



TIGHT LINES

December 2018 Newsletter

of the

Rabun Chapter (522) 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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Annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner

Who: All Chapter members and guests!

When: Tuesday, Dec 11

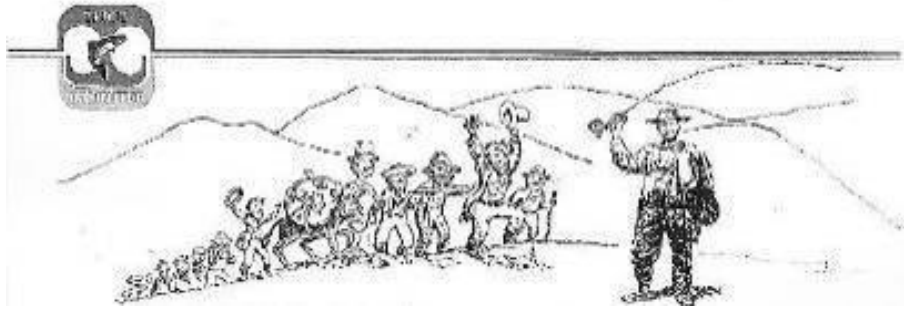
**Where: The Rock House, located at the Dillard House,
Dillard, GA**

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$35 per person

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





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 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

Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

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 in Rabun Gap, GA. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Jan 8 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Jan 15 (Tues) Monthly Chapter Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA. 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](#).

Feb 2 (Sat) Annual Planning Meeting. 8:00 am at the Dillard House Restaurant in Dillard, GA Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Bead Head Copper John

HOOK: # 14/16 NYMPH

TAIL: BROWN GOOSE BIOTS

BODY: COPPER WIRE

THORAX: PEACOCK HERL

WINGS: PHEASANT TAIL FIBERS

WING CASE: HOLOGRAPHIC TINSEL

HEAD: BRASS BEAD.



GREAT FLY DURING WINTER MONTHS. FISH IT DEEP.

See you on The River! Terry

"Ours is the grandest sport. It is an intriguing battle of wits between an angler and a trout; and in addition to appreciating the tradition and grace of the game, we play it in the magnificent out-of-doors."

Ernest G. Schwiebert, Jr

Back Casting

Rabun Chapter Fall Campout

Report Submitted by Pat Hopton, 11/30/18

The Rabun Chapter held its annual Fall Chapter Campout on Nov 14 -18, 2018 at Oconee State Park, just across the SC line from Rabun County. Everyone had a great time, in spite of the rain!

Campers included Tony and Terri Allred, Jimmy Whiten, Terry and Emmi Rivers, Bob and Connie Larson, and Pat and Tammy Hopton. Several folks came for the day, including Larry Walker and Kathy Breithaupt. If there were others that I missed, please forgive me.

The first few days of the campout were cool and rainy. However by Friday the sun came out and the weather was perfect for camping.

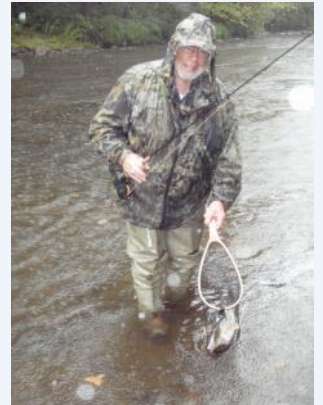
Everyone knows a little rain does not stop a Rabunite from fishing! Terry and Jimmy enjoyed some good fishing—and catching! - at the Burrells Ford bridge, fishing from the bank and catching a good mess of [dumplin's](#) for Jimmy to take home and eat.

The meals were fantastic! Everyone pitched in and helped with the cooking and clean-up. Evenings were spent around a roaring campfire telling tall tales and sharing memories.

A special “Thank You” goes to Tony and Terri. Even though they were in the middle of selling their house and moving into a new house, they still made a point to be at the campout. When asked, Tony said “I made a commitment to the Chapter to host this campout, I felt it was important to keep that promise”. Thank you, Tony!

Rain is Good!

Hot Tip! After a period of dry weather and normal to low river flows, be on the lookout for rain! The first few hours of rising water in a rain event will wash food into the river and the fish go on a feeding spree. Fish a hot pink or red San Juan Worm or a big black Woolly Bugger and hold on!



You are Invited to Join Trout Unlimited!

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the membership page of Trout Unlimited. Once you join, TU will assign you to the nearest Chapter according to your Zip Code. If you wish to be a member of the Rabun Chapter regardless of your Zip Code, specify Chapter 522 in your application.

If you have any questions, contact the Rabun Chapter Membership Chair [Mike Fuller](#).

We look forward to having you in our Chapter!

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

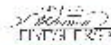
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SHADY RAYS.



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
(706) 782-6954
knc615@windstream.net

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 (see next page) for 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

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

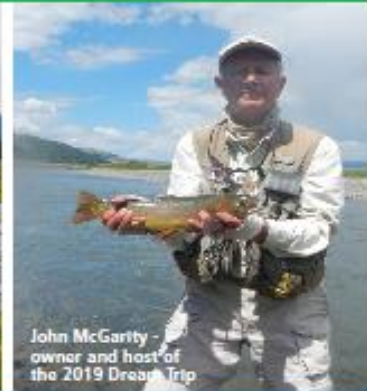
For more information call: (706) 782-6954 or email: knc615@windstream.net

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

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

John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2019 Dream Trip

"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."

-Gregory 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 callie 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

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!

Michael Leonard, from Clayton, GA.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Mike Addington, Jesse Durham, Jeff Durniak, Don Edwards, Glenn English, John Hoppes, Nick McDougald, Jim Nixon, Steve Perry, Lewis Reeves, Patrick Taylor, Hugh Thompson, Larry Walker, and Kent Wilson.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Derek Barlow, Jim Kidd, Charles Mobley, Pete Roe, Derek Porter, Terry Seehorn, Gary Sowell, and Joel Wise.

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.

December Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
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

Transitional Troutng in Fall Delayed Harvest Streams

Click the link below for great tips on trout fishing through the fall season on Delayed Harvest streams, written by Rabunite Jeff Durniak, aka The Dredger.

<http://rabuntu.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Transitional-Troutng-in-Fall-DH-Streams.pdf>

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
Mike Fuller	Membership Chair

FISHING REPORTS

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

Project Healing Waters Invades North Georgia and a Good Time Was Had By All !

Submitted by Bill Beach, November 7, 2018

On the weekend of November 2 – 4 a combined outing of PHW-Atlanta and PHW-Ft Stewart was held in the Helen Area. The combined trip came about as a result of Michael Alexander, one of the veteran participants, having a relationship with PHW Atlanta while he was enrolled in the Shepherd Spinal Center SHARE Military initiative. That experience with SHARE and PHW Atlanta prompted him to start a new PHW Chapter upon his return to Ft Stuart. Unfortunately trout fishing in the Ft Stewart area is, let us say, extremely limited.

Consequently, a request was made to PHW Atlanta and subsequently accommodated to form the basis of a joint outing. The group consisted of 6 PHW participants from Atlanta and 3 from Ft Stewart, none of whom had trout fishing experience. They were accompanied by 4 PHW Volunteers from Atlanta, 1 from Ft Stewart, and a Rabunite.

We took advantage of the Unicoi State Park Adventure Camp located on Smith Creek. This allowed the group to stay together and greatly simplified coordination. We can't say enough about the positive experience at Unicoi. The staff, accommodations, food, and service were excellent in every way.

Following a late check-in on Friday, an on-stream tutorial was provided for the vets to help prepare them for the following day. Topics covered included small stream casting techniques, some basic knots, reading the water, wading techniques, fly selection and safety. The tutorials were conducted by the volunteers.

A beautiful day on Saturday provided for morning and afternoon fishing sessions, where small groups of vets were accompanied by volunteers as guides and instructors. While there was no question the trout were present, the fishing was a bit difficult. Pods of trout were seen from the dam down past the water treatment plant. The good news is that each of the vets caught something! Some more than others which established bragging rights for some.

As a surprise to the volunteers, the vets decided that a campfire was appropriate Saturday evening after dinner. The volunteers were not involved. We understand that lots of stories were told and relationships formed. Those that have sat around a campfire will understand. Continued on next page.



FISHING REPORTS Cont.

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On Sunday morning we were allowed, as the guest of Unicoi Outfitters, to fish Nacoochee Bend. The vets were accompanied by Unicoi Outfitters professional guides and PHW volunteers. It is factual to say that each participant caught the largest trout of their lifetime! All participants were able to get into multiple fish. We owe a debt of gratitude to Jimmy, Jake, the guides, and the staff at Unicoi Outfitters.

The weekend was an occasion where everything just came together; the weather, the accommodations the wares, the trout and all the people involved. As we indicated, "A Good Time Was Had By All".

The Rabunites have supported our PHW program for years. I can't thank you enough for your program support, which has helped so many vets to find fun in their lives again. I understand that you hillbillies call this "hydrotherapy." I wholeheartedly agree!

Please accept this token of PHW appreciation to your TU chapter. I hope that my custom-built bamboo fly rod (7 foot, 4 weight, 4 piece with an extra tip) will enhance your Rendezvous earnings. We will see you in January at the Rendezvous!



Prez Notes

Winter has definitely arrived in the northeast Georgia mountains. It was so cold yesterday that Rabunite Brian Weeks traveled up from the far reaches of metro Atlanta for our Board of Directors meeting and didn't go fishing. If you know Brian that is a testament to less than inviting conditions that anglers faced yesterday from the frigid temperatures.

It is that time of year as we once again continue with the final preparations for the 2019 Rabun Rendezvous. This is our primary fund-raising event of the year. The money raised from this event is invaluable in enabling our chapter to carry out our primary mission of protecting our cold-water fisheries. We do this through joint partnerships with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the U. S. Forest Service and other likeminded conservation groups. It also allows us to support and assist with other programs such as Project Healing Waters/Fly Fishing for Veterans, Casting for Recovery, the Smithgall Woods Regional Education Center and Trout Camp which is a cooperative effort of the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited and the local Trout Unlimited chapters from throughout the state.

I would like to encourage each of our chapter members to step up and assist the BOD with the solicitation of items for the silent auction and/or the bucket raffle. As you know, these items are critically important to the financial success of the Rendezvous. Your ongoing support is much needed and is greatly appreciated by the board as we work together to make this the best Rendezvous ever!

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. We have made some changes for the upcoming Rendezvous to include a slightly earlier starting time and the elimination of a guest speaker which are intended to enable those who travel from out of town to get an earlier start on your journey home.

We will not have a chapter meeting in December. The chapter Christmas Party will be held at the Rock House on Tuesday, December 11th so please plan to come out and join us for this festive gathering of the Rabunites. I cannot promise that there won't be any tall tales told, but as we always say "You don't have to believe them if you don't want to."

Kent Wilson