



Wishing you A HAPPY NEW SEASON
TIGHT LINES January 2013 Newsletter of the
 Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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

"If one really loves nature, one can find beauty everywhere." Vincent Van Gogh

RABUN TU CHAPTER'S MEETING PLACE

RE/MAX Office, Clayton, GA

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

3rd 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.

"There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a gentleness of spirit and a pure sincerity of mind."

Washington Irving

"FORWARD CASTING" Important Dates See you there!

Jan 7 (Mon) Deadline for 2013 Trout Camper applications.

Jan 8 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce.

Jan 15 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: "Ron's Top Five." Unicoi Outfitters guide Ron Thomas will share his secrets on tying and fishing his top five flies. What are they? Well, I don't believe we said - just yet! Come to the January meeting and find out. Ron will also describe his "Tie-1-On" fly tying program and its success in recruiting new trout anglers and new members for the Georgia Foothills TU Chapter. Come and get ready for spring success with "Ron's Top Five."

Feb 2 (Sat) 26th Annual Rabun Rendezvous, 5 PM 'til Franklin Tate, National TU Director of Youth Education, will present a brief program titled "The Youth Program in TU." See page 2 for details.

Feb 5 (Tues) Annual Chattooga Coalition Meeting, 9 AM, Chattooga R.D.

Feb 16 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting 8 AM Breakfast at Dillard House.

Feb 19 (Tues) Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM, RE/MAX Office Program: "Trout and More at Smithgall Woods" by Smithgall Woods Conservation Area manager John Erbele. <http://www.gastateparks.org/SmithgallWoods>

Feb 26 (Tues) BOD Meeting 6:30 PM, Chamber of Commerce.

Mar 23 (Sat Morning) Rabunite 101 (1/2-day fly-fishing workshop)

2013 GA Trout Camp; June 9th – 14th

FLY OF THE MONTH

by Terry Rivers



GOLD RIB HARES EAR

THIS FLY WILL REPRESENT THE MARCH BROWN MAYFLY. POUNDING THE BOTTOM WITH THIS PATTERN CAN PROVIDE CONSTANCE ACTION FROM MID-MORNING INTO THE EARLY STAGES OF THE HATCH. HOWEVER NYMPAL COLOR TENDS TO ADAPT TO THE COLOR OF THE STREAM BED. DURING FEBUARY, MARCH AND EARLY APRIL HAVE SOME OF THESE TIED UP FROM A LIGHT BROWN TO ALMOST BLACK.

HOOK: 12 to 14 STANDARD NYMPH HOOK

TAIL: DEER HARE OR SQUIREL TAIL

BODY: RABBIT DUBBING COLOR OF CHOICE

ABDOMEN: SAME AS BODY OR SHADE DARKER

WING CASE: TURKEY TAIL

"The Essentials of a Good Fly-Hook: The temper of an angel and penetration of a prophet; fine enough to be invisible and strong enough to kill a bull in a ten-acre field." G.S. Marryat

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	Entire 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 26th Annual

Rabun Rendezvous

Presenter of a brief program – Franklin Tate, Director of Youth Education.

Franklin serves as TU's first Director of Youth Education. Prior to that, he directed a college service-learning program for eight years and was also an adjunct faculty member. His experience in conservation and environmental education includes crew leadership and program development for a Youth Conservation Corps program in Central Oregon, and logistics coordination and field instruction for non-profit educational organizations in the Four Corners area of the Southwest. He holds an MFA from Warren Wilson College and a BA in English from The Citadel.



Franklin mentoring a 2010 GA Trout Camper

When: Saturday, February 2, 2013

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. Preschoolers receive a free ticket.

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 2013 and be the lead financial partner in protecting, preserving, connecting and enhancing the cold-water 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. 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.

RABUN TU CHAPTER 522 – MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Many of our members have expressed an interest in contacting other chapter members. Many times this has been to coordinate fishing trips, extend invitations to participate in chapter meetings and events, follow up a member who is ill or to offer condolences and expressions of sympathy. Why can we not use our directory of information as provided to TU National? TU by-laws provide for use of membership information solely for TU business. Your Board of Directors has decided to pursue the creation of a chapter membership directory as a way of providing contact information to chapter members. Please provide as much or as little information as you wish to share by filling in the below form and emailed the info back to Ray King at the following email address: rayking@frontier.com. If you receive a printed copy of the chapter newsletter, please fill out the form and mail it to the following address: Ray King, 121 Creek Road, Otto, North Carolina 28763

We hope to make the membership directory as complete as possible and can only do so with your support. Please help by filling out the form and returning it by February 8, 2013. Thank you for your support and participation!

Name	Street Address	City, State, Zip	Home Telephone #	Cell Telephone #	Email Address

Website-of-the-Month: <http://midcurrent.com/experts/winter-trout-fishing-tips/>
Winter Trout Fishing Tips

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

Please send comments & suggestions to Pat Hopton, Website Project Manager, scotts_creek58@yahoo.com

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



2013 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 2013. 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=dream2013&sid=>
Contact Jimmy Whiten for your raffle tickets: E-mail jimmywhiten@yahoo.com

Status Update – Chattooga North Fork Visitor Use Capacity Analysis

On January 31, 2012 the Forest Supervisors of the Sumter, Chattahoochee and Nantahala National Forests issued Final decisions notices for Alternative 13A. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnfs/home/?cid=STELPRDB5253595>

Boating will be permitted on the Chattooga North Fork beginning December 1 through April 30 every year, on any day the flow reaches 350 cfs on the Burrell's Ford gauge. <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?02176930>

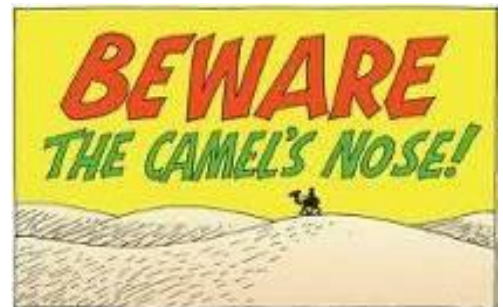
Boating is NOT permitted on approximately 4 miles between just below Lick Log Creek and the Highway 28 Bridge.

The boaters have filed a federal court case **demanding year-round unrestricted access at any flow.** On December 5th, the court denied the Forest Service's motion to dismiss the case. A hearing was tentatively scheduled for February 2013 with a final decision on the case is expected in March of 2013.

Beware of the camel's nose! [HERE](#) Help protect backcountry solitude and remoteness.

Editor's notes: OBSERVE and REPORT [HERE](#) - that is the new process for protection and enforcement!

- Don't do like we did in the 1970s and be displaced by boating. If you abandon the 15 new boating miles and crowd into the 4 miles below Lick Log Creek you will not experience your backcountry envelope of solitude and potential boater encounters will go unreported, that is displacement. Or if you decide not to visit THE RIVER during boating flow days or during the 5 months of boating season because you want to avoid conflict; that would also be displacement (**it is the camel's nose**).
- Don't do like we did in the 1990s and let encounters pass unreported. Please report each boater encounter on the Chattooga Angler's E-Diary <http://rabuntu.org/site/chattooga-river-anglers-diary/> (**you have seen the camel's nose**).
- If you have an encounter with boaters out of season or floating through the DH section or when the flow is too low, whip out your camera (it would be useful to have the camera settings to include date and time), take a picture and attach it to an E-mail to District Ranger Mike Crane mcrane@fs.fed.us (**you have witnessed the camel's nose**).
- If you see where large woody debris has been removed or cut-out, take a photo and E-mail it to Mike Crane (**you saw the camel's nose**).
- If we fail to report the encounters or if we are displaced, the FS could allow more boating opportunities by eliminating the flow requirement altogether in the next Forest Plan revision cycle (**camel crawls in the tent**).
- On the other hand, a very large number of encounter reports (E-diary [HERE](#)) could signal further degradation of the ORV of solitude. Then in the next Forest Plan revision cycle, the zoning by season &/or flow could be modified to increase separation (**once the camel is in the tent it is very hard to get it out**).



Please Observe and Report [HERE](#) so future generations will have the opportunity to experience the backcountry solitude and remoteness during the prime months of March and April.

“Catchin' Corner” - Troutng Tips

The following brief articles are reprinted with permission from the Fly Shack Newsletter <http://www.flyshack.com/>



January: The Glo-Bug: Whether it's because they remember when browns and brookies were spawning a few weeks earlier and little blobs of protein were commonly found in the drift, or (more likely) because trout instinctively like fish eggs at any time of year, Glo-Bugs and other egg patterns can be super-effective in January.

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.

Winter Wading: Be Prepared – “Hypothermia is a deadly thing and it doesn't have to be 32°”

It's Not "If" But "When"

Editor's notes: *The following is an excerpt from a recent essay by Rabunite Jimmy Harris.*

This past Saturday (11/10/12), after a fine low country boil lunch with the Rabunites on the Chattooga River, I hit the Delayed Harvest section about 2:00 for an afternoon on the most beautiful river in the southeast. It was one of those days where I literally did not care if I caught anything or not. I really do have those! I found myself an hour and a half later still working the same pool. It's one of the deepest pools on the river, the water was crystal clear and I could see several big fish sitting near the bottom. I got into my hard-headed mode and decided to keep changing things up until I got one. Never happened. One dinky rainbow was the only one I fooled. But back to my story. I was standing on a ledge on the east side of the river overlooking the pool and turned around to walk out. In my mind, all this happened in slow motion when my right boot began to slide off the edge. I suppose I could have thrown my body backwards and landed in 18" of water on the ledge but your mind will trick you into thinking you'll regain control, catch your balance and walk safely out. Never trust your own mind in these circumstances!

Remember, the pool I've been fishing is a good 8 or 10 feet deep, right off the ledge, sudden drop. I'm now swimming...in 46° water! Invigorating but not recommended. You need to understand; I didn't stumble and catch myself then stood up. I was FLOATING! If anyone was near enough to see me, I didn't notice but I'm sure they've got stories of *"the crazy fly fisherman up in that big hole up there."* I realized all I could do was float downstream until I could touch bottom but I'm laughing hysterically as I'm floating. What else can you do? It had to be a funny thing to see. Honestly, the only part of me that wasn't wet was the very top of my hat. The rest of my hat was wet from being underwater.

Easing out of the river looking like a haggard muskrat, I was grateful for the wading pants I was wearing because they were tightly cinched up around my waist and prevented me from taking on a serious amount of water. The Velcro adjustable waist worked equally as well as a belt would have. That was fortunate. To give you an idea of how foolish part of your brain can be, I actually considered going back out and fishing more. That would have been nothing short of stupid! Sure it was a beautiful mid-

60's afternoon but when the sun started going behind the ridge in an hour or so, the temperature would drop significantly. A clearer mind came to me from somewhere and I walked the mile or so to my truck.

Now, here's the point of this story. I was unprepared. During the winter months, I always keep a duffle bag of dry clothes, an extra jacket and even a towel for those really drenching moments as Saturday turned out to be. But I hadn't switched to winter mode fishing this past weekend and I had nothing in my truck to change into or even dab a little river water off with. Many of you have heard my diatribe about wearing a wading belt at all times so I won't get into that topic again. What I do want to encourage you to do is put together an emergency bundle of dry clothes (preferable something that will help you warm, up like fleece) and keep it in your vehicle at all times. You owe it to yourself and to your family. I could have been in serious trouble if it had been cold and I was miles up the Chattooga River alone. Hypothermia is a deadly thing and it doesn't have to be 32° and you soaking wet to kick in. It could just as easily happen on a 55° day under the right conditions.

And if you think you won't fall in because you never have, think again, Kemosabi. As the title of this post says, "It's not if, it's when!" If you wade fish, you will fall in! So be prepared. Know your own capabilities, don't hesitate to use a wading staff, always use a wading belt and, above all, keep a set of dry clothes in your vehicle! This is the voice of experience talking to you. Listen to it!



Editor's notes: To read Jimmy's complete essay, click <http://www.unicoiliarsclub.com/2012/11/its-not-if-but-when.html>
To read more about "falling in", here is another good essay: <http://midcurrent.com/books/deserves-got-nothing-to-do-with-it/>
To read about "scoring" falls, The Rabunite Method, click [HERE](#)

FISHING REPORT

Sent: Sunday, December 2, 2012

Subject: My First Trip to THE RIVER

From: Trey McFalls

I went fishing on the Chattooga with my Godfather. I got to wear the new waders he got me for my birthday. I learned different castings, how to use a net, and I learned what a good Rabunite meal on the stream is. We caught some fish, and that was great.

Editor's Notes: *Trey is a Stream Explorer member of Rabun TU and Jeff Durniak is his Godfather.*



Final Call - Now is the LAST CHANCE to Apply for Georgia Trout Camp 2013

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



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

Deadline to apply: January 7, 2013 **Camp Dates:** June 9 (Sunday) - June 14 (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 1/7/2013.

(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/index.php?mid=education&iid=troutcamp2013&sid=>

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 (706) 782-6954

LETTERS to the RABUNITES

Sent: 11/22/12 by USPS

Please find the enclosed check from the Georgia Women Flyfishers for supporting the Rabun TU Tom Landreth's Memorial Fund. We support your cause and please keep up with the good work. Yours,

From: Circe – Treasurer, Georgia Women Flyfishers [HERE](#)

Sent: 12/12/12 by USPS

On behalf of the Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, please accept this donation of \$517 in support of the annual helicopter stocking of the Chattooga River. Our members are proud to support your efforts in this endeavor. Keep up your great work for a

betterment of the fishery and the fishing experience for all Georgia anglers. Sincerely,

From: Bob Prator – President, Atlanta Fly Fishing Club [HERE](#)

Sent: 12/21/12 by E-mail

We raffled the print that Rabun donated to our chapter last night at the Christmas Party. We raised \$170 from your donation. Thank you very much for your contribution to our efforts. Members expressed interest in buying similar prints, is that possible? (Editor's notes: Yes, [HERE](#)). Thanks again and hope to see you at the Rendezvous,

From: Mike Prater - Coosa Valley TU

"BACKCASTING"

Dec 1 (Sat) GA TU Council Meeting in the USFS Office, Gainesville – 4 Rabun TU members attended.

The agenda included the following items: Introductions, Treasurer's Report, 2013 Budget, 2013 Calendar of Activities, 2012 National Meeting, Council Committee Structure, Conservation & Advocacy Committee, Fund Raising Committee, TU Southeastern Conservation Project, CEI & Chapter Bylaws, Education Committee & Young of the Year Award, Matching Funds Committee, Cold Water Discharge Update, DNR Adventure Day, Sportsman Day, & Southeastern Rally.



(12/1/12) "Jewel of the Smokies" framed LE print was donated to Coosa Valley TU Chapter by Rabun Chapter for fundraising use and presented by Pat Hopton (R) to Mike Prater (L).

Dec 11 (Tues) Annual Family Christmas Dinner at the Cupboard Café's private dining room, Dillard – 26 members participated.

The meal included a delicious appetizer buffet. Served at the tables were a soup, salad, everyone was served 3 entrees (Chicken Cordon Blue, Bacon-Wrapped Sirloin and Pecan-Crusted Trout), vegetables, bread with a desert buffet (every was also given a carryout box). A cash bar with beer and wine was available. Our thanks to **June Landreth** for handling the arrangements and finances for this event.



Prez Pat presents June Landreth a "Thank You" wreath.



Typical serving with 3 entrees.





THANK YOU

Atlanta Fly Fishing Club <http://www.atlantaflyfishingclub.org/> and Georgia TU Council <http://georgiatu.org/> for their cash donations for funding the annual Chattooga backcountry helicopter stocking program.

All donations to Rabun TU (a Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 non-profit) are tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Charlie Breithaupt was recognized as The Honoree of the Year 2012 by The Buckhead Boys, a group of men who all grew up in Buckhead where Charlie was born and raised. For more info, click [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Big Rabunite "WELCOME" to 2 new members this month: **MR. SIDNEY E. BERKSTRESSER** (transfer), 1081 LAUREL LANE, HIAWASSEE GA 30546 and **CARL & KATHY KLEINSTEUBER**, 114 MCINTOSH DRIVE, SAVANNAH GA 31406

Thanks for re-upping: **Mike Williams, Glenn English, Shane English, Russell Burken, Jeff Durniak, Lewis Reeves III, & Tim McClure.**

It is time to renew your membership: **Jake Toller (SE), Elizabeth Barlow (SE), Jesse Barlow (SE), Tyler Harris (SE), Doug Hickman, Dwight Milleman, Lawrence Nelms, Keith Silvers, Steven Theis, Ronald McKenney, Radford Smith, Gabe Southards, Chris Bedea, Erwin Ford, Paul Shannon, & David Jordan.**

Rabun TU Officers & Directors for F/Y2013

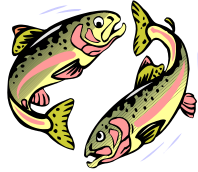
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Charlie and Kathy Breithaupt with Trout Camp, Fly Fishing 101	(706) 782-6954	knc615@windstream.net

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



Notes from the Prez

Great Opportunities Ahead in the New Year!

With the beginning of the New Year, we are excited to begin anew in pursuing the goals of the Rabun Chapter, Trout Unlimited. One goal is to introduce the joy of the outdoors, particularly fishing, to young people. We already have several opportunities planned during the 2013 to accomplish that goal, including Rabunite 101, Scouts Fishing Day, Kids Fishing Events, and Trout Camp.

To help guide us in our outreach to young people, the Chapter has asked Franklin Tate to be the guest speaker at this year's Rabun Rendezvous. Franklin serves as TU's first Director of Youth Education. Prior to that, he directed a college service-learning program for eight years and was also an adjunct faculty member. His experience in conservation and environmental education includes crew leadership and program development for a Youth Conservation Corps program in Central Oregon, and logistics coordination and field instruction for non-profit educational organizations in the Four Corners area of the Southwest. He holds an MFA from Warren Wilson College and a BA in English from The Citadel.

Franklin should provide a very entertaining and informative program. So if you agree that the Chapter should work towards introducing young people to the outdoors, make your plans now to attend the 2013 annual Rabun Rendezvous on February 2, 2013 at the Dillard House Conference Center. I look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Hopton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Pat Hopton - Chapter Prez

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