



# **TIGHT LINES**

## **March 2019 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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to visit our Award Winning Website!



### ***Next Rabun Chapter Meeting***

**Tuesday, March 19**

**Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Rabun Gap, GA**

**6:30 pm**

### ***Meet the Warden!***

Our guest speaker will be Chad Chambers, the local GA DNR Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement Officer.

Following the speaker, Ray King will lead a discussion on what went right, and what can be improved upon, for the 2019 Rabun Rendezvous. If you prefer to provide written comments on the Rendezvous, email [Ray King](#).

Also, due to National TU changing the fiscal year of the organization to begin March 1, we will have an election of Chapter officers. The Board nominates the current, existing Officers for the one year period beginning March, 2019 to March, 2020. The Board will entertain other nominations for Officers, and then a vote will be held.

All Chapter members and guests are invited to attend the monthly Chapter meeting!



## **Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months**

**Mar 9 (Sat) Fellowship and Fly Fishing.** 9:00 am at the Hatch Camp and Art Farm, Clayton, GA. See Page 16 for more information. Contact [Mike Fuller](#).

**Mar 15 (Fri) Deadline for Trout Camp applications.** See Page 6 for more information. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

**Mar 16 (Sat) GA Council Quarterly Meeting.** 9:00 am at the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Roswell, GA. Contact [Kathy Breihaupt](#).

**Mar 19 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting.** Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Dillard, GA. Elections of Chapter Officers will be held. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

**Mar 23 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch.** 6:00 pm at the Helendorf Hotel in Helen, GA. Annual fund raising event for the [Georgia Foothills Chapter](#). Drawing for the Dream Trip will be held.

**Mar 26 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting.** 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

**April 2 (Tues) Chattooga River Roundup.** 6:00 pm at Lighthouse Event Center in Seneca, SC. Annual fund raising event for the [Chattooga River Chapter](#).

**April 6 (Sat) Fly Fishing 101.** 8:30 am—1:00 pm at Clayton Methodist Creative Learning Center, Clayton, GA. See Page 4 for more information. Contact [Charlie or Kathy Briethaupt](#).

**April 6 (Sat) Sweep the Hooch.** 9:00 am—2:00 pm at the Island Ford National Park Service office, Sandy Springs, GA. Stream cleanup sponsored by the [Upper Chattahoochee Chapter](#).

**April 13 (Sat) Rock Creek Stream Conservation Project.** Contact [Coosa Valley Chapter](#).

**April 13 (Sat) Vogel State Park Stream Conservation Project.** Contact [Chattahoochee-Nantahala Chapter](#).

**April 16 (Tues). Annual Scouts Appreciation Dinner.** Fishing begins at 4:00 pm, supper begins at 6:00 pm. Indian Lake Picnic Area at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. Contact [Jimmy Whiten](#).

**No scheduled Chapter Monthly Meeting for April.**

**April 24-28 (Wed-Sun). Rabun Chapter Spring Campout.** [Oconee State Park](#), Mountain Rest, SC. See Page 3 for more information. Contact [Charlie or Kathy Briethaupt](#).

**April 26 (Fri) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting.** 6:30 pm around the campfire at Site #93, Oconee State Park, Mountain Rest, SC. All Chapter members are invited to attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

**April 27 (Sat) Blue Ridge Trout Fest.** All day in Blue Ridge, GA. Contact [Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter](#).

## Rabun Chapter Spring Campout

**When:** Wednesday April 24 through Sunday April 28

**Where:** [Oconee State Park](#), Mountain Rest, SC

**Who:** All Chapter members and guests are invited!  
Bring a friend!

**Details:** The Chapter will use Site #93 in the Wooded Loop as the “gathering spot”. Meals will be taken there along with story telling around the campfire at night.

Campers should contact the [Park](#) and make their own campsite reservations. There are a variety of sites available, including sites with full hookups.

We will eat breakfast and supper together at Site #93. Lunch is on your own. If you sign up to cook a meal then all meals are free of charge to you. If you do not cook a meal, then pay the cook \$5.00 for each meal that you eat. What a deal! The Chapter will provide stoves, paper plates, silverware, cups.

Even if you don't camp, come by to eat a meal or sit around the campfire!

On Friday, April 26 at 6:30 pm, the Board of Directors will hold the monthly BOD meeting around the campfire. Everyone is encouraged to attend and provide your input into the Chapter activities.

During the day you may explore the Park, hike to scenic waterfalls, photograph spring wildflowers, visit nearby Cashiers, NC, or fish the many streams in the Tri-State area. Remember to carry the appropriate State fishing license!

**For more information**, or to sign up to cook a meal, contact the Campout Hosts [Charlie or Kathy Briehaupt](#).



## Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

### March Brown

**HOOK:** # 12 2X Dry Fly

**TAIL:** Pheasant Tail Fibers

**BODY:** Tan Dubbing with Brown Quill Palmered

**WINGS:** Wood Duck

**THORAX:** Brown and Grizzly Hackle



**GOOD FLY FOR YOUR BOX IN MARCH. WATCH FOR THE AFTERNOON HATCH!**

***See you on The River! Terry***



# FLY-FISHING SEMINAR

[www.rabuntu.org](http://www.rabuntu.org)

- Ever wanted to try your hand at fly-fishing for trout but never learned the in's and out's of it?
- Ever wonder why some people seem to get so "hooked" on it?

Now's your chance! The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is planning a half-day fly-fishing seminar for adults (male and female 16 years and older). The seminar will cover equipment, casting, knots and entomology (the bugs we imitate for fish to eat).

Instructors include Federation of Fly Fishing Certified Instructors and other experts for a hands-on learning experience that will be helpful and fun.

**WHAT: Beginning Fly-Fishing Seminar "Rabunite 101"**

**WHEN: Saturday - April 6, 2018 8:30 am until 1:00 pm**

**WHERE: Clayton Methodist Creative Learning Center/ Gym**  
205 Ministry Mountain Drive, Clayton, GA 30525  
(off old hwy 441 behind the radio station)  
<http://www.claytonmethodist.com/creative-learning-center/>

**HOW MUCH? Cost is only \$25**

**WANT TO SIGN UP??? FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!**  
**The session is limited to 28 participants.**

**Send the form below along with your check made payable to:**

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Charlie Breithaupt  
194 Kitchens Lane  
Clayton, GA 30525 [knc615@windstream.net](mailto:knc615@windstream.net) (706)782-6954

*You will receive notification when you have been registered.*

Please Print **(NEATLY!)** Yes, I want to attend the fly-fishing seminar!



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

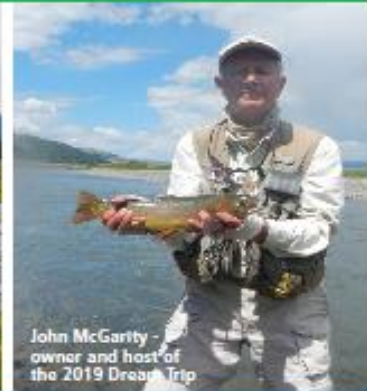
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**Tickets are now on sale for the 2019 Dream Trip!! Tickets are limited, so get yours soon!**

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:

- 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.georgiatu.org)

the winners of this callie are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winners.



Henry Cowen owner of Henry Cowen



Henry Cowen - fly fishing - chapter member





## 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



### SPONSORS



### 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](http://www.georgiatu.org)

Contact:

Charlie Breithaupt

194 Kitchens Lane • Clayton, GA 30525

(706) 782-6954

[knc615@windstream.net](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>.

(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](mailto:knc615@windstream.net)

For information on the 12 TU chapters in GA go to [www.georgiatu.org](http://www.georgiatu.org)

Hey everyone,

**We're excited to be bringing the 2019 TU Southeast Regional Rendezvous to your home state and I hope you'll consider joining us in Dillard, Georgia on May 3-5!**

Designed specifically for TU volunteer like you, regional rendezvous are occasions to be inspired and learn from the work of your fellow volunteers and TU staff across the region. A mix of workshops, round-table discussions, networking opportunities and, of course, fishing, the Southeast Regional Rendezvous is a great way to meet people who share your passion for conservation and learn from each other tips, tactics and ideas to take home and make your own chapter or council stronger!

You will spend a weekend full of inspiring conversations with more than 100 TU volunteers like you, and find the learning from each other to be just as valuable as the relationships you build with like-minded conservationists and anglers from the region!

To help us plan the trainings, and make sure we are meeting your needs, the volunteer-led planning committee asks that you please [click here to take this brief survey](#). Your responses will help us shape the agenda and provide the kind of topics and discussions that are important to you and your local efforts.

More details, including lodging and registration information will be provided in the coming weeks ahead. The cost of the rendezvous will be \$130 for the full weekend, with options to attend for just one day, as well as other options for joining parts of the event.

Thanks for all you do for TU as a volunteer, and we hope to see you in Georgia in May!

*Jeff*



**Jeff Yates / Director of Volunteer Operations**  
[jyates@tu.org](mailto:jyates@tu.org) / 203-216-7078

**Trout Unlimited**  
1777 N. Kent Street, Suite 100 Arlington, VA 22209  
<http://www.tu.org>



## Rabun Chapter Caps Will Be For Sale at the Chapter Meetings

Baseball-style caps in various colors with the “Rabun Chapter TU” logo will be available to purchase at the monthly Chapter meetings.

Cost is \$15 per cap.

Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more details.



## March Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Early Black Stonefly	All month	Late am to Mid pm	18-20 Black Elk Hair Caddis or Griffiths Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Small Dun Caddis (Important)	All month	Late am to Mid pm	18 Brown Elk Hair Caddis 18 Hairs Ear Nymph
Cream Caddis (Important)	Late month	Mid day to Late pm	12-14 Cream Elk Hair Caddis 12-14 Dark Cream Caddis Pupa
Quill Gordon (Important)	Late month	Late am to Mid pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon Nymph
Red Quill aka Hendrickson	Mid-Late month	Mid day to Late pm	14-16 Red Quill or Hendrickson 14-16 Pheasant Tail Nymph
March Brown (Very Important)	Mid-Late month	L am to Mid pm	12-14 March Brown or Adams Parachute 10-14 Dark Hares Ear or Pheasant Tail Nymph
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

## Editors Note

As you can see from the Hatch Chart above, this is the time of year the important hatches start showing up! Waa Hoo!! NOW is the time to prepare. Get your gear together, your fly boxes stocked, and start watching the USGS water gauge at [Burrells Ford](#). When you see the water temperature at 50° F or above and the water level at 200 CFS or below, DROP EVERYTHING and go fishing! This begins the time of year we have been waiting all winter for... dry fly season! I'll see you on “The River”!

# Back Casting

## Monthly Rabun Chapter on Feb 19, 2019

A large group of Rabunites and guests came out on a rainy night to hear a very interesting and informative presentation given by Jimmy Harris, owner of [Unicoi Outfitters](#).

Jimmy thrilled us with tales of fishing in a place like nowhere else on the planet: the Amazon jungle. He regaled us with stories of double-digit peacock bass that shatters any tippet under 40 pounds! Imagine having your guide machete his way through the tight vines of jungle canopy, creating an opening just large enough to slide the Basstracker through, gaining access to a pristine lagoon. He told of coming back to the comfort of a mother-ship, eating amazing Brazilian food while watching macaws and toucans fly overhead. Wow! What a story!

Jimmy took this trip through the guide service [Nomadic Waters](#). He highly recommends this guide service not only for their great guides, accommodations, fishing, and food but also for the services they provide to the local indigenous peoples. Thanks, Jimmy, for another great program!

Following the program, a raffle of donated items was held. A total of \$76 was raised. A big "Thank you!" goes to the donors: Charlie and Kathy Briethaupt, Justin English, Wayne Prosser, Frank Patton, Terry Rivers, Mike Fuller, Jimmy Harris, Tammy Hopton, and Gordon Fowler.



## Back Casting cont.

### Board of Directors Annual Planning Meeting on Feb 9, 2019

On Saturday morning, Feb 9 the Rabun Chapter Board of Directors met at Steve and Elizabeth Perry's house in Sky Valley, GA for the Annual Planning Meeting. The primary topic of the meeting was to set the priorities and budget for the Chapter for 2019. Thank you, Steve and Liz, for your hospitality! The approved budget follows:



<b>RABUN TU BUDGET 2018-2020 October 1, 2018 - March 31, 2020</b>		
		<b>2018 /2020 Budget</b>
<b>Checking Account as of October 1, 2018</b>		<b>\$16,975.21</b>
<b>I. Income:</b>		
1. 9 Mtg Raffles		\$600.00
2. Rod Raffle		\$1,500.00
3. TU Rebates (new members)		\$0.00
4. TU Dream Trip Rebate		\$500.00
5. Council Rebate Membership		\$125.00
6. Donations		\$1,500.00
7. Memorial Donations		\$200.00
8. Alaska Trip (NET)		\$0.00
9. ½ Day F/F School Rabunite 101		\$100.00
10. Rendezvous		\$38,000.00
11. Helicopter Stocking donations; GA Council /GA WFF		\$2,000.00
12. Parties (Christmas etc.)		\$1,500.00
13. Council Remibursement/Storage Unit		\$300.00
14. Dream Trip Deposits (for Council) 2 times March/March		\$4,000.00
15. Chapter Planning Meeting		\$500.00
15. Revenue from Chapter Apparel		\$120.00
16. Other (Naknec, etc.)		\$400.00
<b>Est. TOTAL</b>		<b>\$68,320.21</b>
<b>RABUN RESERVE</b>		<b>-\$5,000.00</b>
		<b>\$63,320.21</b>



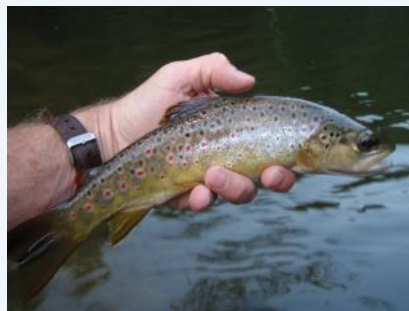
<b><u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
<b><u>A. Chapter Operations:</u></b>		
1. Meetings	-	\$700.00
2. Newsletter (Pat will buy stamps for reimbursement)		\$100.00
3. Administrative (PO Box, Paper, Ink, memberships, etc)		\$300.00
4. Website/Facebook		\$800.00
5. Memorials		\$400.00
6. Chapter Apparel		\$500.00
7. Business Cards signs		\$150.00
8. Christmas Party		\$1,000.00
9. Meeting Space donation RGPC		\$400.00
10. Storage Unit rental		\$1,600.00
11. Chapter Supplies		\$1,000.00
12. Rabunite 101 - ½ Day F/F School 2019-20		\$500.00
13. Dream Trip Tickets to Council 2 times March/March		\$4,000.00
14. Miscellaneous		\$200.00
<b><u>B. Youth &amp; Education:</u></b>		
1. Youth to GA Trout Camp Camper pays \$50	-	\$1,650.00
2. Dukes Creek Youth Edu		\$2,500.00
3. KFE Tallulah River USFS		\$500.00
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5. GA WRD OAD – Unicoi		\$300.00
6. Casting for Recovery		\$1,500.00
7. Project Healing Waters		\$2,000.00
8. GA Wildlife Federation		\$1,000.00
9. a. Gift TU Memberships		\$500.00
b. Libraries & St Parks, 5 @ \$15		\$75.00
c. Foxfire Boys		\$420.00
10. Boy Scouts Support (Need Chapter Liaison)		\$1,000.00
11. Indian Lake Scout Picnic		\$350.00
12. Trout in the classroom ( Need Classroom Liaison)		\$1,000.00
13. Womens fly fishing event (Tammy & Michele)		\$1,000.00
<b><u>C. Conservation Projects:</u></b>		
1. River Clean Up Day	-	\$100.00
2. GA Council Conservation		\$1,000.00
3. Helicopter Stocking Fund		\$4,000.00
4. Misc Projects (Need Chapter Conservation Chair)		\$500.00
<b><u>D. National TU:</u></b>		
1. Youth Education	-	\$1,000.00
2. TU's SE Land Protection Coordinator		\$1,000.00
3. Embrace-A-Stream Prog:		\$1,000.00
4. General Fund: Griffith Circle		\$1,000.00

<b>E. Chapter Outreach/Misc</b>		
1. Donate items for TU Chap fundraisers	-	\$1,000.00
2. Contingency Fund	-	\$250.00
3. SE Rally	-	\$2,000.00
4. Rendezvous Expense	-	\$18,000.00
	-	
<b>TOTAL Budgeted Expenditures</b>	-	<b>\$56,295.00</b>
	-	
<b>Projected Income</b>	-	<b>\$62,820.21</b>
<b>Less Expenditures</b>	-	<b><u>-\$56,295.00</u></b>
<b>Surplus for 2018-2020</b>	-	<b>\$6,525.21</b>
	-	
<b>PLUS - RABUN RESERVE</b>	-	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
	-	
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS for 2018-2020</b>	-	<b>\$10,025.21</b>

Note that any Chapter member may attend the Board of Directors meetings. A Chapter member may provide input and suggestions; motions and votes are reserved for Voting Leaders only as shown page 16. The BOD highly encourages Chapter members to attend the meetings and provide input.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Rabun Gap, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#) for more details.

### ***Spring is Coming!***



## **Rabun Chapter Membership Update**

**Current membership: 161 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.**

### ***Welcome New Members!***

**Brad Harden from Clayton, GA.**

### ***Thanks for Re-Uping!***

**Pat Atwater, Bob Blalock, Kathy & Charlie Breithaupt, George & Martha Christian, Don Edwards, Glenn English, Justin English, Bob Larsen, Michael Leonard, Ron Michaels, Frank Patton, Ted Poulin, John Slater, Dwayne Thompson, Burdette Townsend, and Fritz Vinson.**

### ***Members That Need to Re-Up!***

**Peggy Crowe, Scott Edwards, Jacob Houston, Ken Knowles, Richard Mueller, Steven Platek, Robbie Shead, Phil Upchurch, Kane Williams, and Michael Williams.**

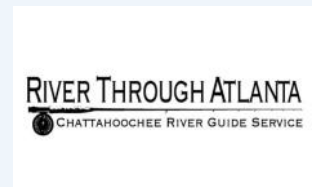
## **You are Invited to Join Trout Unlimited!**

[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!*

## **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.***



## FISHING REPORTS

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

### Dukes Creek and Smith Creek Report

Submitted by Brian Weeks, 2/25/19

I fished Dukes and Smith last Wednesday. At Dukes, the water temp was between 44F and 47F throughout the day. The fish were taking larger flies - mainly a #8 girdle bug, but a few hit a #14 orange egg. I switched to smaller flies, like a #18 midge, but didn't pick anything up. Once I went back to the larger flies, the bite was back on. Netted a dozen or so up to 14 inches. Even caught a couple of pretty wilds.

Then went over to Smith DH for an hour and a half before it got dark. Smith was on fire. I fished the same set up as I used at Dukes and got 14 fish up to 14 inches to the net and slammed out with lots of brookies.



### What is a “Grand Slam”?

That rare occurrence when the moon and stars align just right and the fortunate fisherman catches—in one day! - each of the three trout species: brook, brown, and rainbow trout.

You earn bragging rights if you do it! *Way to go, Brian!*

## Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

### Voting Leaders

<a href="#">Kent Wilson</a>	Chapter President
<a href="#">Jeff Durniak</a>	Chapter Vice President
<a href="#">Charlie Breithaupt</a>	Treasurer
<a href="#">Kathy Breithaupt</a>	Secretary
<a href="#">Steve Perry</a>	Past President
<a href="#">Doug Adams</a>	Director Emeritus
<a href="#">Ray King</a>	Rendezvous Chair
<a href="#">Frank Patton</a>	Director thru 2019
<a href="#">David Ruth</a>	Director thru 2019
<a href="#">Brian Weeks</a>	Director thru 2020
<a href="#">Tony Allred</a>	Director thru 2020
<a href="#">Justin English</a>	Director thru 2021
<a href="#">Terry Rivers</a>	Director thru 2021
<a href="#">Tammy Hopton</a>	Director thru 2022
<a href="#">Jimmy Whiten</a>	Director thru 2022

### Non-Voting Leaders

<a href="#">Michele Crawford</a>	Women's Outreach, Memorials
<a href="#">Larry Walker</a>	Advocacy
<a href="#">Saint Patrick</a>	Tight Lines Editor
<a href="#">Jerry McFalls</a>	Scouts Liaison, Trout in the Class Room
<a href="#">Mike Fuller</a>	Membership Chair

### Prez Notes

Due to the unseasonably warm temperatures we have been enjoying, our mountains are beginning to show early signs of spring. We are having a brief respite from what seems to be never ending rains so hopefully stream conditions will improve somewhat within a few days.

Just in time to help shake off the winter doldrums, Rabunite Scott Low is hosting a Rabun Trout Unlimited Chapter Appreciation Day for chapter members on his private waters at Hatch Camp and Art Farm on Saturday, March 9, 2019. If you plan to attend, please RSVP either Scott or Mike Fuller so that they can plan accordingly. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy some great fishing and camaraderie in a beautiful setting on Warwoman Creek. Please take the opportunity to thank Scott and Nicole for their generous hospitality.

The Trout Unlimited Southeastern Rally this year will be held on May 3-5th at the Dillard House in Dillard, Georgia. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with Trout Unlimited staff and other chapter members from throughout the southeast while enjoying great food and training classes.

Also, mark your calendars for the annual Scout Cookout which will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Indian Lake. The scouts in attendance will not only enjoy grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, but also an opportunity to hone their angling skills while working up an appetite.

Additional information regarding the above events as well as other upcoming activities can be found in this newsletter. I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

*Kent Wilson*