

TIGHT LINES

November 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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Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

Fellowship Hall of Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church

8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA

Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

The meeting program will be led by Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Chair, and will consist of discussion and planning for the upcoming 2020 Rabun Rendezvous. The Rendezvous is our primary fund-raising event for the year and much planning goes into a successful event. We need your input!

Immediately following the Chapter meeting, the Board of Directors will hold their monthly Board meeting. Any Chapter member is welcome to attend.



Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

Nov 1 (Fri) GA Delayed Harvest Trout Season Begins. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Nov 1 (Fri) SC Delayed Harvest Trout Season Begins. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Nov 13-17 (Wed-Sun) Chapter Fall Campout. Oconee State Park, Mountain Rest, SC. See Page 7 for more information. Contact [Terry Rivers](#).

Nov 19 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting followed by Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Dillard, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Dec 9 (Mon) Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner. 6:00 pm at the Rock House at the Dillard House Restaurant, Dillard GA. \$35 per person. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Dec 17 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone can attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Jan 18 (Sat) 33rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous. Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA. Contact [Ray King](#).

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A CHAPTER MEETING IN NOVEMBER, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE OF THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, FROM DEC 10 TO DEC 9.



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.



Backcasting

Chapter Meeting October 15, 2019

A very large turn-out of Rabun Chapter members and guests were at the monthly Chapter meeting to hear Ryan Foote and Robbie Sitlzar, District Rangers of the USFS Chattooga River and Andrew Pickens Districts respectively, speak on the “Summary of the Upper Chattooga River Recreation Monitoring Study Report” and “Update on Forest Service Activities within the Chattooga River Watershed”.

This study synthesizes a two-year monitoring effort of recreation uses, including hiking, backpacking, fishing, and boating, within the Wild & Scenic River section located upstream of GA Hwy 28.

The report is meant to assess current recreational management strategies, as well as guide future Forest Service decisions regarding this amazing natural resource.

To read the report, [CLICK HERE](#).

Following that presentation, they further provided a summary of ongoing and potential future management activities across the Chattooga River and Andrew Pickens Districts.

It was another great Rabun Chapter program meeting! If you haven't been coming to the Chapter meetings then you are missing out on some really good programs. We hope to see you at the next one!



Congratulations, Michele!

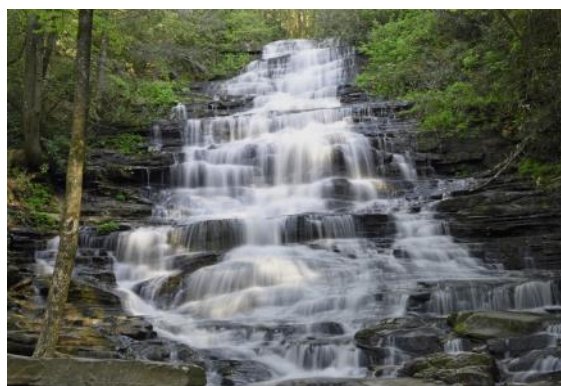
Rabunite Michele Crawford recently had three of her photos chosen by the Georgia Council for the Arts to hang at the State Capitol until early spring, 2020.

She recently delivered the pieces and got to meet Governor Brian Kemp and the First Lady Marty Kemp. All three of her photos represent Rabun County: a sunset photo from Lake Burton, Wildcat Creek in the autumn and an autumn drive along Finney Creek.

Michele also had one piece chosen to hang at the Governor's Mansion. That piece was her Minnehaha Falls photo. She will deliver it to Mrs. Kemp at the mansion on November 13th.

Michele and Broderick Crawford are faithful supporters of Trout Unlimited, along with many other conservation organizations. They offer outstanding wildlife prints and photographs at their [Crawford Art Gallery](#), located at 68 North Main Street, Clayton, GA.

Visit them soon and offer your congratulations for this great honor!



Happy Anniversary, Outdoors 76!
Report submitted by Charlie Breithaupt

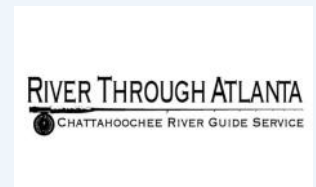
The local outdoor shop, Outdoors 76, just celebrated its first year in business in Clayton. The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited was invited to participate in the festivities.

Several members of the Chapter were there, tying flies, promoting the mission of TU and encouraging folks to join the Rabun Chapter. We now have several new members and look forward to getting to know them.

Thanks Outdoor 76 and congratulations on your birthday!!

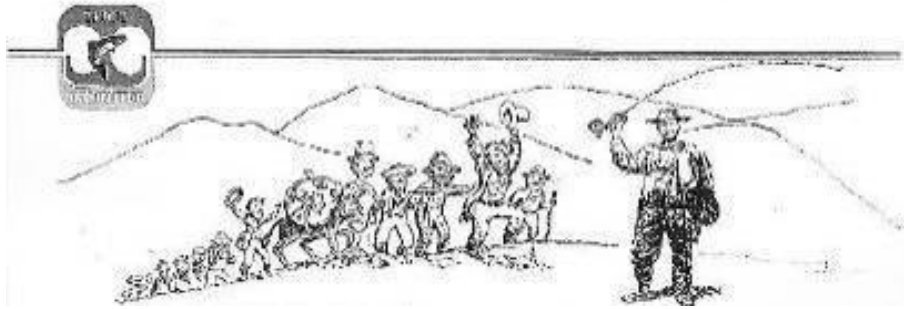


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Thank you, Sponsors! We appreciate your support of the Rabun Chapter!

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



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

Please join us for the 33rd 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 18, 2020.

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 cheese, 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!

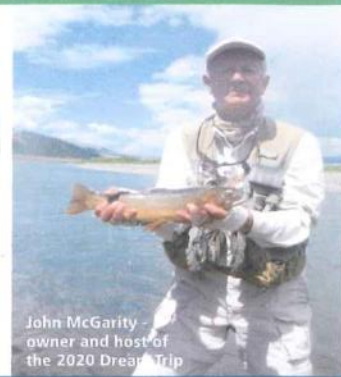
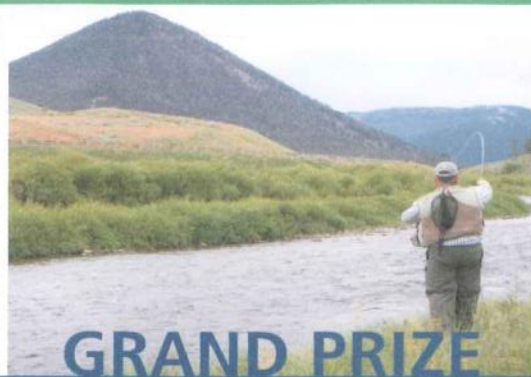
Please note there will be no guest speaker this year. For this reason, we anticipate concluding the Rendezvous at an earlier time than previous years.

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 2019 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.

DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



GRAND PRIZE

John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2020 Dream Trip

"The 2020 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 26-31, 2020

• \$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 AIR 3 wt. - 6 wt. or BILL-x 4 wt. - 8 wt. fly rod. Fly reel with Scientific Anglers or Winston Energy Fly 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 winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

- TFO- BVK fly rod - 6 wt. 9', 4 piece fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- RISE 5-6 fly reel with 5 or 6 wt. 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
- Fly box with assortment of Terrestrial flies. Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Complete assortment of fly-tying materials (thread, hooks, dubbing, flash, hackle, hair, beads, marabou, chenille and a few tools. Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Certificate for any Scientific Anglers fly line. Donated by the Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly-casting class during 2020. 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 2020 year
- Witching Hour (4 hour) Trip for Bass on Lanier or Carp on the Chattahoochee in the summer. Donated by Henry Cowen. Trip must be used from end May thru Sept. 2020.
- Gift Certificate valued at \$350 from Big T Fly Fishing Online Outfitter, Fly Shop and Guide Service. Good towards Guide Service or Merchandise. Donated by The Cohutta Chapter of TU
- Unguided half day fishing at Nacoochee Bend for two fishermen: Donated by Unicoi Outfitters.
- \$100 Gift certificate from the Mid-Georgia Chapter.
- Half day trophy brown trout guided float trip for two on Chattahoochee River, valued at \$375: Donated by Chris Scalley River Through Atlanta www.rivertroughatlanta.com
- Two draws of Six dozen trout flies each: Donated by 12 TU chapters in Georgia.



Jimmy Harris, owner of Unicoi Outfitters



Recent winner - Vic Aloisio - Tallapoosa Chapter member



For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org

2020 Dream Trip tickets are now on sale!

Contact **David Ruth**, Ticket Chairperson, or any member of the BOD to purchase tickets.

***Rabun Chapter Fall Campout
November 13 through 17, 2019
Oconee State Park
Mountain Rest, SC***

The Rabun Chapter will hold its annual Fall Chapter Campout on Nov 13 -17, 2019 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!!!

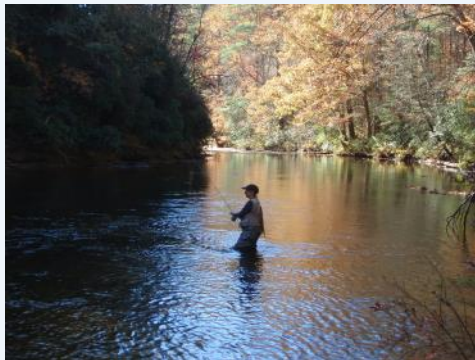
Campsite #93 in the "Wooded Loop" will be the official gathering site. Campsites fill up fast this time of year, so don't delay in making your campsite reservations (see below).

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 Terry 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 the camp host [Terry Rivers](#) or at 706-782-7419.

To make campsite reservations, [CLICK HERE](#). Let's have a big turnout.... see you there!

Terry Rivers



Fishing Reports
Send your fishing reports to [Tightlines Editor](#)

North of the (GA) Border Trip

Submitted by
Kent Wilson, Chapter Prez and Jeff Durniak, Chapter Vice Prez

Veteran Rabunite Kent and his Retiree-in-Training, Dredger, hit IDBIS River across the northern border and had a big afternoon on dries and droppers.

The best recipe was a chunky October Caddis with a black zebra midge trailer. It was midge city up there, with plenty of fish looking up throughout the afternoon.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a video of fish rising to midges.



Calling all Trout Campers!
Applications are now being accepted for the
2020 Trout Camp!



Where: Tallulah Falls School, Clayton, Georgia

When: May 31 to June 5, 2020 (Sunday – Friday)

Who: 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!

Camp Location:
Northeast Georgia in
the town of Tallulah Falls.
The Heart of the Blue
Ridge Mountains.



2019
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Mail your application ([CLICK HERE](#)) for Trout Camp to

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

Deadline for applications is March 15, 2020.

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

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

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Mylar Prince Nymph

HOOK: #12 Scud

HEAD: Gold Bead

TAIL: Brown Goose Bigots

BODY: Pearl Mylar and Copper Wire Palmered

THORAX: Peacock Hair

WING : White Goose Bigots



Great attractor fly to use during the Delayed Harvest season! Drop behind a dry fly use a strike indicator.

Congratulations, Laurel Smith!

Tallulah Falls School coaches name Indians of the Month



CHESNEY TANKERSLEY



AUSTIN BALL



LAUREL SMITH



HENRY XIONG

Tallulah Falls School (TFS) coaches recently named the Indians of the Month for September, selecting middle schoolers Chesney Tanksley and Austin Ball and high schoolers Laurel Smith and Zhigao Henry Xiong.

Tanksley, a seventh-grader from Mt. Airy, was selected as an Indian of the Month by TFS middle school volleyball coach Whitney LaHayne.

"Chesney has made tremendous improvements over the past few months," LaHayne

INDIANS ON 2B

Correspondence Received from the Upper Chattahoochee Chapter, Trout Unlimited

We really appreciate the Rabun TU chapter's the support for the UCCTU fundraiser last week! Below is our thanks to you and the chapter.

October 31, 2019

This is to certify that The Rabun TU Chapter has donated a trout blanket valued at \$100 to the Upper Chattahoochee Chapter of Trout Unlimited (UCCTU) for its annual fundraiser. UCCTU's Tax Identification Number is 52-1491867 and is a 501(C)3 under Trout Unlimited FIN 36-1612715.

We thank you for your support.

Your donation goes a long way and it allows us to offer 15 Trout in the Classroom programs, disabled veterans fishing programs via Project Healing Waters, our nationwide #CleanMyWater Campaign, Women's Fly Fishing Clinic and Rizzio Youth Fly Fishing Clinic, an Adopt-A-Stream monitoring program, and other community and conservation-minded projects.

As part of the Embrace-A-Stream Grant Program, UCCTU was awarded a 2019 grant from Trout Unlimited National to restore a tributary of the Chattahoochee River to improve the habitat of wild brown trout. It is scheduled be a multi-year project and a significant undertaking.

These efforts require lots of work, but also community involvement and funding. So, none of these activities would be possible without your support.

As a result of our endeavors, UCCTU was honored this year with the coveted 2019 Gold Trout award from TU National for conducting innovative grassroots programs to bring social awareness and educational commitment to conservation throughout the Atlanta region.

And you play a significant part in this commitment.

Most appreciatively,

**Connor Reynolds
UCCTU Chapter President
Phone: 404-725-0924**

Rabun Chapter Membership Update
Current membership: 174 adult members and 7 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members!

Landon Clark from Dillard, GA; Torin Hooper from Covington, GA; and Tommy Tebeau from Sky Valley, GA.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Don Atkinson, Robert Berry, Kathy Breithaupt, Broderick and Michele Crawford, David King, Michael Leonard, Emil Leum, Sandy Morgan-Brungage, Mark Motsko, David Nichols, Steve Perry, Tom Shirley, and Don Stenhouse.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Mike Addington, David Bentley, Kyle Burrell, and Ed Townsend.

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 Chapter Prez [Kent Wilson](#).

We look forward to having you in our Chapter!

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
Ray King	Rendezvous Chair
Frank Patton	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
Jerry McFalls	Scouts Liaison
Pat Hopton	Tight Lines Editor

Prez Notes

Cooler temperatures have finally arrived. Fortunately, the falling temperatures were accompanied by several inches of much needed rainfall. Once the water levels have had a chance to settle down again the fishing conditions should be exceptional. What better way to spend a beautiful fall day than wading your favorite trout stream and making some memories? Dredger and I had the opportunity to slip off early last week prior to the wet weather and check out one of the favorite rivers of the Rabunites. The weather was amazing and the fish were cooperative. To be completely honest, they were much more cooperative for Jeff than they were for yours truly, but I did manage to bring a few to hand. I am convinced that all his years as a “fish whisperer” definitely worked in Jeff’s favor.

The fall chapter campout will take place at Oconee State Park from Wednesday, November 13th through Sunday, November 17th. Even if you don’t camp, you are encouraged to stop by for some excellent fellowship, fishing and grub. Please RSVP Terry Rivers no later than November 8th if you plan to join the group for one or more meals. The stocking of the delayed harvest section of the Chattooga River will already have occurred so there will be some great fishing opportunities.

The November chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:30 P. M. The BOD meeting will follow immediately afterwards and all are welcomed to stay for this meeting as we will be focusing on the 2020 Rabun Rendezvous.

Kent Wilson