

Back Casting

TROUT CAMP 2017ANOTHER ONE IN THE BOOKS!

As we opened our Trout Camp for the 14th time on June 4th, we realized that many of our campers weren't even born when we held our first camp at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School back in 2004. Nineteen boys and five girls came together from eleven of the twelve chapters in Georgia with mentors from almost all of the chapters to teach, encourage, and enjoy them as we worked to protect our precious cold, clean water and to learn how to catch a trout on a fly. After heavy rains pushed Betty Creek to flood level, the weather improved for the remainder of the week as we fished, tied flies, built stream structures and carried on the tradition of Trout Camp. There was nothing really new at camp except the faces of the 24 campers beginning on what we hope is a lifelong passion for trout and the environment.

Attached is the "Julie Stalnaker Award" presentation. Carson Chang, of the Cohutta Chapter and a member of the Five Rivers Program led by Rodney Tumlin, won this award, the fly tying, and fly casting competition as well. The Julie Stalnaker award is chosen by the dorm leaders and the other two contests are based solely on earned points in the competition. Carson was chosen for Julie's award the night before the other two competitions.

A big thanks to more than 50 volunteers who gave of their time, energy, and talent to "pass it on." As always, our partners from the USFS and Georgia DNR did their part to enhance the camp experience. The Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School is a true blessing for our camp and the staff always goes the extra mile to meet our needs and to make us feel welcome. Thanks RGNS!!!

Below are links to the camp pictures – distributed by Mack Martin each day. Great way to keep the parents and other TU members connected. Charlie Breithaupt reporting.

Link:1 <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c8ujoy5e0n61pax/AAAc5ZhjPEDbkOmh1ARvliuza?dl=0>

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Duane Stalnaker (left) and Charlie Breithaupt (right) present the Julie Stalnaker award to Carson Chang on June 9, 2017 at the Trout Camp 2017 Graduation.



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The collage consists of nine photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The top row features three images: three people fishing in a stream, a person in a blue shirt and tan vest holding a fish, and a group of four people in fishing gear. The middle row contains three images: a person in a blue shirt and tan vest holding a fish, a person in a blue shirt and tan vest holding a fish, and a person in a blue shirt and tan vest holding a fish. The bottom row includes two large images: a person in a blue shirt and tan vest holding a fish on the left, and a large group photo of campers and staff in front of Jane Woodruff Hall on the right.

Another great Trout Camp!

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