



Tight Lines

February 2016 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited
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Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>



**"I have fished through fishless days that I remember
happily without regret."
Roderick Haig-Brown**

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings.
Don't miss out on something GREAT!**

**Our Meeting Place is at Rabun
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall
On the third Tuesday of the month.**

**Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies) starts
At 6:30 pm, then at 7:00 - Program & Meeting.
The church is located just past Rabun Gap Nachoo-
chee School at 8397 Wolffork Road,
Rabun Gap, GA 30568.**

**At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle for fishing or
camping items to help pay the cost of mailing the newsletter to mem-
bers without email and to raise money for a storage building. Bring an
item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.**

You Might WIN something !

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Notes from the President



THANKS !!

The 29th Annual Rabun Rendezvous- postponed by Winter Storm Jonas- is now behind us! And a huge "THANK YOU" to Chairman Ray King and his crew for a successful event. Preliminary figures seem to indicate we successfully exceeded last year's net revenue, in spite of a lower than expected attendance. Now, it's onward to the budget planning.

In addition, Kent Wilson and I are heading up the new draft of our Chapter's Strategic Plan. And, after a number of suggestions about changing the time of year to host Rendezvous, I will open that up for discussion at this month's Chapter meeting, and prior to our February Board meeting.

A couple things that need our immediate attention: 1. We have to turn in our Dream Trip ticket money at the FEBRUARY MEETING, so Kathy can turn in one check and all stubs at the March 5th Georgia Council meeting. Bring your money- checks made out to Rabun TU- and your ticket stubs to the meeting on February 16th. 2. For the Alaska trip in June or September this year, I will need your chosen week and deposit by no later than the March 22nd Chapter meeting. The deposit check should be made out to Rabun TU, with Alaska in the memo section, and will be one-half the total. 3. March 19th is Rabunite 101- so see Charlie Breithaupt for applications for those wanting to attend. Hoot-on-the-Hootch is also that day, when Dream Trip winners are announced. We need a LARGE contingent from the Chapter to go, as they strongly supported us at Rendezvous. 4. Finally, we need one or two people to volunteer to coordinate our Spring Campout scheduled for April 6th- 10th. Main thing is to coordinate who is cooking.

Dates to put on your calendar:

Chapter Meeting- February 16th

Chapter Board Meeting- February 23rd

Chapter Meeting- March 15th

Rabunite 101 & Hoot-on-the-Hootch- March 19th

Chapter Spring Campout- April 6th- 10th

Gold Rush Fly Fishing Festival- 9AM- 5PM- Frog Hollow- April 16th

Chapter Meeting- April 19th

Blue Ridge Trout Festival- Blue Ridge, GA- April 29th- 30th

*****REMEMBER- ALL Chapter Meetings and Board Meetings are held at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church*****

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Forward Casting Calendar

Feb. 16 (Tues) Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7 pm. Our guest speaker is Chad Bryson who lives in Dillard. Chad was the fishing guide for some Rabunites last summer on a trip to

Naknek River Camp in Alaska. Chad guides for the lodge and for River through Atlanta when he is not in Alaska. Chad

will be talking about the lodge and fishing in Alaska. If you have been thinking about taking the trip through the discounted prices the lodge is offering through Rabun TU then this a must meeting. Chad will have us all packing our bags!!



Feb. 20 (Sat) Tie One On at Bass Pro Shop, 5900 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 678-847-5500. Many Georgia TU'ers will be there tying flies and promotion TU!

Feb. 23 (Tue) Rabun TU monthly board meeting. Meeting starts at 6:30. Everyone is welcome.

March 15 (Tues) Rabun TU regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7 pm. Our own Rabunite Dredger will be the guest speaker. His program will be "Dredger's Dry/Dropper Secrets for Springtime Success." Being the middle of March his knowledge will be priceless in getting ready for the best season just around the bend.

March 19 (Sat) Rabunite 101. Beginning fly fishing Seminar. More information on page 6 of this newsletter.

March 19 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch. The annual fund raising event hosted by the Foot-hills Chapter. The event is held in Helen at the HELENDORF INN—33 MUNICH STRASSE. Doors open at 5 pm. BARBECUE—BLUEGRASS—SILENT AUCTION BUCKET RAFFLE—DREAM TRIP DRAWING \$30.



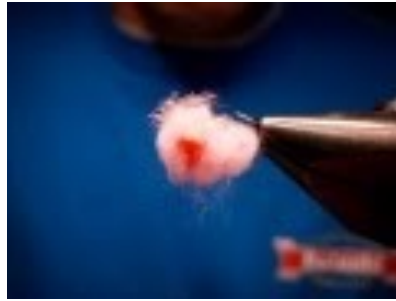
Matching the Hatch: brought to you from many ole Rabunites who have spent countless hours fishing and trudging along river banks, tying flies, casting, overcoming weather, bugs, and no telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.



February fly of the month:

By: Terry Rivers

THESE ARE GREAT PATTERNS ON THE DH STREAMS HERE IN NORTH GEORGIA, OR ANY STREAM. TIE THEM IN DIFFERENT COLORS AND CHANGE OFTEN IF THEY'RE NOT HITTING THAT COLOR. IF YOU HAVE NOT TIED THIS PATTERN GO TO "YOU TUBE". THEY HAVE LOTS OF GOOD VIDEOS DEMONSTRATING TYING THEM.



BLOOD DOT
EGG PATTERN

HOOK: #12 SCUD HOOK
BODY: McFLY FOAM OR EGG YARN

SEE YA ON THE RIVER !!

To view a Hatch Chart for all month click [Hatch Chart](#)

More tips and helpful information from Dredger and other Georgia DNR fisheries staff. Click [here](#) for the latest reports.



How's the river? Click on the name of the river to check water levels.

[Chattooga Level](#)

[Tallulah River Level](#)

[Nantahala](#)

[Little Tennessee](#)



February Hatches

THE BUGS

Time of Month

Time of Day

Suggested flies

None at all

All year

All Day

Dredging Nymphs:
12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
#14 Parachute Adams is always a good
searching pattern

Midges

All year

All Day

18-22 Griffith's Gnat
18-22 Midge Pupa

Terrestrials – Ants, Beetles,
Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc

Various Times & Sizes

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Blue Winged Olive &
Blue Quill (important)

Late

Late AM to Mid PM

16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Para-
chute
16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail

Tips, Trips, and More:

A VERY IMPORTANT ARTICLE
ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO
PASS IT ON TO THE YOUTH!!
PLEASE READ AND SHARE THIS
ARTICLE. OUR NATURAL WORLD
DEPENDS ON IT.

[EQUIPPING YOUTH!](#)

Didymo, a nuisance algae, was
found in the Tuckasegee River in
Jackson County. Please click on
the link below to learn about all
precautions that need to be
taken when trout fishing in the
Tuck.

[Didymo info click here](#)

CHATTOOGA RIVER ANGLER'S DIARY

After a day on the Chattooga please
fill out this brief survey so agencies can
compile information and continue to
improve angling experiences. THANKS!

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR DIARY.

Check out the Feb/March issue of
Southern Trout online. They have
a great detailed section
on Georgia.

[Click here for Feb/March South-
ern Trout Online](#)

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Fly Fishing Seminar

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☐ *Ever wanted to try your hand at fly-fishing for trout but never learned the in's and out's of it?*

☐ *Ever wonder why some people seem to get so "hooked" on it?*

Now's your chance! The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is planning a half-day fly-fishing seminar for adults (male and female 16 years and older).

The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology (the bugs we imitate for fish to eat).

Instructors include Federation of Flyfishermen Certified Instructors and other experts for a hands-on learning experience that will be helpful and fun.

WHAT: Fly-Fishing Seminar "Rabunite 101"

WHEN: Saturday March 19, 2016

8:30 am until 1:00 pm

WHERE: The Rabun County Recreation Center off Highway 441 near Rabun County Middle and High School complex.

HOW MUCH? Cost is only \$25

WANT TO SIGN UP??? FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

The session is limited to 28 participants.

Send the form below along with your check made payable to:

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Charlie Breithaupt

194 Kitchens Lane

Clayton, GA 30525 knc615@windstream.net (706)782-6954

You will receive notification when you have been registered.

Please Print (NEATLY!) Yes, I want to attend the fly-fishing seminar!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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Back Casting

The Rabun Chapter regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Our guest speaker with some great nymphing techniques was Rabunite Landon Williams. Landon gave a great slide presentation along with some hands on demonstrations. A great program!! We also had a great raffle raising a few dollars for the Chapter.



*Letters to
the
Rabunites*

TO MEMBERS OF THE
RABUN CHAPTER
UNLIMITED, THANKS
FOR THE PRAYERS &
CONCERN'S AND TO
THOSE WHO DROVE SO
FAR FOR THE VISITATION
& FUNERAL. ALSO FLOWERS.
LOVE YA ALL
TERRY & EMILYN
RIVERS

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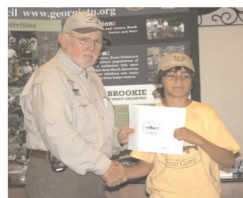
Know a young boy or girl between the ages of 12 and 15 who loves fishing and the great outdoors? Check out Georgia Trout Camp. A great opportunity to turn that interest into a lifelong passion. For more info click [here](#). For Camp application click [here](#).

Help Build A Better Habitat for Trout



CAMPER'S REWARDS

- Each Camper Departs with their own Fishing Equipment
- Closing Ceremony where Campers Receive a Certificate of Completion
- Fun Fly Casting Competition with Awards Presented at Closing Ceremony
- Many Memories and New Friendships



Camp Location:
Northeast Georgia in the town of Dillard.
The Heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains



2015 Georgia Trout Camp

PARTNERS



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Georgia Trout Camp

Open to boys and girls, 12-15 years old
\$500 per camper

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS
Go to Georgia Council Website:
www.georgiatu.org

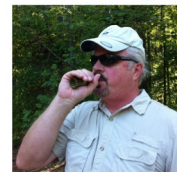
Contact:
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Georgia Trout Unlimited Trout Camp 2016



Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School
June 5-10, 2016

"Call to Camp!"



- Participants...
(Entry Limit -1 Year)
- Boys & Girls, 12-15 Years Old
 - Learn and Practice the Sport of Fly Fishing
 - Study Sound Conservation Practices
 - Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

2015 Georgia Trout Camp



Picture of success with learning the sport, having loads of fun, camaraderie, and individual growth.

"What to Expect at Trout Camp"

Learning Hands-On Skills
~Trout Fishing Fundamentals~



Knot Tying:
Attaching Lines for Specific Fishing Needs

Stream Tactics:
Presenting the Fly

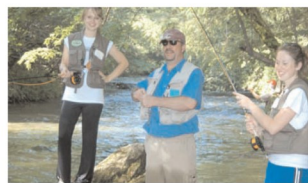
Tackle: Handling & Maintenance

Fly Casting: The Basics and Practice



Entomology...BUGS

Study the life cycle, physiology, behavior, environment and insect classification.



Fishing on the Stream

Applying Newly Learned Skills:
At least(2) Hours Daily Dedicated to Fishing!
2 Campers Accompanied by a Mentor

Stream Etiquette:
How We Consider Others and the Environment.

Natural Resources & Conservation

- Visit to Burton Trout Hatchery & Nearby Creeks
- The Trout's Life Cycle
- Aquatic Invertebrates...more bugs...
- Protection of Trout Habitat
- Stream Dynamics / Fish Shocking
- Work Project to Restore Habitat Structures



Campers Learn Proper Etiquette to Use on the Stream



Fun Fishing at Camp



Catching Trout Makes You Smile!

Learn Strategy from the Experts...



Lake Fishing Means 'Bream' and 'Bass'



Fishing Fast Water... Have Your Mentor Close By

Outdoor Skills

Safety with Equipment
Safety on Streams
First Aid

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES

Current membership: 173 members, 25 life members, 10 stream explorers.

Welcome New Members: Mark Durham and Gary Sowell (Welcome.. Hope to see you on the river soon!!)

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Fritz Bertz, Monty English, Frank & Carol Jackson, James Kidd, Jerry McFalls, David Ruth, Perry Thompson, Fritz Vinson and Larry Walker

Time to renew your membership: David Bentley, Julian Heeth, Lewis Reeves and Terry Seehorn

The Rabun Rendezvous turned out great thanks to all who came, to all who donated and to all that bid on all our great items. Mother Nature caused a shift in our date, but all of our great friends adjusted their schedules and came out to support us a week later....with no SNOW!!

Look for a complete Rendezvous report in the March newsletter!!

Again.... Ever how you contributed to our Fund Raiser we say:

THANK YOU!!

WHAAaaaaa Whooooooooo!!!!!!!

Our condolences go out to Sandy Morgan and family on the death of her husband Ralph Morgan on January 21, 2016. Ralph's love of TU and passing it on to the youth will truly be missed. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget to keep up with the Foxfire Boys and all their happenings at the Nichols Center by visiting their face book page. Click [here](#) to check out the calendar of events.



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