



TIGHT LINES

October 2024 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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October, 2024 Rabun Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, October 15

Fellowship Hall of Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church
8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA

Fellowship starts at 6:30 pm, Program starts at 7:00 pm

“Meet Your Game Warden” presented by Spencer Palmer

Come to our October chapter meeting to welcome our new game warden, Spencer Palmer. Learn about a warden's wide range of responsibilities, hear about his efforts to protect our fisheries, and maybe even listen to an interesting story or two from his days afield.

Most importantly, learn what we can do to help our DNR game wardens to protect the fish and wildlife resources of northeast Georgia that we all cherish. We can be extra sets of eyes and ears in reporting violations to DNR and taking care of our wildlife.

<https://gadnrle.org/ranger-hotline>

Our “warden welcomes” are always fun, interactive programs. Don't miss this one!



Important Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars Now!

- Tuesday, Oct 1. **North Carolina Delayed Harvest Trout Season begins.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. No trout stocking in NC Delayed Harvest streams until further notice.
- Tuesday, October 15. **Rabun Chapter Monthly Chapter Meeting.** Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Social starts at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Contact [Tammy Hopton](#) for more information.
- Tuesday, Oct 22. **Rabun Chapter Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.** Anyone may attend. Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Contact Tammy Hopton for more information.
- Friday, Nov 1. **Georgia Delayed Harvest Trout Season begins.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- Friday, Nov 1. **South Carolina Delayed Harvest Trout Season begins.** [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- Wednesday, November 13 - Sunday, November 17. **Annual Rabun Chapter Fall Campout.** [Oconee State Park](#), Mountain Rest, SC. Make your own campsite reservations. We will use Site #93 as our gathering place for meals and fellowship. Contact [Terry Rivers](#) for more information.
- Tuesday, December 17. **Annual Rabun Chapter Christmas Dinner.** Conference Center at the Dillard House, Dillard, GA. Meet at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$44.00 per person, RSVP to Pat Hopton by December 9.
- Saturday, Jan 18, 2025. **38th Annual Rabun Rendezvous.** Rabun County Civic Center, Clayton, GA. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. Note new date and venue. See page 3

Connect with Rabun Chapter TU on Social Media

Are you on FaceBook or Instagram? Well the Rabun Chapter is too!

We invite you to follow us for timely fishing info, conservation news and alerts, and reminders of Chapter activities. We feature member photos and videos and share news from the motherships: - National and Georgia Council TU—as well as partners such as the US Forest Service and GA Department of Natural Resources. We even dish some hot fishing tips and post some just-for-fun content for all you trout fin-atics.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rabuntu

Follow us on Instagram at [@rabunchaptertu](https://www.instagram.com/rabunchaptertu)

Check out our website at www.rabuntu.org

Have photos, videos or news to share with Chapter members? Send them to Nanette O'Hara, Social Media Chair at oharacomm@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Rabun Rendezvous – NEW LOCATION!

Event: 2025 Rabun Rendezvous
Location: Rabun County Civic Center, Clayton, GA
When: Saturday, January 18, 2025
Time: Event begins at 4:30 pm

Please join us for the 2025 Rabun Rendezvous at the Rabun County Civic Center in Clayton, GA. Due to renovations at The Dillard House, the location was changed. The Foxfire Boys will be in attendance providing their special brand of Bluegrass Music, great deals on items in the Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle areas great fellowship and good food! More details to follow on the menu as these details are being finalized.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need items donated to support the fundraising event, volunteers to help staff the areas and ensure a smooth event, and most importantly, **WE NEED YOU TO COME!** All the net proceeds go to fund Trout Unlimited activities. Funds are used to support, youth education and Trout Camp. GA DNR, Kids Fishing Events, Casting for Recovery, Project Healing Waters and many conservation efforts.

Please find attached a copy of the solicitation letter for the 2025 Rabun Rendezvous. This will help explain our activities to potential donors. Arts and crafts, donated trips, fishing and other outdoor equipment are just some of the items that are used to help raise funds.

Thanks for your support of the Rabun County Trout Unlimited Chapter and we hope to see you at the 2025 Rabun Rendezvous!

Ray King

Rabun TU Treasurer / Rendezvous Chair



September 20, 2024

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited is planning our annual fund raising event and we are asking for your support. For the 38th year we will host the famous "RABUN RENDEZVOUS" to be held on January 18, 2025, at the Rabun County Civic Center, Clayton, GA. The venue has changed due to the renovations in process at The Dillard House, Dillard, GA. Along with a buffet meal and great bluegrass music, we will have a silent auction and bucket raffle.

Our Chapter is committed to protecting and improving the cold-water fisheries in our area and supporting other chapters in their efforts. However, it takes funds to provide the support, equipment, and expenses required to carry out this mission. The annual Rabun Rendezvous is our main source of funding for these efforts.

Here are a few examples of the projects we accomplished with the funds received from this year's fundraising and past Rendezvous events:

- Financial support for GA Council Trout Unlimited Youth Trout Camp;
- Sponsoring youngsters to attend the Trout Unlimited Youth Trout Camp;
- Financial support of the GA Department of Natural Resources Smithgall Woods Conservation Education Program;
- Financial support for the Kid's Fishing Event at Tallulah River (US Forest Service);
- Financial support for Black Rock State Park Fishing Rodeo
- Fly-Fishing 101 Education Event
- Financial support for Casting for Recovery
- Financial support for Project Healing Waters
- Financial support for Georgia Wildlife Federation
- Five Rivers Collegiate Support
- TU Embrace-A-Stream Program
- And Assistance on USFS Projects, e.g., stream clean-up, trout habitat enhancement and stream bank restoration (Reed Creek & Double Bit efforts).

With this letter we are respectfully asking you for a donation to support our mission of protecting and improving the cold-water fisheries in our area. We are appreciative of any donation, such as gift certificates or physical items that may be included in the raffles or auctions, or through cash donations. Appropriate recognition will be given to donors at both the event and through our monthly newsletter. Our non-profit Federal Tax Exempt 501(c)3 Tax ID Number is # 521766093 and our Georgia State Tax ID is # 067800056.

Please take time to visit www.rabuntu.org and look at the photos from past Rabun Rendezvous events and other activities. And of course, you and your family and friends are invited to attend this year's event!

Thank you for your consideration of support for the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Rabun Rendezvous fund raising event.

Sincerely,

Tammy Hopton, President
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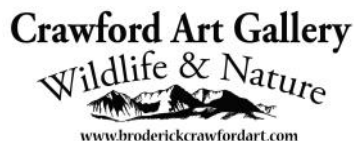
Ray King, Rendezvous Chair
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PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO:
Ray King, Board of Directors
Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Mailing Address: 121 Creek Road
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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 Membership Chairperson [Mike Anderson](#).

Rabun Chapter Membership Update

No new members this month.

Current Chapter membership: 172 adult members and 3 youth members.

Rabun Chapter Leadership Contacts

Voting Leaders

[Tammy Hopton](#)

[Trey McFalls](#)

[Ray King](#)

[David Ruth](#)

[Jeff Durniak](#)

[Ray King](#)

[Steve Perry](#)

[Mike Anderson](#)

[Rick O'Hara](#)

[Ken Kellerman](#)

Chapter President

Chapter Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Past President

Fundraising Chair

Director thru 03/25

Director thru 03/26

Director thru 03/27

Director thru 03/28

Non-Voting Leaders

[Jerry McFalls](#)

[Pat Hopton](#)

[Pat Hopton](#)

[Nannete O'Hara](#)

Scouts Liaison

Tight Lines Editor

Memorials

Social Media Chair

October 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 (IMPORTANT) | 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

Orange Stimulator aka October Caddis

HOOK: #2x Long Nymph

HEAD: Yellow Dubbing with Palmered Grizzly Hackle

TAIL: Deer Hair

BODY: Orange Dubbing and Brown Hackle

WING : Deer Hair

Great fly for the upcoming Delayed Harvest season!
Drop a caddis nymph behind this fly and drag the bottom.



See you on The River! Terry

Prez Notes

We are the lucky ones... Hurricane Helene passed over us but clobbered our friends in Western North Carolina, Tennessee and middle/South Georgia. It could have been us but it wasn't. It is hard to sit back and not want to run up toward Asheville to help.. But we also recognize that we could be doing more harm than good. What we can do is give money or requested supplies to the support agencies that are specifically trained to help in catastrophes like this one.

I have slowly been hearing from friends and family living in North Carolina.. they have had losses but are okay.

For me the lesson learned through all of this is:

Number one: Personal preparation is vital. Unfortunately, thinking about the worst case scenario sometimes helps.

Number two: Take care of each other. Pat was very diligent with checking in on our neighbors and friends. Now that they are out of danger, let's see how to help those further afield.

Number three: Keep praying for those in need. Look for opportunities to help those devastated by the floods and landslides. Give money, supplies and volunteer your time through the official agencies or churches.

Also, I realize that no matter how prepared you are, sometimes it just isn't enough. So keep praying, checking in and lending a hand to those that might be struggling right now.

We know it will get better, over time. Right now, the devastation is real and the hurt is deep.

In the words of a great philosopher Andy Dufresne 'Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things' Keep positive. (I know, easy for me to say sitting in my house with lights and water...)

I do hope all of you and your family are safe and no real damage done.

Looking forward to fall temperatures and better water levels in our streams!

Prez Tammy