



TIGHT LINES

November 2018 Newsletter

Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

The mission of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Northeast Georgia's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

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NEXT RABUN CHAPTER MEETING

***THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!***

Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner

When: Tuesday, Dec 11

**Where: The Rock House, located at the Dillard House,
Dillard, GA**

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$35 per person

Please RSVP to [Tony or Terri Allred](#) by 12/3/18.

Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

Nov 1 (Thur) GA Delayed Harvest Trout Season begins. For more information on Georgia Delayed Harvest season, [CLICK HERE](#).

Nov 3 (Sat) North Georgia Trout Online Fall Fling. 9:00 am—2:00 pm at Buford Trout Hatchery. More information can be found on [NGTO](#).

Nov 3 (Sat) Stream Clean-Up Project on the Soque River. 8:00am—12:00pm. Meet at Jackson Bridge on Hwy 197. Sponsored by the [Savannah River Chapter](#).

Nov 4 (Sun) Fish Tails and Ales. 4:00—7:00 pm at Sweetwater Brewing Company. Sponsored by [GA Casting for Recovery](#)

Nov 6 (Tues) Election Day

Nov 14-18 (Wed-Sun) Annual Fall Rabun Chapter Campout. Oconee State Park, near Mountain Rest, SC. Contact [Tony Allred](#).

NO Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting for November!

Nov 27 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Dec 1 (Sat) GA Council TU Quarterly Meeting 9:00 am—12:00 pm at FS Office in Gainesville, GA. Contact [Kathy Breithaupt](#).

Dec 11 (Tues) Annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner. 6:00-8:00 pm. The Rock House at the Dillard House in Dillard, GA Contact [Tony or Terri Allred](#).

Dec 18 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Jan 19 (Sat) 32nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous. 3:00—8:00 pm at the Dillard House Conference Center in Dillard, GA. Contact [Ray King](#).

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE 2019 RABUN RENDEZVOUS!

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Griffiths Gnat

Hook: #16-20 Dry Fly Hook

Body: Single Strand Peacock Heal

Body Hackle: Grizzly Hackle (size it to hook)



Use this during the winter months if you see midges hatching. It's a great fly to use on slow moving, calm water.

.See you on The River! Terry

Back Casting

Tuesday, Oct 16 —Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting

Approximately 30 Rabun Chapter members and guests attended the monthly meeting. We heard a presentation from Mike Worley, CEO of the Georgia Wildlife Federation. Mr Worley provided much information about the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment, which will be presented on the ballot as Amendment One on Nov 6.

Following the presentation we had a raffle of various items . The amount raised was \$93.00. Thank you to everyone who donated items and who bought raffle tickets!



Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment is on the ballot on November 6 as Amendment One. This is the first time Georgians have had a chance to dedicate funding for conservation and it can be done without a tax increase.

The amendment will allow up to 80% of the existing sales and use tax on outdoor sporting goods to the protection of the state's land, water and wildlife with no new taxes or fees. Over \$20 million would be dedicated every year for the next ten years.

This funding could not be used for any other purpose and would be subject to strict accountability provisions and public disclosure. Only projects consistent with the state's established goals for conservation would be approved.

If passed, this funding would:

- Protect lands critical to clean drinking water and the quality of Georgia's lakes, rivers and streams;
- Acquire and improve parks and trails;
- Maintain and improve access to wildlife management areas and create opportunities for hunting and fishing; and
- Support Georgia's \$27 billion outdoor recreation industry.

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Amendment is supported by a coalition of leading conservation organizations including The Conservation Fund, Georgia Conservancy, Georgia Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy, Park Pride, and The Trust for Public Land.

Calling all Trout Campers!

Where: Tallulah Falls School, Clayton, Georgia

When: June 2-7, 2019 (Sunday – Friday)

- Boys and Girls, 13-15 Years Old
- Learn and Practice the Sport of Fly Fishing
- Study Sound Conservation Practices
- Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

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 Tallulah Falls.
The Heart of the Blue
Ridge Mountains.



2018 Georgia Trout Camp

PARTNERS



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Georgia Trout Camp

Open to boys and girls, 13-15 years old
\$600 per camper

FOR REGISTRATION FORMS

Go to Georgia Council Website:
www.georgiatu.org

Contact:

Charlie Breithaupt

194 Kitchens Lane • Clayton, GA 30525

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Georgia Trout Unlimited TROUT CAMP 2019



Tallulah Falls School
June 2-7, 2019

"Call to Camp!"



Participants...
(Entry Limit - 1 Year)

- Boys & Girls, 13-15 Years Old
- Learn and Practice the Sport of Fly Fishing
- Study Sound Conservation Practices
- Enjoy a Fun and Rewarding Experience

2018 Georgia Trout Camp



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

Mail your application to Trout Camp to

Charlie Breithaupt, GA Trout Camp Coordinator
194 Kitchens Lane
Clayton, GA 30525

Deadline for applications is March 15, 2019.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).



Georgia Trout Camp 2019 Application

Please fill out the application below and give it to your local TU Chapter President.

Dates: June 2-7 (Sunday – Friday) **Age:** 13 – 15 years **Fee:** \$600.00

Includes room, board, and all activities for the five-day camp. In May, after your signed application and fee have been received, you will be sent a list of what to bring, as well as the required health and release forms. Please make your check payable to the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited. By submitting this application the camper, if accepted, is committed to attending camp for the entire session.

Deadline to apply: Set by each Chapter – Check with your local TU Chapter for details.
The application and payment must be in the Camp Coordinator's office by April 15th.

(Please Print)

Name _____

Name you wish to be called by _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Age at time of camp _____ Male _____ Female _____
(Must be within the ages of 13 – 15 at time of camp)

T-Shirt size (adult size only; circle one) S M L XL

I have a friend attending camp and we would like to room together.

His/her name is _____

Yes, my child is interested in conservation and the sport of fly fishing and has reached a level of maturity to enjoy spending 6 days and 5 nights away from home at camp.

Parent or guardian's signature

Print: Parent or guardian's name _____

Home Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Parent's Email _____ Parent's Emergency Phone _____

I am sponsored by: (each camper must be sponsored by one of the 12 TU Chapters in GA)

The _____ Chapter of TU

Signature _____ President/Chapter or Trout Camp Representative

After completion – the application and fee will be forwarded by the sponsoring Chapter to the Camp Coordinator

Kathy Breithaupt, GA Trout Camp Coordinator 194 Kitchens Lane Clayton, GA 30525

For more information call: (706) 782-6954 or email: knc615@windstream.net

For information on the 12 TU chapters in GA go to www.georgiatu.org

Forward Casting

The Rabun Chapter will hold its annual Fall Chapter Campout on Nov 14 -18, 2018 at Oconee State Park, just across the SC line from Rabun County. It's sure to be a great time for fishing and fellowship.

The Georgia Delayed Harvest trout season begins Nov 1 and the Chattooga River should be well-stocked by the time of our campout. Yee Haa!!!

Campsite #93 in the "Wooded Loop" will be the official gathering site. Campsites fill up fast this time of year, so don't delay in making your campsite reservations (see below).

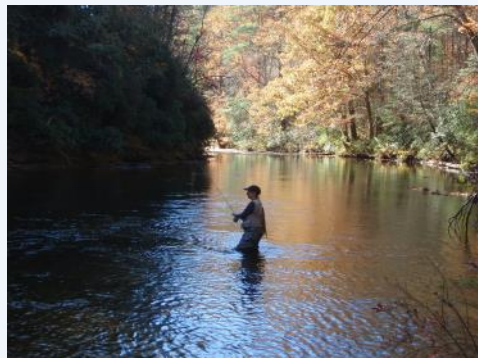
We will cook and eat breakfast and supper together every day and you are on your own for your noon meal. If you volunteer to cook a meal, then all meals are free for you. If you don't cook a meal, then you pay \$5 for each meal you eat to the cook. Now that's a deal! Let Tony know of the meal you wish to cook, and what meals you plan to eat so the cooks can plan the meals. And hey! - if you don't want to camp, just come by for a meal or sit by the fire!

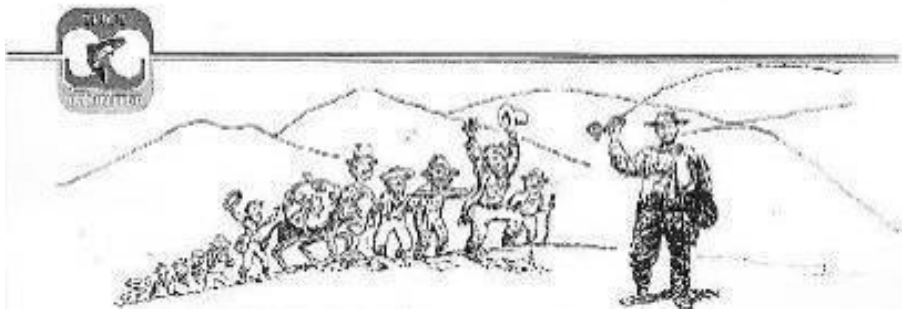
If you have questions or plan to eat a meal, contact your camp hosts [Tony & Teri Allred](#) or at 706-490-4755.

To make campsite reservations, [CLICK HERE](#).

Let's have a big turnout.... see you there!

Tony and Terri





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

Please join us for the 32nd Annual **RABUN RENDEZVOUS**

"The Rendezvous was unlike anything before or since, a gathering of uninhibited men down from the mountains. The event attracted perhaps a hundred mountain men, their Indian wives, and assorted visiting tribesmen. Amusements included gambling, drinking, storytelling – continuing day and night." Quote from [The Mountain Men](#), by George Laycock.

WHEN: Saturday, January 19, 2019. *Please note change of date from previous years.*

WHERE: The Dillard House Conference Center, located behind the Dillard House Restaurant in Dillard, GA.

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

SOCIAL: **Doors open at 3:00 pm.** Around 4:30 pm folks will start gathering to "pick the pig" and enjoy the rocking chairs on the porch of the Conference Center. There will snack trays of cheeses, crackers, veggies with dip, and fruit. Soft drinks and ice will be available. There will be a nice fire inside to warm your buns. *Please note the earlier start time from previous years.*

The Foxfire Boys will again provide their 'down home' style of bluegrass picking and singing for your enjoyment from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. CD's will be available for purchase.

Raffle and silent auction items will be available for your chance of purchase. We welcome donations of raffle and auction items!

DINNER: Fish, chicken, beef, and pork with all the side dishes and desserts that have made the Dillard House famous will be served at 6:30 pm. It is a serve yourself buffet and you will not leave hungry!

Please note there will be no guest speaker this year. For this reason, we anticipate concluding the Rendezvous at an earlier time than previous years.

COST: \$35 for adults and \$25 for youth age 15 and younger. Cash, check, VISA or MasterCard are accepted. Pay at the door when you arrive.

LODGING: The Dillard House has set special rates for rooms starting at \$79 (plus tax) for those that make reservation and say they are attending the Trout Unlimited Rabun Rendezvous.

The 2018 Rabun Rendezvous provided financial support for the following: GA Council Youth Trout Camp; Sponsoring youth to attend Trout Camp; GA Department of Natural Resources Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program; US Forest Service Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River; Fly-Fishing 101 educational event; Helicopter stocking program; In-stream habitat improvement on a brook trout stream; Casting for Recovery; Fly Fishing for Vets; National TU's Youth Education, First Cast, Embrace-A-Stream, Griffiths Circle, and Southeast Lands program; GA Council Conservation fund; and providing Trout magazine subscriptions to all Rabun County schools, public libraries, and Tallulah Gorge State Park.

Tickets are now on sale for the 2019 Dream Trip!! Tickets are limited, so get yours soon!

Contact [David Ruth](#) or anyone on the Board of Directors for tickets.

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!





GRAND PRIZE

***The 2019 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.

-Henry Harris,
owner, Unicoi Outfitters

- **5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 21 – 26, 2019**
- **\$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:** A float trip on the Madison River, plus Choice of Winston Bill-x or Air 4, 5, or 7 weight rod, a fly reel with Scientific Angler line, and 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 winners of this contest are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winners.

- TFO- BVK fly rod - 4 wt. 9', 4-piece fly rod: Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK 4-5 reel & SA or Wulff TT fly line: Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 8+ dozen trout flies: Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 3 dozen bass poppers: Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly-casting class during 2019: 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 2019 year.
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowen: Donated by Henry Cowen
- Full day guided trip with Cohutta Fishing Company for two on private water. Valued at \$575. www.cohuttafishingco.com/guides. Donated by The Cohutta Chapter of TU
- A handmade woven tapestry trout pillow: Donated by Peg Jones of the Middle Georgia Chapter
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen: Donated by Unicoi Outfitters.
- Half day trophy brown trout guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River, valued at \$375: Donated by Chris Scalley - River Through Atlanta www.riverthroughatlanta.com
- Two draws for six dozen trout flies: Donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia

For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org










Rabunite Jeff Durniak (l) introduces Zach Moran, the newly-hired GA Department of Natural Resource's Region 1 Trout Biologist, to the Rabun Chapter!



Call for Nominations

The Board of Directors has nominated Frank Patton to fill out the unexpired term of Ray Gentry on the Board of Directors. This term expires the end of Calendar Year 2019.

The Board will entertain other nominations for this position and then call for a vote at the next monthly Chapter meeting on January 15 , 2019.

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 159 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers

Welcome New Members!

Frank Hodge, from Sky Valley, GA.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Charles Cawthon, Dean English, Mike Hamilton, Filmore Kilby, Joe Kitchens, Steve McCall, Ron Michaels, Mark Motsko, Tom Nixon, Forrest Paulson, Leroy Powell, Don Stenhouse, Bradley Tucker, John Slater, and Michael Williams.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Mike Addington, David Bentley, Kyle Burrell, Dick Daniel, Kent Ramey, and Margaret Richardson.

Click on the Images and Visit the Websites of our Sponsors

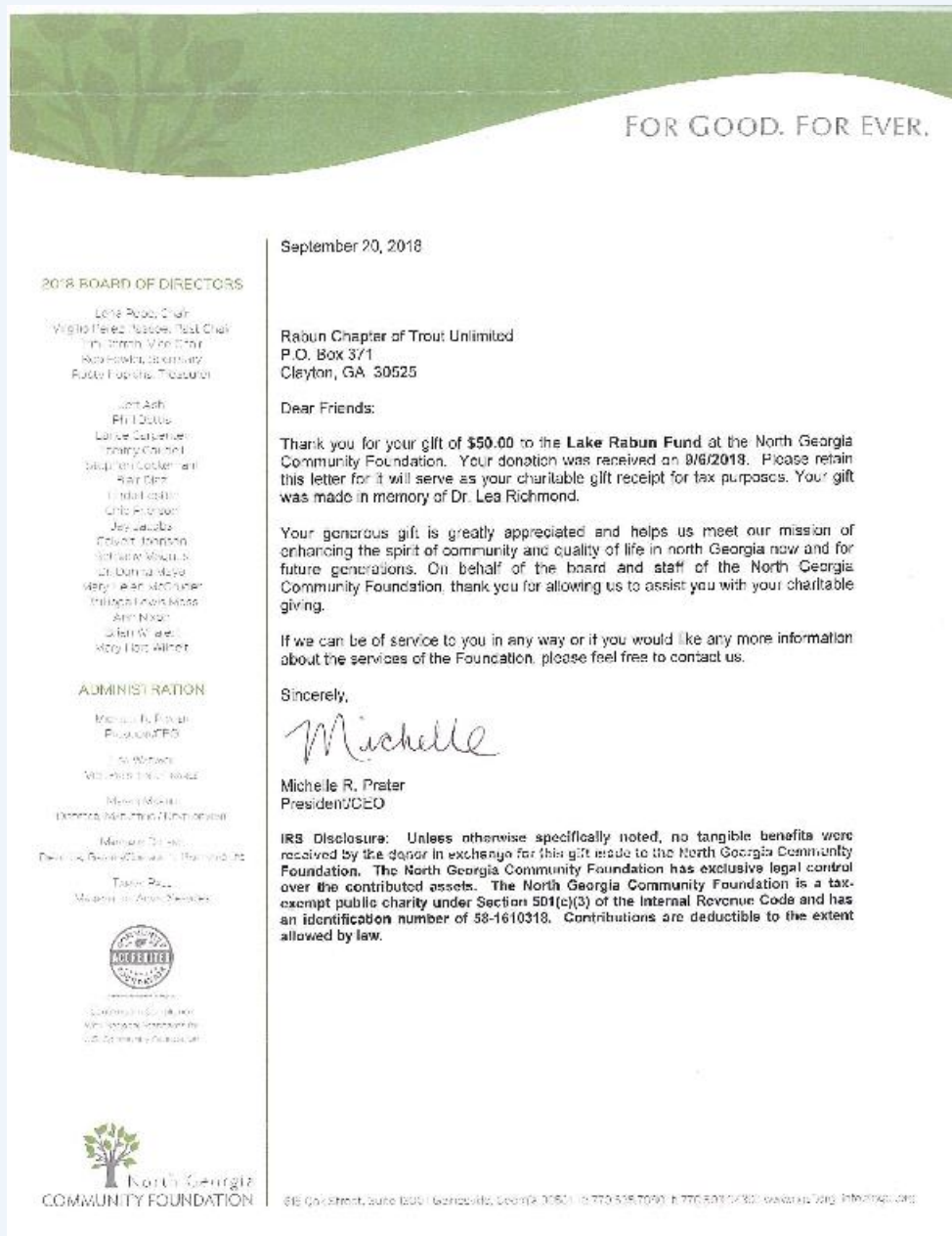


Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!

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

November Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Small Dun Caddis	All month	Mid am to Late pm	18 Brown or Grey Elk Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Blue Wing Olive and Blue Quill	All month	Late am to Mid pm	16-18 BWO, Blue Quill, Adams Parachute 16 BWO Nymph, Pheasant Tail
Midges	All month	All day	18-22 Griffiths Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
None at all	All month	All day	Dredging Nymphs:12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail



FISHING REPORTS

Send your fishing reports to [TIGHTLINES EDITOR](#)

My First Trip to the Nantahala DH. Submitted by Brian Weeks, October 25, 2018

Soon after the opening of the North Carolina DH season, I took my first trip to the Nantahala. I've heard plenty of good things from fellow anglers about the river through the years, but have never visited there until mid-last week. And I must say, that is one pretty stream.

The weather and water conditions were just about as good as one could ask for. Highs in the upper seventies, cloudy, with a slight tinge to the 62F wadeable water. The leaves on the trees signaled the advent of fall as they were just barely beginning to change color. And, for those that haven't been yet, the Nantahala offers a bountiful amount of bank-to-bank fishable water with plenty of runs, pockets, riffles, eddies, and pools.

This relaxing and beautiful setting made the fishing all the more refreshing and pleasurable. A 20+ day with both rainbows and browns, both wilds and stocked. And two good sized stocked brookies to round out a slam. The wild rainbows and browns were smaller, but made up for their size with their pretty colors. And with one of the brookies a half an inch shy of a foot long and, despite being a stocker, the other taking first place in beauty for the day with its fall colors on full display, they were the highlights of the trip.

Will I be back? God willing. My only question is, what took me so long in the first place?



Editor's Note: Brian's report on the Nantahala DH is spot-on! This river is within a short driving distance of Clayton and offers easy, roadside access, a beautiful setting, and the chance to catch a "Grand Slam" (a brook, brown and rainbow trout all caught on the same day). To see the stocking schedule of North Carolina Delayed Harvest streams, [CLICK HERE](#).

FISHING REPORTS Cont.

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Alaska Fishing Report, August 2018—Submitted by Brad Tucker ,Oct 29, 2018

Sid Berkstresser and I took advantage of the chapter discount to fish with the Naknek River Camp in King Salmon, Alaska. We got there on a slow week with only a handful of other fishers in camp. Most of the fishing was of the chuck and duck variety with beads in the Naknek. Though late in the season, the sockeyes were still running. We had a great time catching those by wading just off the river banks, and for the first time, I had a fish take me into my backing. We also caught kings, Dolly Vardens, big rainbows, and arctic char, mostly on beads. There was also some dry fly action for grayling, which was a lot of fun. Of course, the scenery was magnificent, just beyond description. We got to see several brown bears and took one fly-out. While the accommodations at the lodge are fairly basic, the food was great. It's a trip we won't soon forget.



Prez Notes

Although it was somewhat late in doing so, it appears that Fall has finally arrived in the north-east Georgia mountains. The temperatures have cooled down, the leaves have begun to color up and the roads are beginning to be crowded with flatlanders.

As we all know, the cooler weather brings lower stream temperatures and trout who are shaking off their summer slump and prowling our local rivers and streams for their next meal. What better time to head out to your favorite honey hole and experience some spectacular fall trout fishing.

Fall is also when we crank up the sale of Dream Trip tickets which are available from members of the Board of Directors. You can also find them in Clayton at Reeve's Fly-fishing Shop as well as Crawford Art Gallery. Additional details can be found in this edition of Tightlines.

We will not have a chapter meeting in November. Our next Board of Director's meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018. This meeting will be primarily devoted to planning for the 2019 Rabun Rendezvous. With that in mind, please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 19, 2019 and join us once again for the Rabun Rendezvous where you will enjoy good food & fellowship and the opportunity to bid on some great silent auction items. This is our primary fund-raising event of the year. Your ongoing support is much needed and greatly appreciated!

Kent Wilson

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

Voting Leaders

Kent Wilson	Chapter President
Jeff Durniak	Chapter Vice President
Charlie Breithaupt	Treasurer
Kathy Breithaupt	Secretary
Steve Perry	Past President
Doug Adams	Director Emeritus
Ray King	Rendezvous Chair
Ray Gentry	Director thru 2019
David Ruth	Director thru 2019
Brian Weeks	Director thru 2020
Tony Allred	Director thru 2020
Justin English	Director thru 2021
Terry Rivers	Director thru 2021
Tammy Hopton	Director thru 2022
Jimmy Whiten	Director thru 2022

Non-Voting Leaders

Michele Crawford	Women's Outreach, Memorials
Larry Walker	Advocacy
Pat Hopton	Tight Lines Editor
Jerry McFalls	Scouts Liaison, Trout in the Class Room