



# Tight Lines

June 2017 Newsletter of the  
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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Rabun TU's Award Winning Web Site <http://rabuntu.org/site/>



**“If I’m not going to catch anything, then I’d rather not catch anything on flies.”**

**Bob Lawless**

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Join us for our regular monthly meetings  
every third Tuesday of the month.  
This month the date is May 20, 2017!!**

**Our Meeting Place is at Rabun  
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall  
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 Nachoochee 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  
members without email and to raise  
money to pay for our storage building.  
Bring an item to donate  
and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.**



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## Letter from the President



June is off to a busy start. Trout Unlimited volunteers from two different chapters spent a Saturday morning on the Tallulah River yesterday assisting the Forest Service with the annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo. Volunteers from the Rabun Chapter helped with the registration and raffle of the many prizes donated by a multitude of sponsors. The Savannah River Chapter showed up in force and spent their time cleaning fish for the attendees and I mean lots and lots of fish. The last count I heard was approaching five hundred fish. It was a fantastic day for the almost one hundred and fifty kids who participated. Some of us even slipped away for a short time to dedicate the handicapped accessible fishing pier which was a joint project between the U. S. Forestry Service, the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division.

This month we also held the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Georgia Trout Camp. Trout Unlimited volunteers from every chapter in the state have converged on Rabun Gap Nacoochee School for five action packed days for the twenty-four attendees, the young mentors and the grizzled veterans alike. Mike Fuller plans to resume the twice monthly trips to the Western North Carolina Fly Fishing trail after a brief interruption. Look for more details to follow soon.

I'm hoping that conditions improve overnight and that we don't get too much additional rain because as I type this I'm preparing to help other Rabunites stock Betty's Creek tomorrow morning in preparation for the inaugural fishing trip by the trout campers.

Although the stream conditions have fluctuated recently you still have a chance to get out and experience some great fishing before the summertime heat sets in. Hope to see you on the river.

Kent



# Forward Casting Calendar of Events

**June 20 (Tues):** Regular monthly meeting of Rabun TU. This month offers up a unique opportunity. Our guest speaker is the new Chattooga River District Ranger of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, **Ryan Foote**. Foote began his career with the Forest Service in 1999 as a seasonal Fisheries Technician on the Lassen National Forest in California. Following his graduation with a degree in Freshwater Fisheries from Humboldt State University, Foote converted to a permanent position as a Fish Biologist where he worked for the next 13 years on restoring habitat for Spring-run Chinook salmon and steel-head habitat on public lands, while supporting efforts across the forest. In 2014, Foote moved to the Idaho Panhandle National Forest, serving as the Deputy District Ranger on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. He helped lead the District in large landscape restoration efforts, managing recreation and precious metal exploration programs, and responding to large wildfire events. Most recently, Foote served as the Acting District Ranger position on the Uwharrie National Forest in central North Carolina. Ryan comes to us on Tuesday for a great evening of Q & A with the ranger. So get your questions ready and come on out to a great meeting and help other Rabunites welcome Ryan!! Social starts at 6:30 and meeting at 7pm. See you there!



**June 27 (Tues):** Regular monthly board meeting of Rabun TU. Meeting starts at 6:30. Everyone welcome.

**July 20 (Thurs):** Annual Summer Family Picnic at Kelly's Waterfall Park, Dillard, GA. TU will provide the chicken and utensils so just bring out a covered dish and come enjoy the fellowship with your fellow Rabunites. We will also be drawing for the Rod Raffle so be sure to get your tickets!



**July 25 (Tues):** Regular monthly board meeting of Rabun TU. Meeting starts at 6:30. Everyone welcome.

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**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.

## June fly of the month By Terry Rivers

HOOK: #12 2x NYMPH HOOK  
BODY: FOAM YELLOW JACKET BODY

WING: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS  
LEGS: YELLOW/BLACK RUBBER LEGS  
MED.  
HACKLE: BLACK OR GRIZZLY



GOOD FLY TO HAVE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. GOOD FOR TROUT, REDEYES, AND ANYTHING THAT BITES IT.

"SEE YA ON THE RIVER"

Yellow Jacket

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](#)





# June Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
GIANT BLACK STONEFLY	ALL MONTH	DAWN TO EARLY AM	4-6 Black Stonefly Nymph
BROWN STONE FLY	ALL MONTH	EARLY TO MID AM	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
TRICO MAYFLY	MID TO LATE	MID AM	20 Parachute Trico, Trico emerger
TRICO SPINNER FALL		LATE PM	20-22 Poly Wing Black Spinner
TERRESTRIALS - Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	VARIOUS TIMES AND SIZES	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
LIGHT CAYHILL MAYFLY	ALL MONTH	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
SPECKLED GREY-BROWN CADDIS	EARLY	LATE PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow Brown
MIDGES	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
NOTHING AT ALL	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern



Not quite ready to be a fly fisherman? Try these alternatives for catching trout.



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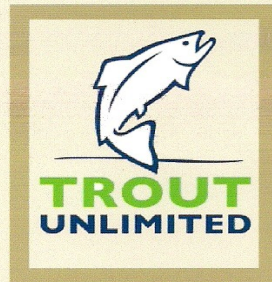
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# Rod Raffle Tickets

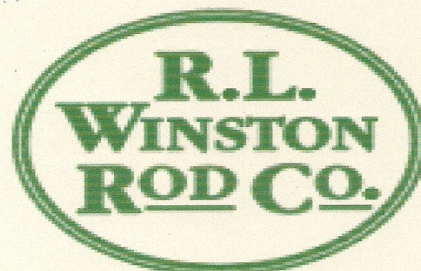
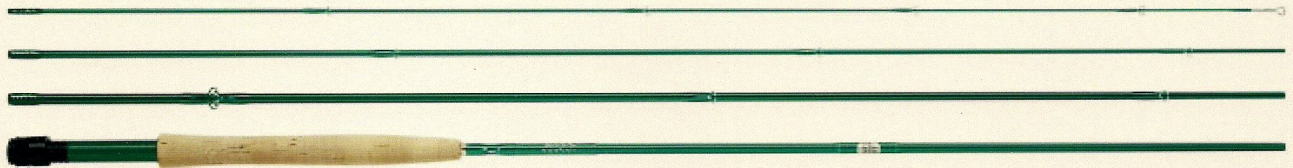
It's rod raffle time!! Help us to raise money to continue our endeavors to promote fresh water conservation! Tickets available from any TU Board member, Rabun TU event or at Crawford Art Gallery in Clayton .



## **Rabun Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Rod & BVK Reel Raffle**

**Winston 9', 4 piece, 4 wt., BIII-x  
Boron/Graphite rod & TFO BVK I reel  
Raffle tickets \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00**

*Drawing will be July 20, 2017 at  
the Rabun TU chapter picnic.*



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## RABUNITE SPRING CAMP OUT AT OCONEE STATE PARK IN SC

Some camped all week, some came for a few days and others were there for a meal or two. All in all, more than twenty Rabunites sat around the campfire at Oconee State Park just across "The River" and shared tales, some of which were true. The fishing was good but the catching just mediocre. As always the food and fellowship exceeded expectations. Even the weather cooperated until just before the end. These gatherings are always the perfect opportunity to get to know fellow chapter members and to



fish, all in a beautiful place. The mountain laurel was at a peak as I have not seen before. It just doesn't get any better!!



A big thanks to Terry and Emmilyn Rivers for being the camp host and going the extra mile to see that all ran smoothly. "It ain't as easy as it looks."

Charlie Breithaupt reporting...



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## Annual Spring Family Cookout with Scouts

For our May meeting TU- Rabun again hosted the annual fishing / family picnic for the local Boy and Girl Scouts. With excellent weather accompanied by the kids' usual enthusiasm, fishing began soon after school let out. Friends or family of the Scouts got them to the lake and almost everyone caught some fish this year. Excellent stringers of good size bream, shell crackers and a few bass were brought to the beach. It was a really good fishing day and a lot of fun- especially for those of us that once again made it happen for TU . Later in the day, hotdogs and hamburgers with many tasteeee side dishes made the afternoon even better!



Before closing out the day, the Scouts all received their own fishing outfit once again made possible by Ray Gentry. "Nothing like seeing all those proud "grins" from the kids!" said Ray.

Many thanks to all those who brought food. Also Thanks to Ray and Tony for putting this event together, to Reeves ACE Hardware for providing the live bait, to GA DNR/Burton Hatchery for providing rods/reels and to all the others who pitched in to make it another TU-R success for the scouts and their families.

You Betcha', we'll do this again!

Wayne Processer reporting



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# GITTIN' READY FOR TROUT CAMP

The stretch of Betty Creek on the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School property just west of highway 441 is surprisingly beautiful. The water is clear, the runs are pretty swift and some are pretty deep. After the Rabunites swept through the area with loppers, power trimmers, tater rakes and other “tools of mass destruction”, the waters became more fishable for the members of the 14<sup>th</sup> Georgia Trout Camp, who arrived on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

A big thanks to the following for their support and work: Terry Rivers, Jim Kidd, Wayne Prosser, Justin English, Jimmy Whiten, Steve Perry, Fritz Vinson, Pat Hopton, Kent Wilson and Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt.



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## The 6th Annual Casting for Recovery Georgia Retreat

The 6th Casting for Recovery Georgia retreat was held May 19-21, 2017 at [Smithgall Woods](#) near Helen in the beautiful north Georgia Mountains.

Each year, fourteen Georgia women are selected via a random lottery to attend our retreat. Any woman who resides in Georgia and has received a breast cancer diagnosis is eligible to apply. Our retreats take women out of the clinical setting and into nature, where they can relax, share their cancer experience with other survivors, and learn the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. Many of the Georgia TU Chapters provide the fishing guides for the ladies. Our own Jeff Durniak has been guiding for the program each year. Also, back in March Rabun TU contributed \$1000.00 to the CFR program. Beverly Booth who heads up the Georgia CFR programs will be one of our guest speakers at a upcoming meeting in the near future. Check out their Facebook page [here](#).



Charlie Breithaupt and Wayne Processer with Rabun TU present a \$1000.00 check to Beverly Booth (2nd from left) and Diane Minick for the Georgia Casting for Recovery Program.



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# News and Information

**FYI:** Program information and updates especially to all of you who have given direct assistance to vets or have contributed funds to **Project Healing Waters** via direct donations of money or fishing equipment, or some dollars spent at a TU chapter fundraiser.

More program info here: <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/> and below.

<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/programs/locations/georgia-south-carolina/>

GEORGIA DNR IS OFFERING UP A CHANCE AT A LIFETIME LICENSE IN A CONTEST. FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK [HERE!](#)

## Foothills Landscape Community Collaboration

**Project Purpose:** The purpose of this project is to create, restore and maintain ecosystems that are more resilient to natural disturbances. Specifically, the Forest Service is seeking to enhance and provide quality habitat for rare and declining species, as well as desired game and non-game species; to reduce hazardous fuel loading across the landscape to diminish damaging wildfires; to improve soil and water quality; to provide sustainable recreation and access opportunities; and to awaken and strengthen a connection to these lands for all people.

The US Forest Service has been holding several meetings in North Georgia regarding this project. They are now hitting the woods and getting started on some of the projects. They still need all of us though to stay informed and keep up the conversations online. They have started an online forum to continue discussions, start new ones, post ideas and add comments on the restoration goals, treatment locations, and methods of treatment. They also have a Facebook and Twitter page so as to keep everyone informed. Take the time to read all about this project. From the link below you can watch a webinar and see what happened at the last workshop. Also, check out their forum. Compare with others ideas that you share. Find the link [here](#).

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## Membership News & Updates

**Current membership:** 168 members, 26 life members, and 8 stream explorers.

**Thanks for re-upping your membership:** Max Gates, Arthur Guthas, Bob Pickens, Derek Porter, William Reno, David Smith and Hugh Thompson.

**Time to renew your membership:** Hugh Harper, Leroy Powell and Allyn Stockton.

### Welcome to the newest Rabunite

Jackson Randall English was born on May 4, 2017. Proud parents are Justin and Megan English. The baby weighted 7 lbs. 7 ozs. **CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!!!**



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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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