTU.
   (b) Once the winner is qualified, OBTU will coordinate the process of delivering the prize to the winner. The rod winner will select the rod weight and length. The 2nd Prize winners will select their preferred prize and associated options. OBTU and the winners will make mutually agreed arrangements for delivery of the prize. Since winners have their choice of prizes, the prizes will need to be ordered by OBTU after the winners are known. Delivery of the prizes may be delayed due to supplier lead time or delivery times.

9. Administration of Raffle:
   The entrants acknowledge and agree that decisions made by OBTU will be final and binding on all matters relating to the Raffle. OBTU reserves the right, in its full discretion, to modify, terminate or suspend the Raffle (or any portion thereof) should acts of God, unauthorized human intervention or other causes corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness or proper play of the Raffle (or any portion thereof), and, in the event of termination, at its sole discretions, select a winner from those tickets that are eligible. OBTU reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any person and void all associated orders and tickets of any person, without any reimbursement of any kind to any such person, which it believes has tampered with the order process, or any other component of the Raffle whose conduct or actions affect the administration, integrity, security, fairness or proper conduct of the Raffle, or who is in violation of these Official Rules. In the event a winner is not selected and OBTU cancels the Raffle because of any of the foregoing reasons, OBTU, in its sole discretion, may return the entrants their money for their raffle ticket purchases.

10. Location: The Raffle is being held pursuant to a license with the City of Addison, Illinois.

11. Governing Law:
   The Raffle is governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. The entrant and OBTU hereby agree each party's obligations are defined by these Official Rules.