



# TIGHT LINES January 2012 Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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*"Wherever the trout are, it's beautiful."* Thomas Masaryck

## RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

**RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA**

US 441S, just south of MAMA G's restaurant

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm – Social & Yarn Spinning 7:00 pm – Program & Meeting**  
(You don't have to believe the yarns - - if you don't want to)

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 E-mail.

Bring an item to donate and a dollar or two for raffle tickets - you might win something.

*"A good fisherman can secure many regenerative hours in winter, polishing up the rods and reels."* Herbert Hoover

### Happy New Season!

**"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!**

**Jan 9 (Mon) Deadline for 2012 Trout Camper applications.**

**Jan 10 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office.**

**Jan 17 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office**

**Program:** *"Tangling Trophy Trout and Walleye in Northeast Georgia Lakes"* by Georgia Power reservoir and Lake Lanier fishing guide Wes Carlton.

**Jan 21 (Sat) 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabun Rendezvous, 5 PM 'til National TU President & CEO Chris Wood will present a brief program titled "Saving the world, One Trout at a Time". See page 2 for details.**

**Feb 4 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting 8 AM Breakfast at Dillard House**

**Feb 7 (Tues) Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, 9 AM, USFS Office, Franklin, NC**

**Feb 21(Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program:** *"Early Spring Chattooga Tips"* by Jason Galloway, a thirty-year river veteran and co-owner of the Chattooga River fly shop on the "other bank" of THE RIVER.

<http://www.crflyshop.com/>,

**Feb 28 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM,**

**Mar 31 (Sat Morning) Rabunite 101 (1/2-day fly-fishing workshop)**

**2012 GA Trout Camp; June 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

### FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



**FLASHBACK PHEASANT TAIL**

WELL THE HOLIDAYS ARE BEHIND US NOW AND IT'S TIME TO HIT THE RIVER AND LOOSE SOME OF THE WEIGHT WE GAINED. THIS IS A GREAT FLY TO DROP OFF A DRY OR STRIKE INDICATOR. JUST GET IT DOWN TO WHERE THE FISH ARE. SEE YOU ON THE RIVER

**HOOK:** 1X / 2X 14 TO 16 NYMPH HOOK

**TAIL:** PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS

**BODY:** PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS PALMERED WITH COPPER WIRE

**THORAX:** PEACOCK HURL

**WING CASE:** FLASHBACK OR GOLD TINSEL

**WINGS:** PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS

*"Even the thousandth trip to the same old familiar fished-out stream begins with renewed hope, with unfailing faith."*

Zane Grey

### JANUARY HATCHES

The Bugs	Time of Month	Time of Day	Suggested Flies
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill	All Month	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
Midges	All Month	All Day	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa (Brassie, Zebra Midge, etc)

To view a Hatch Chart for other months, click [Hatch Chart](#)

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The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited proudly presents  
A Celebration of Rivers, Streams, Trout, and Trout Fishing

"As always I am looking forward to the Rendezvous, it's like a big old family reunion." Garland Stewart

Please Join Us for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Rabun Rendezvous

**Presenter of a brief program – Chris Wood, President and CEO of National Trout Unlimited; "Saving the world, One Trout at a Time".** Before coming to Trout Unlimited in September 2001, Chris Wood served as the senior policy and communications advisor to the Chief of the US Forest Service for five years. Chris began his career as a temporary employee with Forest Service Research in Idaho and also worked for the Bureau of Land Management and American Rivers, a river conservation group. He is the author and co-author of two books including, *Watershed Restoration: Principles and Practices* (AFS 1997) and *From Conquest to Conservation: Our Public Land Legacy* (Island Press, 1997).

**When: Saturday, January 21, 2012**

**Where:** The "NEW" Dillard House Conference Center (doubled in size), located behind the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia.

**Who:** The more the better. Everyone interested in protecting our cold-water resources, including their families, friends, and all who love clean cold streams, trout, and trout fishing.

**Social:** About 5 o'clock PM folks will start gathering to "pick the pig" and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will be snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dips, and fruits. Soft drinks and ice will be available. If you want something stronger, better bring it yourself. There will be a fire inside to warm your buns.

**The Foxfire Boys** (as seen in the Chattooga River episode of TUTV's "On The Rise") will again generously provide their 'down home' style of bluegrass picking and singing for your musical entertainment.

Remember to ask about The Foxfire Boys CDs (now 4 of them), which will be available.

The large screen TV will be showing the Rabunites trout fishing some of their favorite 'secret spots'. This will be the ideal time to be looking over the raffle and silent auction items. **We welcome donations of raffle and auction items at the door, fellow TU'ers.**

**Dinner:** Fish, chicken, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous, will be served about 6:30. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry.

**Cost:** \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth of 15 and under. Cash, personal checks, VISA or MasterCard credit cards. We don't do advanced tickets or reservation; just pay at the door.

**Lodging:** The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$49 (plus tax) for those that call and **tell them you're attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous.** Call: 706-746-5348 or Toll Free 1-800-541-0671

**You must tell them you are there with Trout Unlimited to get the special rate.**

### Request to the Rabunites and Friends

With the budget crunch faced by the agencies (the US Forest Service and GA WRD), Trout Unlimited can again step-up in 2011 and be the lead financial partner in protecting, preserving, connecting and enhancing the coldwater resources in Northeast Georgia, including the "Back the Brookie" activities. The Rabun Chapter's major fundraiser of the year, the Rabun Rendezvous, is just a few weeks away. As we near the end of the year and the Christmas season, now is a good time to ask friends and supporters for donations of goods and services for the silent auction and bucket raffle.

#### Need an idea for what you can donate?

Art, crafts (wood working, fishing flies, etc), a campout with fishing, a day of lake fishing, a day of deer hunting on a lease, a day of wild turkey hunting, vacations, golf packages, raft trips, weekend use of mountain cabins or condos at beach, and goodies from the kitchens of the Rabunites (cakes, breads, baskets with canned veggies, jams, jellies and preserves) have always been popular with our guests. Instead of buying something to donate, consider just donating the cash.

The following are a sampling of items that will be on silent auction at the Rendezvous

#### Fishing trips

A full day float for 2 anglers, Chattahoochee tailwaters, *River Through Atlanta*, w/Guide Kyle Burrell

Up to 3 days float for up to 3 anglers in KY w/Steve Perry

A full day for 2 anglers (unguided) at Nacoochee Bend

A full day guided trip for 2 on the Chattooga North Fork w/Chattooga River Fly Shop guide

A half day for one person Chattooga backcountry (dark-30 in May) w/Pat Hopton,

A full day float for a parent & child, Chattahoochee tailwaters w/Harlin Smith

A full day for one person on Dukes Creek (private waters) w/Doug Adams

A full weekday in October for 2 people on Nantahala River (private waters) w/Pat Hopton & Doug Adams

#### Other certificates

A week for 4 people in a Florida beach condo

Chattooga Raft Trip for 3 people

A Certificate for one person for the Advanced Fly Casting at Atlanta Fly Fishing School

A Certificate for 2 adults to attend the Rabunite 101 Fly Fishing Seminar

A Certificate for Frogmore Stew for party of 8 by Wayne Prosser

Webpage-of-the Month: <http://rabuntu.org/site/gallery/the-rendezvous/>  
Click on any picture for a slide show of previous Rendezvous

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

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, [scotts\\_creek58@yahoo.com](mailto:scotts_creek58@yahoo.com)

Rabun TU Site Designed by [Allison O. Adams, Editorial and Multimedia Services](#)

<http://rabuntu.org/site/gallery/educational-programs/> Click on any picture for a slide show of Trout Camp

### Final Call - Now is the LAST CHANCE to Apply for Georgia Trout Camp 2012.

Think - your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbor's kids, or any kid that is excited about the outdoors and fishing.



(Click logo for more info)

**Rabun Chapter will sponsor 2 campers. Here are a few facts and instructions:**

**Deadline to apply: January 9, 2012** **Camp Dates:** June 10 (Sunday) - June 15 (Friday);

**Cost:** \$450 per camper (financial aid is available) Includes room, board, and all activities for the five-day camp.

**Instructions:** Applications must be completed and turned in to Rabun Chapter by 1/9/2012.  
(Campers must be within the ages of 12 – 15 at time of camp)

Information and application forms are available on the Council website <http://georgiatu.org/>

**Mail applications to:** Rabun TU, PO Box 371, Clayton, GA 30525

Rabun Chapter will select 2 campers from the applicants to sponsor.

Each of the 13 chapters in Georgia has spots to fill and each chapter decides how they want to select their campers. Once a chapter chooses a camper, the application, along with their tuition check, is forwarded to the Trout Camp Coordinator (Charlie Breithaupt). Campers will be notified of their acceptance as soon as possible. Later, around early May, more detailed information will be sent to each camper.

Questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Camp Coordinator, Charlie Breithaupt,  
194 Kitchens Lane; Clayton, GA 30525 [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net) (706) 782-6954

### Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

**The Forest Service has a new Preferred Alternative - Alternative #12 (7/15/11)**

[Environmental Assessment on Recreation Uses on the Upper Segment of the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#) (4.6 MB)

The 45-day public comment period on this new Environmental Assessment and the Preferred Alternative closed on 8/30/2011 with 192 additional public comments. To read the comments, click [HERE](#)

The Forest Service plans to issue a final decision at any time now.



### 2012 Dream Trip Raffle for a Fly Fishing Vacation for 2 People!



**The winner and their partner will each receive:** • 5 days fishing and 6 nights lodging and meals at a private cabin in Island Park Idaho • Custom made fly rod with reel & line • A float trip on the Madison River • A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box) • \$500 in travel expenses (this is total, not per person)

One winner will be drawn and the winner will choose a partner to accompany them on the trip.

Runner up prizes will include custom made fly rods, fishing trips, and boxes of flies.

Winners will be drawn at the Georgia Foothills Chapter's annual banquet, the "Hoot on the Hooch" in Helen, GA in March 2012. Ticket price is \$10 and proceeds will go to the Georgia TU Council to fund Council projects such as the GA Trout Camp for youth and the Back the Brookie campaign.

For complete details and rules <http://www.georgiatu.org/index.php?mid=news&iid=dream2012&sid=>

Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail [jimmywhiten@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmywhiten@yahoo.com)

## “Catchin' Corner” - Trouting Tips

The following article is reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>

### WINTER FISHING!

Winter has officially arrived, and in some places it's plenty cold already. This is the one change of seasons that fly-fishers don't generally look forward to. We're conditioned to think of it as an end to our season.

But more and more anglers are shaking off the old notions of a fishless winter and heading out on the streams in December, January, February and March. The fishing is certainly different than the fishing in May or September, but there is, in fact, fishing to be done.

Not everyone enjoys the idea of fishing in the winter. Those who do have at some point in their lives confronted the following ideas and rejected them as quaint old wives' tales:

**The Season is Closed.** Yes, most states have a general trout season that closes many waters in the fall, to reopen in the spring. But there are exceptions just about everywhere, and they run the gamut from intimate creeks to large rivers. Most are catch-and-release only during the winter, which is fine with most fly-fishers anyway.

**It's Uncomfortable.** It can be, on a bitter day, in a drenching winter rain or in a biting wind, although even those conditions can be made tolerable with modern cold-weather gear. But the typical winter includes a number of mild days, even in northern locales. It's perfectly reasonable to fish when temperatures are above freezing and the air is calm. You'll enjoy it more, fish more effectively and probably catch more fish.

**Trout Don't Feed in the Winter.** There aren't as many studies of trout behavior in winter as in summer, but the ones that have been done show trout stay active. A scientist named Paul Needham observed trout in Convict Creek in California over the winter of 1950-51 and reported: "Trout were observed feeding at all water temperatures. On several occasions trout were taken by hook and line (using a single egg or an aquatic bristle worm) in ice-laden water at a temperature of 32 degrees F."

**Trout Don't Rise in the Winter.** "Surface feeding was observed whenever aerial insects were present and usually at a water temperature of 35 degrees F to 42 degrees F," Needham reported from Convict Creek. That would come as no surprise to

anglers in Connecticut, who look forward to dry-fly fishing on the Farmington River in January and February. There are in fact pockets of winter-dry-fly fishing all over the country, most involving midges, small caddis or even mayflies.

**Winter's too long.** As ice fishers, skiers, snowmobilers and others with winter-based hobbies can tell you, winter weekends have a way of vanishing. Holidays consume the last month of fall and first two weeks of winter. Factor in family obligations, chores postponed from the summer and blizzards during the 10 weeks between New Year's and St. Patrick's Day, and suddenly winter isn't long enough.

Of course, it's true that winter anglers have fewer streams to choose from; that winter driving and wading sometimes require considerable care; that the fishing is generally slower than in the summer, and that most of it is sub-surface, usually with nymphs.

But it's also true that winter days can be among the prettiest of the year, that there is far less competition on the water, and that it's a sweet liberation to go outside in defiance of the calendar, get some fresh air and exercise and feel the flex of a fly rod in your hand.

Winter is a great time to polish your nymphing skills, and to try out new flies you've recently tied or bought.

To find the fish, patiently explore every pool or pocket that looks like a comfortable place for them to hang out. Take extra care to fish your nymph or egg pattern as deeply as you can, by adding weight if necessary and getting close enough to keep most of your line off the water. Streamers are another good idea. They too should be fished deeply. The best are patterns with plenty of movement even when fished slowly. Flies that incorporate strips of rabbit fur like Bunnies Leeches and Zonkers are good bets. So too are flies tied with marabou like Woollies or Marabou Muddlers. A sinking line or sink tip and short leader will keep the fly low in the water column.

And just in case aerial insects are present, have a few midge and small caddis dry flies, along with some simple emergers, on your person (or at least nearby in the car.) Maybe some trout will rise. Winter does have its surprises.

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## December Fishing Report

### The Perfect Combination

#### Warm and Rainy Weather the week before Christmas



Getting his priorities in order, Chapter President **Pat Hopton** takes a vacation day to seize the opportunity!

## What's New Elsewhere?

### EPA & GA EPD said: Don't mess-up our trout waters!

**Ga. DOT & contractor to pay nearly \$3 million to settle EPA complaint** The following are excerpts from an AJC article dated 12/13/2011: It is the largest environmental penalty ever against the Georgia DOT, according to the DOT and the state Environmental Protection Division. It is also one of the largest federal penalties of its kind ever assessed under the Clean Water Act, according to the Environmental Protection Agency

The DOT hired its contractor, Tennessee-based Wright Brothers, to dispose of rock and soil from 2004 to 2007 from two Georgia highway projects in Rabun County, widening U.S. 76 and U.S. 441. The federal government says that with the DOT's approval, Wright Brothers buried all or part of seven trout streams and rerouted the water through pipes.

The money that goes to cleanup may not go directly to the sites concerned in the case. Instead, the DOT and the contractor will spend about \$1.3 million to buy "mitigation credits" that will go toward restoration in the general area. "They're going to try to restore what they can," Strange said. "But on a lot of these areas, there's just so much over it that the chance of doing more harm is greater if we have them restore it."

Complete article: <http://www.ajc.com/news/georgia-politics-elections/ga-dot-contractor-to-1258203.html>

**Editors Notes:** Our thanks to Lee Keefer, GA DNR trout biologist (now retired from the Burton Hatchery), for his investigation of this issue.

### USFS-GA Chattooga River Ranger District to have a new District Ranger.

In November, Andy Gaston left here and transferred back to his home in Tennessee. He says that he has some family issues going on and issues resulting from the April tornados that hit his home town.

**Editors Notes:** We really hate to see Andy go but we understand the priorities. Good luck, Andy.

### USFS-SC Some Cherry Hill Campground Sites to be Available on National Reservation System (11/15/2011)

The reservation system has 17 of the sites and the other 11 sites will be on a first come first serve basis. The fee will remain \$10 per night per site with a \$10 fee to make a reservation. Cherry Hill Campground reopens April 1, 2012.

Click [HERE](#) for details and a map of the reservable and first-come-first-served sites.

### USFS-SC Recreational Gold Panning

The Andrew Pickens district is a primary area of interest for recreational gold panning. A letter of authorization is required before you can pan for gold. Interested prospectors may submit a request for a letter of authorization to the following addresses: Andrew Pickens Ranger District, 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mountain Rest, SC 29664

The letter of authorization will outline any restrictions, such as type of equipment permissible for use and any areas that may be closed to collection or panning. Sluice boxes and suction dredges are not allowed on the Sumter National Forests.

### USFWS - Federal Fisheries Lure Profitable Returns

Aquatic conservation a strong investment in jobs, economy by Marie Yeung Epoch Times Staff (11/6/2011)



A picture of the threatened bull trout, a fish that is part of a habitat conservation program by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Government funds invested in maintaining and restoring wild fish populations are bringing in a hefty return, according to a federal report released last week. Federal support of fisheries makes a big economic impact, especially in the Southeast region. "Conserving America's Fisheries, an Assessment of Economic Contributions from Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation," reported that each dollar invested in fishing programs generates about \$28 in return. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) stated that \$3.6 billion and 68,000 jobs across the nation are directly or indirectly associated with the fisheries.

Hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation contribute about \$730 billion to the U.S. economy. According to the report about 1 in 20 American jobs are in the recreation economy, with more people working in recreation than are doctors, lawyers, and teachers.

"We like to encourage people to get out more, like hunting and fishing activities, which is called the 'Big Six,' under the support of Congress, which is also a part of the Refuge and Improvement Act. They [the Big Six] include hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, and environmental interpretation," said Tom MacKenzie, spokesperson for the Southeastern region of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Service, in a telephone interview. According to MacKenzie, "The Southeast region is well known for strong ethics in hunting and fishing throughout the country. The use of lakes and open spaces [are] readily available and most folks have their own private land to use, and the West has more federal land for public use."

For the complete article

<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/world/federal-fisheries-lure-profitable-returns-135984.html>

## "BACKCASTING"

**Dec 3 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting** – 4 Rabun TU Members attended. Meeting agenda included: Call to order; Introductions, roll call, special guests & opening remarks; 9/2011 Council minutes; Treasurer's report; 2012 Council budget; 2012 Calendar (work projects, chapter activities, Council activities); Chattooga River- Alternative 12; TU Directive on stocking over native trout; Chattahoochee Forest Hatchery update; Casting for Recovery; NLC up-date; CEI requirements; Trout Camp; Amendments to Council By-laws; UGA Endowments; Additional rules for Dream Trip; 2012 Dream Trip tickets report; BtB report & Advocacy issues; FF for Vets program; Young of Year nominations; Teach the Teacher NLC project report; New business; & Adjournment.

**Dec 13 (Tues) Annual Family Christmas Dinner – 27 Rabunites attended** The Dillard House staff outdid themselves again. Our thanks to **June Landreth** for handling the arrangements and finances for this event.





### **Summary of F/Y2011 Rabun TU Chapter Annual Financial & Volunteer Hours Report**

(This annual report is required to maintain the Chapter's tax-exempt status)

**Total Revenue** (Cash inflow) - **\$30,899**    **Total Expenses** (Program services - \$18,525; Fundraising & Admin - \$8,856) - **\$27,381**  
**Total Assets** (Cash, Receivables, CDs, Inventory) - **\$22,131**    **Total Liabilities** - **\$0**

**Estimated Volunteer Hours: Conservation** (restoration, connection, protection, and advocacy projects) – **373 hours**  
**Youth Education** – **499 hours**    **General Education** – **935 hours**    **Travel** – **468 hours**    **Fundraising** – **490 hours**  
**General Operations** (newsletter, website, membership, programs, reports) – **544 hours**  
**Total Estimated Volunteer Hours** – **3,309 hours**

**The Chapter Effectiveness Index (CEI) is 95 of a possible 100.**

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Thanks for re-upping: **Mike Hamilton, Pat Atwater, Monty English, Perry Thompson, Mike Williams, Glenn English, John Hoppes, David Nichols, Christopher Jenkins, Billy Cook, Dean English, Joseph Gatins, Patsy Gentry, Wayne Gipson, Steve McCall, Tom Nixon & Julie Kilby.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Parrish Lake (SE), Tyler Shaver (SE), Treymond Shaver (SE), Neil Anderson, Bob Blalock, Doug Hickman, Larry Jarrett, Samuel D'Angelo, Rachael Davis, Carl Fackler, Joe Kitchens, Cliff Jordan, Isaac McCrackin, Charles Pennington, Allan Ramsay, Tom Shirley, Jimmy Whiten, Frank Riley, Jimmy Williams, Rick Hires, Maria Rodeghiero, Jim Barrett & John Patrick**

### **Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2012**

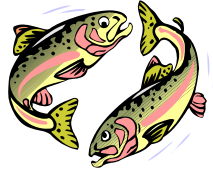
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**Any member of Rabun TU may attend the Board of Directors meetings**



## Notes from the Prez

### Silver Anniversary of the Rabun Rendezvous

This has been a great year for the Rabun Chapter! Just consider all we have accomplished: Financial support for GA Trout Camp for youth; Sponsorship of student interns working in NE GA fisheries with the GA WRD and the USFS; Sponsoring two youngsters attending the GA Trout Camp; Financial support of the GA DNR Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program; Gift Stream Explorer memberships; GA "Back-the-Brookie" Program; Kid's Fishing Events at Black Rock Mountain State Park (GA DNR) & Tallulah River (USFS); GA WRD Outdoor Adventure Day; Stekoa Creek clean-up day, Stekoa Creek City Park; In-stream habitat improvement workday with USFS & GA WRD on a Rabun County brook trout stream, Fly Fishing for Vets Wounded Warriors Program; Casting for Recovery; Stop I-3 Coalition; UGA coldwater Research Endowment; National TU's "First Cast", "Embrace-A-Stream" & "SE Land Protection" Programs; Design of the Chattooga Angler's E-diary for use by Agency Resource Managers; Support of Rabun TU's award winning website; and Trout Magazine subscriptions to all school & public libraries and 3 state parks in Rabun County. Wow! I hope you are as proud of your Chapter as I am.

As you can see, it takes funds to provide the support, equipment, and expenses of all this work. The annual Rabun Rendezvous is our main source of funds for the work.

For the 25<sup>th</sup> year we will host the famous "**RABUN RENDEZVOUS**" to be held on January 21, 2012 at the Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA. Along with a buffet meal, a program speaker and great bluegrass music we will have a silent auction, bucket raffle and door prizes. This year's guest speaker will be Chris Wood, National TU President and CEO. He will present a brief program entitled "Saving the World, One Trout at a Time".

This Silver Anniversary event of the Rabun Rendezvous promises to be an event you will not want to miss! I look forward to seeing you there.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Hopton".

Pat Hopton

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