



TIGHT LINES

February 2020 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, February 18

*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*

From Rockies to Appalachians: New Biologist Meet & Greet Presentation by Sarah Baker, GA DNR Fisheries Biologist

Sarah will unpack her adventure filled endeavor to landing her dream job as a fisheries biologist. She has worked extensively with trout in riverine systems in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Washington, and Alabama. She'll discuss various habitat improvement/stream restoration techniques that she has contributed to, and describe her research experience with a tailwater trout fishery. Sarah will also share some of her upcoming responsibilities with GA DNR.



Forward Casting - Important Dates for the Next Two Months

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

Feb 18 (Tues) Monthly Chapter Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Feb 25 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone may attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Mar 14 (Sat) GA Council TU Quarterly Meeting. 8:00 am—11:00 pm. Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell, GA. Anyone may attend. Contact [Charlie or Kathy Briehaupt](#).

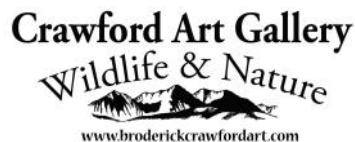
Mar 17 (Tues) Monthly Chapter Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church in Rabun Gap, GA. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Mar 21 (Sat) Hoot on the Hooch. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Helendorf Inn in Helen, GA. Annual fund raising event for the [GA Foothills Chapter](#). The drawing for the Dream Trip will be held.

Mar 24 (Tues) Rabun Chapter Board of Directors Meeting. 6:30 pm at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church. Anyone may attend. Contact [Kent Wilson](#).

Mar 28 (Sat) Rabunite 101, An Introduction to Fly Fishing. 8:30 am—1:00 pm at Clayton Methodist Creative Learning Center, Clayton, GA. See Page 8 for more information. Contact [Charlie or Kathy Briehaupt](#).

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Scenes from the 33rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous!

Pictures submitted by Michele Crawford

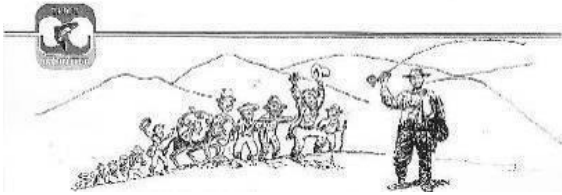


Preliminary Results from the 33nd Annual Rabun Rendezvous

Attendance: 224 adults and youth

Net Receipts: \$12,035.00

Waaa Hooo!



“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.

A Personal Note to All from Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Chair

Thanks to all who made the 2020 Rabun Rendezvous successful!

The Rabun TU Chapter celebrated our 33rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous this year! This is a tremendous milestone for our chapter. “Old Man Winter” smiled on us again this year. The crowd braved the rain, and then enjoyed the break in the weather, the music and the fellowship.

Thanks to the Dillard House and The Foxfire Boys! They provided outstanding facilities, food, service and fantastic music! We felt the presence of missing, but not forgotten, members of our TU family in “Around the Bend,” especially fellow Rabunites Fritz Vinson and Doug Adams.

We are indeed blessed to be part of a community who love the outdoors. Thanks to all who were able to attend the Rabun Rendezvous! Your presence helps make our Rendezvous the success it has become. Those of you who weren’t there, missed a great time and we hope to see you next year. Come be part of our community!

A special thank you is due to all the volunteers from the Rabun TU Chapter who donated their time and resources to make this year’s Rabun Rendezvous a success. They worked to solicit great donations from our friends and businesses who support the TU efforts, participated in the event set-up and worked as runners in the Silent Auction and Bucket Raffles and staffed the Registration desk. I cannot thank you enough.

A special thank you is offered to all of the individuals, organizations and businesses who made donations to this year’s Rabun Rendezvous. We offer our thanks for your assistance both in advertising and financial support of the Rendezvous through your generous donations.

See the next page for a list of our wonderful donors!

33rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous Donor List

Eedee Adams and The Doug Adams Family; Brooks, Amanda, Avril and Calder Adams; Allison Adams; Johnny Amrine (Amrine Rentals, Clayton, GA); Kathy and Charlie Breithaupt; Unicoi State Park & Lodge; Michele and Broderick Crawford (Crawford Art Gallery, Clayton, GA); John Dillard, Jr. (Dillard House and Staff); Jeff Durniak; Smithgall Woods State Park; The Foxfire Boys (Wayne Gipson, Mike Hamilton, Steve McCall, Tom Nixon, Dean English, Filmer Kilby) ; Jake Darling & Jimmy Harris (Unicoi Outfitters, Helen, GA); Tammy and Pat Hopton; Vaughn Rogers (Reeves Hardware – Dillard, GA); Jim Kidd; Mack Martin (Atlanta Fly Fishing School); Susan and Frank Patton; Julian F. Patton, Jr.; Jeff Reeves & Lewis Reeves III (Reeves Hardware – Clayton, GA); Terry Rivers; Gail and Frank Tolbert; Highlands Aerial Park (Scaly Mountain, NC); Ray King; Highland Hiker (Highlands, NC); Maria Rodeghiero; Steve Hudson; Rabun TU Chapter; Monte Seehorn (Seehorn Cellars); Brian Weeks; River Through Atlanta (Chris Scalley); Rodney Tumlin; North Paulding High School Fly Fishing & Conservation Club (Rodney Tumlin); Mane Design (Cathy Williams); Noland Smathers; Mike Sobaski (Pere Marquette Michigan); Coosa Valley TU Chapter; Brookings Anglers (Highlands, NC); Steve Perry; Peter Croes; Jimmy Jacobs; Jerry Watt; Karen Paris; Clint Hood; Kent Wilson; Silver Threads & Golden Needles (Franklin, NC); Bob Beck (In Honor of Doug Adams); Wander North Georgia (Clayton, GA); Upper Chattahoochee Chapter – GA TU (Connor Reynolds); Sky Valley Country Club; Bob Pickens – Pickens Forge Knives (Tiger, GA); Trey McFalls (Shady Creek Expeditions); Gordon Fowler; Pat Stewart (In Memory of Garland Stewart); June Landreth (In Memory of Tom Landreth); David Ruth; Patsy & Ray Gentry; Doug Hickman; Sid Elliott; Dwayne Hoback (In Memory of Garland Stewart); Bill Beach; Ashley Johns; Will Mohr; Scott Low (Hatch Camp & Art Farm, Clayton, GA); Co-hutta TU Chapter (Don Thomson); Tiger Mountain Vineyards (Tiger, GA); Kent Wilson; Steve Thomasovich (Big T Fly Fishing); Tony Allred; Susan Marchant; and Bob Justin.

WAAHOO for our 33rd Annual Rabun Rendezvous! Hope to see you on the water.

Ray King, Rabun Rendezvous Chair

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Backcasting
Rabun Chapter Monthly Meeting
January 14

A large turnout of Rabun Chapter members and guests came to hear Gold Rush TU'er and avid mountain trout Sam Johnson give a great program on his newly published book, "Flyfishing the Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina Section."

The audience was in shock and awe as Sam gave explicit details on prime locations to fish - and catch! - native speckled trout from various access points off the Blue Ridge Parkway. More than one Rabunite was heard to murmur "Sure hope he doesn't write a book on Rabun County streams!"

Seriously, if you missed the meeting you missed a great program. Sam's book may be purchased from the website shown below. Thank you, Sam, for coming to our Chapter meeting and sharing your knowledge!

<https://wildbearings.com/>



Call for Nominations

The Rabun Chapter Board of Directors respectfully submits the following slate of officers to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board. Any Chapter member may nominate any other persons to these positions. A vote for these positions will occur at the upcoming March Chapter meeting.

<u>Position</u>	<u>To Serve Through</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	2023	Jeff Durniak
Vice President	2023	Tammy Hopton
Past President	2023	Kent Wilson
Treasurer	2021	Charlie Breithaupt
Secretary	2021	Kathy Breithaupt
Rendezvous Chair	2022	Ray King
Director	2021	Tony Allred
Director	2022	Justin English
Director	2022	Terry Rivers
Director	2023	Jimmy Whiten

Rabunite Recons

We're announcing a new program in the new year: Rabunite Recons. These are short-notice invitations to members to go fishing. They're meant to complement and not replace the great trips, planned well in advance, by Mike Fuller, Charlie Breithaupt, and other Rabunites who have full family schedules and prefer to plan their fishing trips way ahead of time.

We hope to use Mike's fishing trip email list as the method to announce sudden trips and meet up, likely streamside.

Semi-retirement now affords me more fishing time, especially on weekdays. I typically let the three W's dictate my trip plans for the coming day(s). When my Work schedule, Weather forecast, and Water level "stars" align, I go fishing. Hopefully I'll "catch" more than "fish". And that might appeal to some chapter members, especially our newer folks who could use a little instream advice and may have the ability to go fishing on short notice.

Example Dredger email, which Mike would distribute:

"Gonna hit Nan DH tomorrow. Should get there around 1 and will stay til dark around 6. Black Sentra with White County plates. Will depart Cleveland around 11:15 and go thru Hiawassee."

Let's give it a try. I'm going fishing anyway. If anyone wants to tag along, I'd love the streamside company. Just know that I go at prime angling times and stay through those prime times. I don't hang out first at huddle house or come back early for supper or soccer practice. Folks with commitments are welcome to join me astream late or leave early. Others as ruint as me are welcome to hop in for my Dredger marathons.

Get ready for some short notice invitations. And whether you're a big planner or a spur-of-moment angler, we hope you're able to fish more in 2020. In honor of my fishing buddy, the dearly departed Ole Rabunite, I will close this note to y'all with the same well-wishes he shared with me each January:

Happy New Fishing Season! Waaahhh HOOO!!!'

Jeff Durniak, aka "The Dredger"





FLY-FISHING SEMINAR

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 – March 28, 2020 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 (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 _____

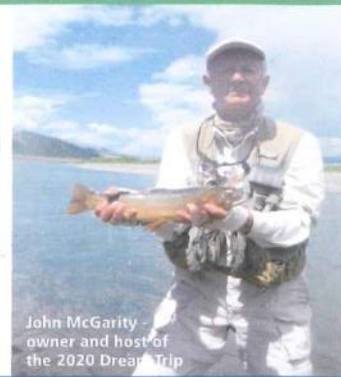
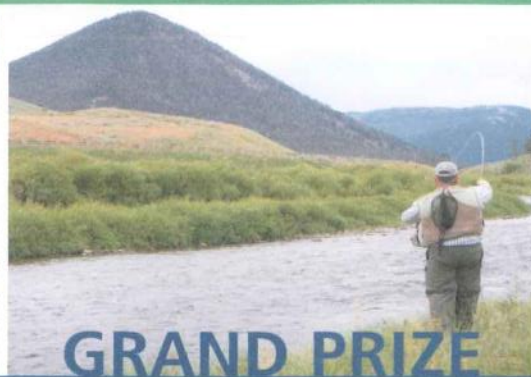
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DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



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.

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

WAY South of Hiawasse
Submitted by Peter Croess

Six months ago -literally- this was only a dream or even a daydream that an extended fishing trip would be a realistic event for me; however, by the grace of God and the prayers of others known and unknown around the world it became a reality and the wonderful patience and encouragement of my love for life wife Jeanie.

First with a short in county trip spec and bass fishing, and then an overnight trip south to the Everglades for what we thought would be a good day -which it was- only to be a depressed day of catching! Andy and I vowed to return following the Barkley, Bean, Bryant and Friends First Tee Benefit which we did the following Monday when he picked up the *old man*! He has been fishing those waters for over in Chokoloskee and the Ten Thousand Islands for over fifty years and has known the waters before and after all of the interim weather disruptions referred to as hurricanes; and it doesn't hurt that he knows where the shallows/oyster bars are which become very evident at low tides.



Peter, “Sir Charles” Barkley and Andy Bean in Lakeland

At breakfast the first morning we were joined by an old acquaintance from Islamorada - Steve Huff- who now lives and guides (when he feels like it and only with previous FL Keys fly fishing clients) in Everglades City. Andy and I finished breakfast (he lost the ticket even/odd and paid) and we drove a few miles south to put in at Chokoloskee to begin our trip south into the Glades fishing for Snook although the season was closed (for keeping not catching within the slot limits).

Fishing Reports (cont.)
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The water temperature in the morning thru early afternoon was 65.7 to 68.2 which would make the Snook rather lethargic and disinterested in feeding unless they were “disturbed.” When the sun was up warming the water surface, we observed a couple of spots where its range was 70.5 to 71.2 -F of course- which was a long way from the 90F+ of August/ September.

In three days, we would travel about 200+ through the Everglades, yes two hundred plus miles to various known channels to reach the known Snook spots. In short, we had a long way to go to get where we wanted to fish and a short time to get there if we wanted to maximize our lines in the water time. A Key Rule has always been if you fall overboard stand up; and if something happens to me -and you have to motor back- follow the markers and head - generally- North West; and let the fish jerk first!

As we motored daily -mostly at or before sunrise- through the various bays, creeks and open waters in-route to the likely Snook habitat we observed mullet, ladyfish, shark, alligators, tarpon, schools of porpoise balling the mullet for snacks and those blasted Cormorants who -collectively- are literally depleting the baitfish. We were sure that Pythons were in the Mangroves although there had been no sightings -or immediate dispatches thereof- and no noticeable dwindling/decline of the gators who were previously the top of the food chain predators.

I don't think that the ambient temperature ever exceeded/broke 75F the entire trip. Most of the time we rode/fished with jackets or vests on (with ear plugs) and at cruising speeds over 45 -except in creeks, no wake zones or where canoes, yaks, or others were fishing- we needed that wind/warmth protection.



Sunrise in Chokoloskee Bay along the Wilderness Waterway

Fishing Reports (cont.)
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The sky was blue on the first day following the passing of the previous cold front and the fishing was slow and required a lot of casting under or at the edge of the Mangrove branches and roots; and I must admit that I put my Mirror Lure in the second floor windows more than once although we only had to go in to extricate it once as Andy kept the boat out about five yards from my casting length. On the positive side this allowed me an opportunity to catch -if they came up to my bait- from the shallows where they were trying to get warm.

I used two baits (rods) one a chartreuse Mirror Lure and the other a white swim bait with a bullet weight (which I only threw >100 times< in the three days and only had bumps and no gulps). I only lost one plug with a break off. Andy hooked a way over slot 40" + Snook who seized an opportunity and cut the 30# leader line with a slash of his razor sharp gills only to reappear surfacing later shaking his head vigorously in an attempt to dislodge the \$12.00 topwater Bomber lure from the corner of his mouth . . . needless to say he re-tied with a 40# leader and lost no other lures this trip using a walking Bomber, chartreuse Mirror Lure and a few casts with a white jig.

Most of the Snook we managed to catch were in the 12" to 18" range and although the catching was slower we hoped, and gave them every opportunity, to self-release "throws" near the boat so we did not have to remove them from the water to dislodge the hook although that method was a frequent occurrence. Once out of water they shook wildly so removing the treble hooks was a challenge especially when all three barbs of the tail hook - two upper lips and one lower lip- required delicate but a firm grip of the lure to safely remove without any significant damage to the animal lest they be on the menu later that day for another Snook or smaller shark. Sore lipping would, I'm sure be their preferred outcome!

Day two turned out to be our most productive day although we left a couple hours late due to an extremely dense fog which rolled in ahead of another front. We found several spots - points- on the outgoing tides where Snook would opportunistically feed on the smorgasbord of passing delights. Once past that feeding zone is where we caught trout which only posed for photos and not the skillet although they were in season . . . a photo and memo always tastes better in the future and limits its bragging growth size!



Fishing Reports (cont.)
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Andy predominantly fished a top water Bomber walking it right-to-left in 6' to 10" increments trying to get the Snook to rise -pissing them off- to come up and take my trailing lure. It worked, occasionally, unless the Snook were too lethargic to rise up and strike the annoyance.

On day three we departed the Chokoloskee ramp and made an initial forty-five-minute run to a place which Andy wanted to revisit from historic catches with plans to be back at the ramp before the tide changed. During that trip -about halfway- Andy throttled back and said he wanted to show me something in about fifty yards that I would not believe . . . *if I were sitting at a Rabunites campfire it would start out with well, you SOB's aren't gonna believe this* . . . and he was right. Right there in the middle of nowhere we circled until he found the spot where he could pick up an AT&T signal and he made a phone call to Brian at Power Poll to troubleshoot the inoperability of his power poll . . . a 40AMP in-line fuse had literally melted. I can't state how I repaired it -for warranty reasons- although it became fully functional.

For dinner on day two one of Andy's friends sent over some fresh fried Elk strips which we consumed as a pre desert (Vanilla Cherry and Rocky Road) which we would later obtain at the Circle K.

We did continue on and catch several under slot Snook before returning early because of excessively strong winds out of the north which was moving additional water with it on the outgoing tide and we altered our return plans returning earlier to avoid awaiting pull out after dark thirty! On the way back in Andy pointed out, which were clearly visible, both the oyster and sand bars rearing their presence half of the way through the outgoing tide . . . had we waited we would have had 100 plus/minus yards for bottom between us and the end of the ramp. As it was I dropped one set of the tandem wheels off the ramp when pulling out the boat and the 250Hp motor worked a little to put the bow up to the front stop while I attached the winch tightening it enough to make a soprano proud with the tension tone it had!

Well all good trips have to end so I will end here saying that my trip was made possible because I had experienced the grace of God due to prayers and the privilege of standing on the shoulders of others and my good friend of Andy.

VolFish

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
Georgia Trout Camp

PARTNERS



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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](#).

February Hatch Chart

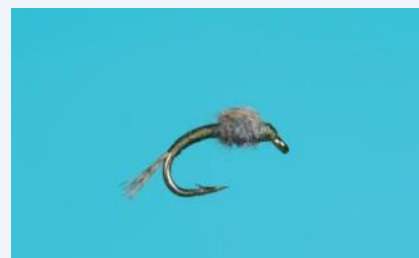
<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
Black Stonefly	All month	Late am to Mid pm	18-20 Black Elk Hair Caddis or Griffiths Gnat 16-18 Black Stone Nymph or Pheasant Tail Nymph
Small Dun Caddis	Late month	Late am to Mid pm	18 Brown Elk Hair Caddis 18 Hairs Ear Nymph
Quill Gordon	Late month	Late am to Mid pm	12-14 Quill Gordon 12 Quill Gordon 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

Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

WD 40

HOOK: #14—20 Scud
TAIL: Wood Duck Fibers
BODY: Grey Thread
THORAX: Grey Dubbing
WING CASE: Wood Duck Flanks
HEAD: Grey Thread or Silver Tungsten Bead



Great fly to use anytime during the winter months as a dropper.

See you on The River! Terry

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.



Rabun Chapter Membership Update
Current membership: 185 adult members and 6 Stream Explorers.

Welcome New Members!

Christy Shelton from Clayton, GA.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Pat Atwater, David Bentley, Doug Bryant, Larry Ekman, Shane English, Matthew Hardin, Doug Hickman, Tom Matthews, Sandy Morgan-Brundage, Jimmy Whiten, Jason Whitfield, and Leigh Wyatt.

Members That Need to Re-Up!

Brooks and Amanda Adams, Tammy Hopton, and Nick McDougald.

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
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

Another Rabun Rendezvous has come and gone. We enjoyed another great turnout despite the rain at this year's gathering. Those in attendance not only enjoyed some great food, music and fellowship, but also many excellent Silent Auction/Bucket Raffle items. The Foxfire Boys were a crowd pleaser as always!

The generous support of our business partners and many contributors year after year are directly responsible for the overall success of this vitally important fundraising effort! We deeply appreciate your continuing support! I strongly encourage all the Tight Lines readers to take every opportunity to support the businesses that so generously support us.

We also owe a huge thanks to all of you who came out and joined us for this event. Not only do we enjoy your company, but your attendance is vital to the ultimate financial success of the Rendezvous. The Rabunites sincerely appreciate each of you for your participation!

Special recognition goes to Rabunite Ray King who did an excellent job in planning/ coordinating the Rendezvous. His hard work and dedication are sincerely appreciated!

I hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable time and the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones as well. We look forward to seeing you back again next year!

Kent Wilson