



TIGHT LINES

June 2022 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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June, 2022 Rabun Chapter Meeting

All Chapter members and guests are invited!

Tuesday, June 21

Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Rabun Gap, GA

6:30 pm

A graduate of North Georgia University, Landon Williams has been a fishing fanatic since early childhood. He's already flyfished for more than 15 years and chases everything our region has to offer, from headwater specks to Dukes trophy rainbows and from river bass to Lanier stripers.

Landon will be covering the specifics of Georgia DNR's Bass Slam and how you too can earn this achievement. You will also learn about the uniqueness of Georgia's black basses, where to find them, and perhaps a trick or two to shorten your learning curve on this great summer endeavor.

See you there—bring a friend!



Important Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars Now!

- **Sunday, June 5 through Friday, June 10. GA Trout Camp.** To be held at Tallulah Falls School. Contact [Kathy or Charlie Breithaupt](#), Camp Coordinators, to learn about opportunities to volunteer. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- **Saturday, June 11. Tallulah River Kids Fishing Event.** See page 3 for more information.
- **Saturday, June 11. Chattooga River Kids Fishing Event.** For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Tuesday, June 21. June Rabun Chapter Meeting.** Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Social starts at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, July 13. Electroshocking Chattooga River, Spoon Auger section.**
- **Thursday, July 14. Rabun Chapter Annual Family Picnic.** Potluck dinner, the Chapter supplies the fried chicken, paper plates, utensils. Meet at Kellys Water Park at 5:00 pm. More information and directions will be in the July issue of Tightlines.
- **Wednesday, July 20. Electroshocking Chattooga River, Ellicotts Rock section.**
- **Wednesday, August 3. Rain date for Electroshocking Chattooga River.**
- **There will be no August Rabun Chapter Meeting.**

Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the time fishing as taking care of the lawn..

Chuck Clark



United States Department of Agriculture



Kids Fishing Rodeo Tallulah River

June 11 - 9:00am- 12:00pm

Tallulah River Campground
800 Tallulah River Road, Clayton, GA 30525

Free Event!

Please bring fishing gear and bait

Light snacks and drinks provided for participants

For children 16 years and under
Visit our Forest Service Table to receive your goodie bag!



For more information, call 706-754-6221
**Please do not attend if you are experiencing
symptoms or you are positive for COVID**



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Chattahoochee-Oconee
National Forests

This event is sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Burton Trout Hatchery, the Rabun and Savannah Chapters of Trout Unlimited, and is supported through donations and volunteer assistance from several other local groups and organizations. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



After all these years, I still feel like a little boy when I'm on a lake or stream.

Jimmy Carter



RABUN TU ONLINE AUCTION

Now Live!

Are you ready for "RENDEZVOUS-LITE"? The online auction site is up and running. Preview of the auction items will run from May 27th, through the end of the day on May 30th, Memorial Day.

Beginning May 31st, the auction will be live and accepting bids from the 31st of May through the end of the day on June 7th.

The online event is not designed to replace our traditional "Rabun Rendezvous" held each year in January at the Dillard House. This event is designed to provide some funding to allow our Rabun TU chapter to continue our efforts in supporting Trout Unlimited and its mission.

Please help by visiting the site and actively participating in the online event. The members and friends of Rabun TU thank you for your participation and continued support.

<https://go.tulocalevents.org/4be2af/Campaign>

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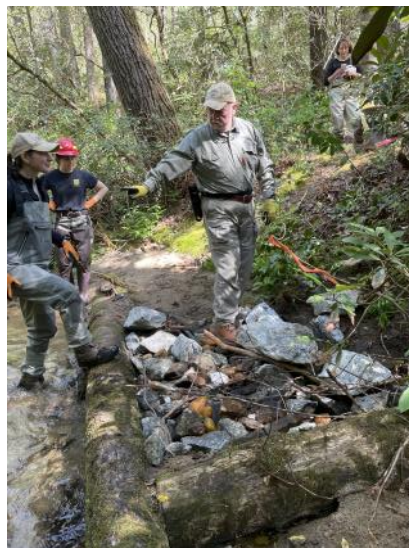
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Report from the Hedden Creek Work Project, April 24

By Tammy Hopton, Vice Prez

Rabun TU members partnered with GA DNR and USFS to rebuild and refurbish stream structures on Hedden Creek to improve habitat for wild trout! Way to go!!



Report from the Rabunite 101, April 30

By Charlie Breihaupt

Rabunite 101 is just what it sounds like..a basic fly fishing course for beginners. Designed to be a four hour experience covering casting, knot tying, entomology and equipment, Rabunite 101 provides the participant a jump start into fly fishing for trout. The Rabun Chapter has conducted this course for many years, missing the last two years due to Covid.

On a Saturday morning in late April, sixteen participants gathered to start on a new adventure in the sport we all love. There were husbands and wives, individuals and five (5) veterans, all males, from Project Healing Waters in Atlanta and Auburn, AL. After going through the 4 hour course, all knew a lot more than when they started. The veterans, along with some local fishermen as guides, headed for the Tallulah River to try out their newly acquired skills. What a perfect day!!

Trout Unlimited is very active in supporting our Veterans and First Responders. The Rabun Chapter is proud and grateful to be part of that support.



Report from the Rabun TU Spring Campout, May 2-7

By Charlie Breihaupt

Camping somewhere near the Chattooga River in the spring of the year, before the DH closes, has become as much of the DNA of the Rabun Chapter as beanie weenies and Moon Pies. For the past few years the campers have chosen Oconee State Park in South Carolina as the place to set up our big canopy to share meals and campfire stories.

This year about 16 Rabunites, some young but more old, mostly male but several female, circled their wagons (aka set up their campers and tents) for a week of fishing, lying, eating, and making new memories. The weather cooperated just “so-so” as several rains drenched us but did wash away some of the relentless pollen. We had a choice between drowning or sneezing. I chose sneezing!

Fishing is always good and this time the catching was also good for some, especially Terry Rivers...just ask him. He even has pictures and you can see why he's proud. Way to go Terry!!!

The campfire stories were mostly the same but with a few new details and exaggerations added. No one questioned these additions. More good memories were made and a Rabunite tradition was continued.

A Note from Rabun TU member, Dick Daniel:

My wife, Sydney and I wanted to thank you and all the Rabunites for opening your campsite up to us this past weekend. We enjoyed sitting and listening and only hate that we couldn't be there to hear the rest of the stories. Our sons, daughter-in-law's and the Grandbabies came in and that trumped all.

We hope to be part of the group next go round and hopefully can be witness to more of those great meals and questionably true tales. And maybe get some pointers on producing 20"+ers from the delayed harvest.

Thank you again for all that you did to make the event happen and for letting us take a seat around the fire. Until next time...



Report from the May Chapter Meeting, Weenies by the Water aka Hot Dogs at Burrell's Ford, May 18 By Charlie Breihaupt

A few years back we decided to have our May chapter meeting by the Chattooga so everyone could have a chance to fish. Kathy and I volunteered to “run the show” and cook hot dogs for everyone with the idea in mind “if you feed them, they will come.”

Our first gathering went well and then Covid hit. We decided to try again this year and we were blessed with great weather and an almost empty parking lot at Burrell's Ford. About 30 Rabunites gathered, many bringing sides and desserts to turn our meal into a feast.

After conducting a little chapter business and hearing a few old but good (really good) stories from Jim Nixon about Doug Adams, our departed but cherished heart and soul of the Rabun Chapter, a number of Rabunites, including Doug's son Brooks and his family, headed up stream to a spot known as the Riffle Pool. There we once more reminisced about times with Doug and promised to one day join him “around the bend.”

That spot on that River at this time of year at that hour in the evening is as good as it gets. A fitting place to gather and make new memories. Some stayed to fish and make even more memories. I heard that the twinkies and the fairies came out later to bid farewell.



Congratulations, Avril Adams!! Report by Brooks and Amanda Adams

The Rabun Chapter congratulates Avril Adams, daughter of Brooks and Amanda Adams, and granddaughter of Doug and Eedee Adams, Stuart and Barbara Bright, and Chevis and Resa Wald for her recent graduation from Easley HS and the Accelerate Program from the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics.

And let's not forget her sidekick in all of this, her brother, Calder Adams. She would not have made it this far without his constant "support".

A few of her achievements this year include "Best of Senior Class of 2022", "National Merit Scholar", and "Rotary Scholar". She was an active member of Youth in Government and held a state office as Speaker of the House. She is currently the South Carolina delegation leader for Conference on National Affairs. She was also active in Student Council.

She was awarded a Stamps scholarship that will allow her to follow her dad, her Grandpa Doug, and her great-grandfather to Georgia Tech with a full ride. However, her focus of studies will be Materials Science & Engineering and Civil Engineering, unlike her predecessors.

She remains strong to her roots on the river and will be helping out with 2022's Trout Camp. Part of her scholarship program at Georgia Tech includes her participation in a team building, high-adventure experience for a week before beginning school. She chose Colorado. Imagine that. Many thanks to our youth in the Rabun Chapter and many wishes to many more young members and their successes.



Fishing Reports

Pat Hopton

Tammy and I had a good time fishing this Spring. The month of March and the first half of April were unusually cool so we did not see much insect activity, which hindered the catching while fly fishing. However by the later half of April and all of May, the weather and water conditions were better and the catching picked up.

We spent a lot of time fishing the Upper Chattooga River Backcountry. We enjoy hiking far into the Ellicotts Rock Wilderness Area and fishing for wild, stream-raised brown trout. We never caught any particularly large trout there this year, but many were 10-12" which is just fine with us. We also saw some incredibly large hatches of a small, #16-18 Sulphur mayfly, which was a first for us. We also spent an evening with Doug Hickman and Bill Nelsen from the Gold Rush Chapter fishing the Upper Chattooga Backcountry.

We spent the latter half of May fishing private waters in North Carolina. There we found the usual large, hard-fighting rainbow trout that river is known for. The Green Drake hatch this year came earlier, and lasted a much shorter length of time, than normal. Jim Kidd joined us for a couple evenings and it was good to fish with him again.

Yes, it was a good Spring. Now we are making plans for a Summer western fishing trip.



Fly of the Month

By Terry Rivers

Foam Beetle

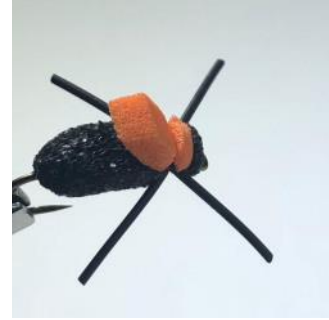
HOOK: # 12- Dry Fly Hook

LEGS: Black Medium Leg Material

BODY: Cream Super Fine Dubbing

BACK: Black Foam Rubber

POST: Orange Foam



Great fly to use during the summer months when the hatches have slowed down.

See you on The River! Terry

Attention All Rabunites! From the Rabun Chapter Conservation Team:

We want to continue our efforts to conserve trout waters in Rabun County. Our team welcomes your help. While you are out fishing, if you see areas that could be improved or repaired, such as erosion problems, stream siltation, streamside or in-stream trash, feel free to take pictures, identify the issue and location, and send the information to Justin and me. Our team will look into the issue, discuss with BOD, and see if it's something we can remedy, or encourage our managing agencies to do so. Working together, we can all conserve the great water resources that make us proud to live, work, and play here!

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Rabun Chapter Membership Update

Current membership: 158 adult members and 2 youth members.

Welcome New Members!

No new members this month.

Thanks for Re-Uping!

Wayne Prosser, Robert Stephenson, Jesse Durham, Kent Wilson, and Justin English.

Soon to Expire Members !

Ryan Olschewske.

JUNE Hatch Chart

<u>The Bugs</u>	<u>Time of Month</u>	<u>Time of Day</u>	<u>Suggested Flies</u>
None at all	All Month	All Day	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, Pheasant Tail
Green, Brown Caddis	Early	L pm	12-14 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/ Green 12-14 Dun & Green Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey Caddis	Early	L pm	12-14 Grey Elk Hair Caddis w/ Green 12-14 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Small Dun Caddis	All month	Mid am	18 Brown Elk Hair Caddis w/ Green 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Giant Black Stonefly	All Month	E am	4-8 Black Stonefly Nymph
Brown Stonefly	All Month	E to mid am	10-12 Brown Stonefly Nymph
Light Cahill Mayfly	Late	E to L pm	12-14 Light Cahill 12-14 Light Cahill Nymph
Trico Mayfly	Mid-Late	Mid am	20 Parachute Trico
Trico Spinner Fall	Mid-Late	Late am	20-22 Polywing Black Spinner
Midges	All month	All day	18-20 Griffiths Gnat 18-20 Midge Pupa
Terrestrial	All month	All day	Ants, beetles, crickets, inch worms, etc.

Fly fishermen are born honest, but they soon get over it.

Ed Zern

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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.

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 [Jeff Durniak](#).

We look forward to having you in our Chapter!

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Prez Notes

Welcome to our Rabunite Reopening. We have lots of opportunities for y'all to engage in some summer fun. It sounds like we got off to a great start, thanks to master chefs Kathy and Charlie and their riverside hot dog-fest in May. More than 30 folks attended and some even wet a line. What did they catch, well, I don't believe they said! Some new folks showed up there, and several new or prospective chapter members have also contacted membership chair Jimmy Whiten or me. Please join me in welcoming them to our clan.

I would also like to thank Mike Anderson and David Ruth for stepping up and filling some critical BOD positions. Thanks also to longtime Rabunite Terry Rivers for re-upping his Board position. Terry has helped carry the chapter for about three decades. Justin English served us extremely well on the board and his efforts were deeply appreciated. We hope you enjoy a little time off now, Justin.

Thanks to all donors and our Rendezvous- lite Auction coordinator Ray King. By the time you read this in Pat's newsletter, we should be wrapping that event up and adding some needed dollars to our annual operating budget. Tammy and I also appreciate each one of you who heeded Ray's call, via Pat's email blast, to advertise the auction widely and participate in it. If this works well, we hope to use that online auction tool again in a few future fundraising ideas we have. Ray has really put a lot of time into that auction software and we all owe him a big Rabunite Waaaah – HOOO for his loot-gathering initiative. We still are aiming for an in-person Rendezvous next winter, but it's been great having Ray's Plan B in our chapter toolbox!

Looking on the immediate horizon, there are some fun events at hand. Please look closely at the chapter calendar of events in this newsletter and on our web home page. GA Trout Camp for kids is always a big hit and involves a big handful of Rabunites. Most helpers must first complete background check forms well before camp, but if there's a need for last minute helpers with errands, you should feel free to offer yourselves to Kathy, Charlie, and Rodney Tumlin. Next is the return of the Tallulah River kids fishing rodeo. Our chapter's superb rodeo wrangler, Frank Patton, has already delivered requested goodies to the US Forest Service. But he can always use some warm bodies on June 11 to staff a TU info table and to be streamside fishing guides for some of the kids who might need a hand baiting a hook or untangling their line. You'll catch a lot of smiles at that event!

Cont.

Next up is our June meeting and a fun program by my young fishing buddy, Landon (at my age, nearly everyone is now a younger fishing buddy). We first met when he was a young teenager, first learning to flyfish. He really got hooked and is an awesome angler. Landon even made sure his college choice was close to trout waters and aimed true toward Dahlonega, where the local, wild browns shuddered for four years. We still find time to wet a line together, more than a decade from our start. As trout waters warm and we give them a break, pond and river bass and bream are a great summer option. Learn about some unique bass species and Landon's tips and tricks to hook a few. Who among you hasn't yet sampled The River's "redeye" (Bartram) bass and stunningly beautiful redbreast sunfish via poppers at dusk? Take a break from trout and enjoy a new flavor of fishing this summer, thanks to Landon.

Next up is a July family picnic at our traditional spot. There are few picnic spots more scenic and relaxing than that place. For some reason, the Ingles fried chicken always tastes better out there. Also watch our newsletter and the GATU council home page (calendar) for more stream conservation projects with GADNR and the US Forest Service. Other TU chapters will be in the lead, but they really welcome more vols! The Chattooga River annual fish sampling is aimed at July, and volunteer pack mules are always appreciated. Help the agencies carry in their sampling stuff and watch what's really in the river, when they turn on the electricity.

After that is our longstanding chapter tradition: August Angling Recess. This is when Rabunite wagon trains load up and head "west of Hiwassee" for weeks, if not longer. A lot of our members are now retired and can afford those long, leisurely treks to the Rockies for cutts, bows, browns, brookies, scenic vistas, and stars beyond count. If you haven't yet, consider rounding up a camperful of buddies and plan your own western treks. You'll make lifetime memories! And the rest of us will hopefully get something out of your expeditions: stories, photos, and maybe a chapter program or some newsletter fodder on your epic days on Idbis Creek and Notellum River.

We'll resume Rabunite activities in September. Here's what the BOD and I can use from each of you as we glance ahead:

- 1) ideas for chapter programs (or a program director to replace me);
- 2) fodder such as news and pics for our facebook page to keep it fresh (or a Facebook administrator to post our fodder); and
- 3) a willingness to step up and participate in our activities, from helping at or leading these events to serving on our Board when our current members rotate off.

We are only as fun and as strong as our members. Thank God for our heavy-lifters like Both Breithaupts, Ray, Terry, Frank, Tammy and Pat, and several other dedicated Rabunites. I hope that some of you will get comfortable with our clan, raise your hand, and share the load. From hot dogs to kids fishing rodeos to stream projects, that load is a fun one. So give it a try! Like some of us chapter vets, you may also get hooked for life – as a Rabunite. So let's have a fun summer, one and all, and look forward to a great fall.