



Tight Lines

Dec 2016 / Jan 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/>



"In every species of fish I've angled for, it is the ones that have got away that thrill me the most, the ones that keep fresh in my memory. So I say it is good to lose fish. If we didn't, much of the thrill of angling would be gone."

Ray Bergman

**Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings
every third Tuesday of the month.
This month the date is January 17, 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**



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Notes from the President

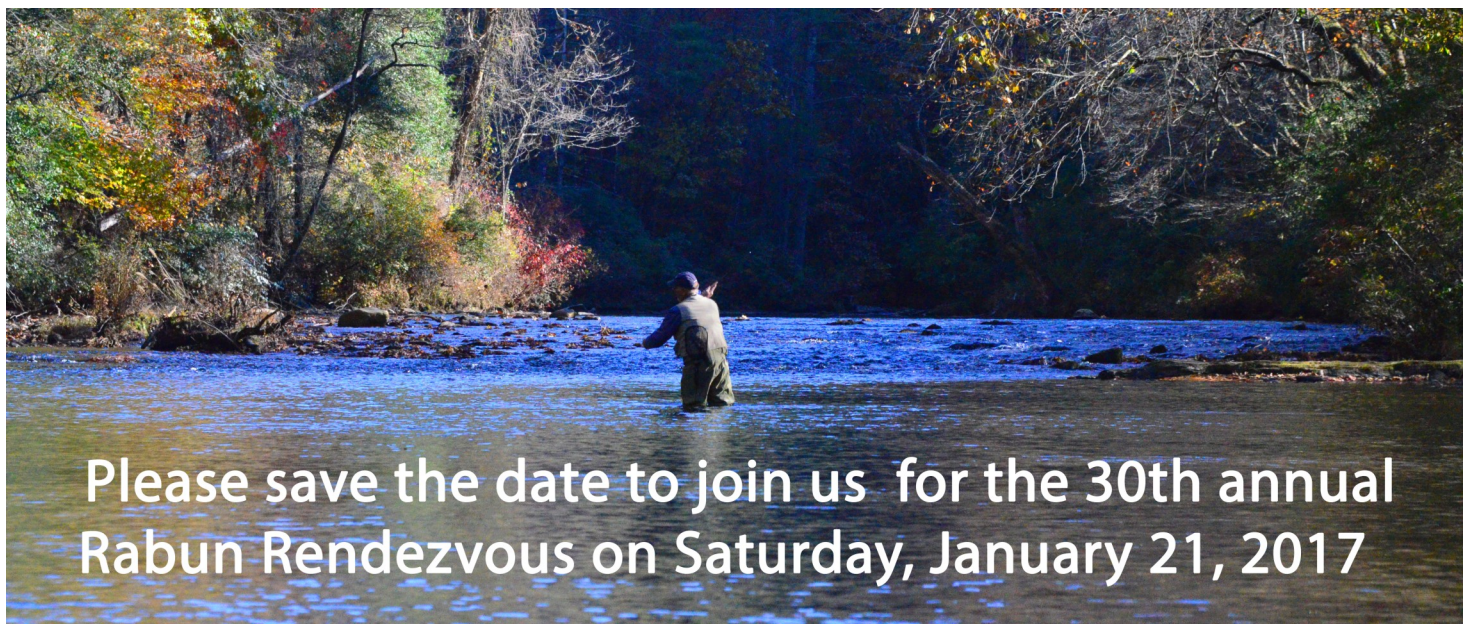


I hope that you and your families enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and also have a very Happy New Year.

As we move into the upcoming year, it is my sincere desire that we continue to build upon the excellent work done by our chapter members in times past. This will enable us to continue to not only protect, but also enjoy the beautiful bounty with which we have been so richly blessed. We are truly thankful for the dedicated efforts of Bill Kelly, Tom Landreth and many other Rabunites who no longer gather around the campfires with us as well as the continuing work of Doug Adams who will no doubt be a shoe in for the Rabun TU “Hall of Fame”.

Don't forget to mark your calendars as we gather together on Saturday, January 21st for the annual Rabun Rendezvous. A great celebration is being planned and with your help we will have not only a great evening, but also a very successful event. This is our chapter's primary fund raising event of the year so please plan to join us. Don't forget to bring your appetite, your cash and your credit cards.

Kent



Please save the date to join us for the 30th annual Rabun Rendezvous on Saturday, January 21, 2017

We are gearing up for a great big celebration!! We hope you will be able to join us for our 30th annual Rabun Rendezvous. It will be a great time! Our guest speaker will be Beverly Smith, Vice President for Volunteer Operations, TU National. Beverly is responsible for the Volunteer Operations Department which supports 36 state councils and 380 local chapters across the country by delivering a suite of applications, trainings and resources aimed at helping volunteers more easily and effectively accomplish TU's mission in their local communities. Her responsibilities also include managing TU's youth education programs, veterans' services partnership, and women/ diversity initiative. Beverly joined TU as the Volunteer Operations Coordinator in 2007, was promoted to Director in 2009, and Vice President in 2014. Prior to joining TU, Beverly worked for the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. Beverly grew up in Charleston, S.C. and received a B.A. from the University of Virginia. She lives in Jackson, Wyo. with her husband, daughter and springer spaniel where she enjoys volunteering locally, fly fishing and bird hunting.

We'll be at our usual location at the Dillard House. Social will start at 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. (BYOB) There will also be a fire inside to warm your buns. The Foxfire Boys, with their famous Blue Grass Music, will also begin at 5 pm. Then about 6:30 we will dine on fish, chicken and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House so famous. It is a serve yourself buffet, so you will not leave hungry. The cost will be \$33 for adults. \$25 for those under the age of 15. Cash, checks, VISA or MasterCard. We don't do advanced tickets, just pay at the door.

The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$69 (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. Also Mountain Aire Cottages on North Main Street in Clayton is a good source for lodging. Call them at 706-782-9568.



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Forward Casting Calendar of Events

Jan 17 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of Rabun TU. Social starts at 6:30, then meeting at 7. Will send out a email when Guest Speaker is confirmed. But always a great time with fellow Rabunites!!

Jan 21 (Sat): 30TH ANNUAL RABUN RENDEZVOUS!! SAVE THE DATE!!! MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 3.



Jan. 24 (Tues): Rabun TU Board Meeting begins at 6:30 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

Feb. 21 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting of Rabun TU. Social starts at 6:30, then meeting at 7.

Feb. 28 (Tues): Rabun TU Board Meeting begins at 6:30 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

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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.



January fly of the month:

ZEBRA MIDGE



For a great video on tying this fly click [here](#).

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](#)



January 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	Various Times & Sizes	Various Times & Sizes
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	Late	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail



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



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Back Casting

About 35 Rabunites attended the annual Christmas Dinner this year. The dinner was held on Tuesday, Dec. 6th. We dined at the Amore Restaurant in Dillard. Great food and fellowship was had by all!



2017 Trout Camp

June 4-9 2017

Do you know any kids between the ages of 12 and 15 that love fishing and the outdoors? If you do please forward and share this information. The Georgia Trout Camp is one of the best in the nation. Please see the brochure on the next page for all the details of what goes on at Trout Camp. For more information click [here](#) and for a application to Trout Camp click [here](#).

If you are a previous Trout Camp Graduate and want to apply to be a Camp Young Mentor please click [here](#).



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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



"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.



2016 Georgia Trout Camp

PARTNERS



SPONSORS



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:

Charlie Breithaupt
194 Kitchens Lane • Clayton, GA 30525
(706) 782-6954
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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



Georgia Trout Unlimited Trout Camp 2017



Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School
June 4-9, 2017

"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

2016 Georgia Trout Camp



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

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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News and Information

More Ways to Help Georgia DNR

Did you know...

If you're age 60 or older, please look closely at buying a lifetime license for \$95.
http://www.georgiawildlife.com/licenses-permits-passes#Lifetime_Licenses

You'll save some money (or lose only about \$40 if you're 64) over buying annual licenses.

Most importantly, we can count you as a Georgia license holder for another couple of decades (via actuarial tables). That is so important as Georgia WRD competes nationally for federal aid funds via the Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration programs. The number of paid licenses holders is a key component in the US Fish and Wildlife Service's funds allocation formula.

<https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/AboutUs/WSFRProgramBrochure2011.pdf>

Free (honorary) license holders cannot be considered in this process of federal aid fund allocation.

Those "federal aid funds" are the tax moneys you've already paid on your hunting and fishing gear and motorboat fuel. We just want to bring as much of your money back to Georgia on your behalf as we can!

Bamboo Fly Rod Giveaway

I am a member of TU Chapter 436 and wanted to let you and your members know that my company, Case Law, PLLC, will be giving away one free Bamboo Fly Rod. The 7 foot, 9 inch, rod will be a 5 weight and will feature two color Japanese silk thread for the wraps, nickel silver ferrules, reel seat, guides and tip.

Go to www.JudgeCase.com and click on the link to the "Bamboo Rod Giveaway" (click link [here](#) to enter) and enter your information for a chance to win. This giveaway is only for Georgia residents over the age of 18 years and the winner will be announced in my monthly newsletter "From the Bench" and notified by email.

Normally, these rods sell for \$1500.00 and are made the same way they were 100 years ago, by hand! If you have ever wanted to own one of these beautiful pieces of functional art, this is your chance!

You can learn more about the rods by visiting www.HeirloomRods.com.

Sincerely,

KELLY W. CASE

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DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



GRAND PRIZE

John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2017 Dream Trip

"The 2017 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

-Jimmy Harris,
owner, Unicoi Outfitters

• 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 23- 29, 2017

- \$500 total in travel expenses - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.

*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.

- Each winner receives: Choice of Winston Bill-x or Sage ONE 4, 5 or 6 wt rod
A fly reel with Scientific Angler line
A fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

- Redington Trout rod - 5 wt. 9', 6 piece travel fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK 4-5 reel. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 8+ dozen trout flies. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly casting class during 2017. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- A private fly casting lesson including digital casting analysis and video analysis (this donation would apply to those having mastered basic casting skills already). Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School for 2017 year.
- Two nights at the Fire Fly Lodge and a full day of unguided trout fishing on either Hothouse Creek trophy trout stream or the Toccoa River from Firefly's private frontage. www.fireflyfishinglodge.com
- Custom made 5 or 8 weight, 9 foot fly rod made by Matt Walters. Walters Fly Rod - 9', 8 wt., 4 piece Cinder Creek or 9', 5wt., 4 piece Chattahoochee Fly Rod (Winner's Choice - Rod descriptions can be found at www.waltersflyrods.com)
- 9', 5wt 4 piece rod and case, 5/6 reel and case 5/6 floating fly line. Donated by Renegade Fly Fishing
- Half day guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River. Donated by Chris Scalley - River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan. Donated by Henry Cowan
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen. Donated by Unicoi Outfitters
- One day, guided Dillard House private water fishing for two, to include lunch. Donated by The Dillard House
- Original Artwork Donated by - Jenna Mason www.jmasondesignsonline.com or facebook.com/jmasondesignsonline
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies. Donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.



Jimmy Harris owner of Unicoi Outfitters



Recent winner - Monty English - Rabun Chapter member



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

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Letters to Rabun TU

December 6, 2016

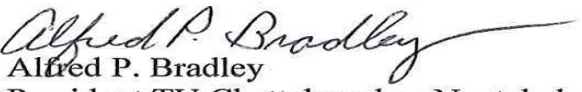
Steve Perry
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Clayton GA. 30525

Please express our appreciation and gratitude to your chapter members for the "Trout Fly Pattern Print" that was so generously given to our chapter for auction at our Annual Fund Raiser.

We raised \$4000.00 that we plan to use for various projects like Trout in the Classroom, Trout Camp, Hatchery Support and other projects in conjunction with the Hiawassee River Water Coalition.

We truly do appreciate your generosity and if we can reciprocate in some way or manner please let us know.

Sincerely,


Alfred P. Bradley
President TU Chattahoochee Nantahala
Chapter 692

Dec 14, 2016

As president of the Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited, I would like to express my sincere appreciation on your donation to our Chapter's recent fund raiser. The framed Broderick Crawford print was most well received by the attendees and produced some active bidding. In the end one of our cherished members out bid the rest and took this print with him. The fact that it will be placed lovingly in their cabin on Lake Burton seems like a fitting resolve. The funds from this event will be applied to our continued support toward youth education.

We appreciate the Rabun Chapters' long and continued support of our Chapter and to other chapters in the Georgia TU family. Your Chapter has a long and involved commitment to the goals of Trout Unlimited and should be commended for such. The level of involvement in Trout Camp by your members and other activities is outstanding on your part.

We hope you all have a most productive and happy New Year!

Respectfully,
Steve Westmoreland
President Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Membership News & Updates

Current membership: 167 members, 26 life members, and 8 stream explorers.

New Members: Dick Daniel. Hope to see you on the river soon!

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Derek Barlow, Bob Blalock, Thomas Guest, Doug Hickman, Tammy Hopton, Thomas Johnson, David King, Emil Leum, Colby Nichols, O. Nolte, Derek Porter, David Ruth, Patrick Taylor, Larry Walker, and Kent Wilson.

Time to renew your membership: Jackie Hill, Jason LeBlanc, Margaret Richardson, Bob Biebel, Mark Durham, Maria Rodeghiero, and Dr. Terry Seehorn.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**Wishing everyone much happiness,
great health and success and
Tight Lines in 2017.**

Don't forget to buy your dream trip tickets!



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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