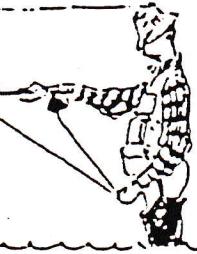


# TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER  
TROUT UNLIMITED

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## MEETING SET FOR APRIL

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet Tuesday evening, April 17, at the Rabun County Library in Clayton, 7:00 PM. Gathering for tales of lunkers broken off and other lies will begin at 6:30.

The Chapter is and will be involved in several projects and activities during the next few weeks. Plans for these **doings** need to be finalized and volunteers lined up for the projects. Most of these activities were mentioned in the March TIGHT LINES.

## RECAP OF MARCH MEETING

A handful of members met at "Club Mac" on the banks of Stekoa Creek in Clayton on March 17th. Plans were to finish up the meeting and head up to Cherokee for a Rainbow, Brown and Brook pow-wow but Mother Nature didn't cooperate and the trip was scrubbed. We did discuss some of the future projects, one of which is offering our services as Rainmakers in some of the drought stricken areas of the country.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 22

Charlie's Creek/Tallulah River - With the Forest Service, seed, fertilize and mulch some problem areas on the Charlie's Creek Road. Meet about 1 pm on the east side of the Tallulah just downstream of Tate Branch Campground. Shouldn't take too long, so come on out for a fun afternoon.

April 27-28-29

Double Bit Campout on Reed Creek and maintenance of existing structures. With plenty of time to fish such legendary streams as Ridley Branch and the Chattooga, we'll also repair several structures. Campout Friday and Saturday nights. To reserve your ration of beans, call:

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PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE CNA COUNT ON YOU!!!

DATE NOT FIRM

Fin clipping and backpacking of fingerlings up the river from Burrells Ford. This should occur late April or early May and will require just as many members as we cn muster.

June

Trout Day at Moccasin Creek State Park.

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHORES OF RICHARD S. RUSSELL LAKE

While this item does not fall within the charter of Trout Unlimited, you may wish to take appropriate action on an individual basis. Briefly, back when the Corps of Engineers flooded the Savannah River, creating Russell Lake on the Georgia/South Carolina line, certain promises were made to the people in exchange for all the flooded land. Most of the promises have now been fulfilled. One of the conditions was that we get the surrounding land, the collarlands. It now seems that the Corps is under pressure by Congress to turn these land over to the developers. That would certainly

result in a loss of recreational use of the shoreline to those who can't afford their own condo. It would also result in the loss of valuable wildlife habitat. If this concerns you, write to your two Senators (Nunn and Fowler) and your Congressman, Ed Jenkins and tell them that you want the Lake Russell Collarlands protected from private use and development. If you need more information on this, contact Jim Kidd or Friends of the Mountains, Box 368, Clayton, GA 30525

## THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS ON THE CONSERVATION FRONT

Due to some good work by such organizations as Trout Unlimited, American Rivers, Atlantic Salmon Federation and others, a hydropower dam on the Kennebec River in Maine will be purchased and breached by the state, returning it to a free flowing state.

## AND SOME BAD

According to the American Fisheries Society, for every fish species whose status has improved since the first Earth Day, at least twenty five have declined, in range and number. Forty are now become extinct.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON THE 17TH, ON CHARLIE'S CREEK ON THE 22ND AND AT DOUBLE BIT ON THE 27TH



Tie your own flies?



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