Newsletter from the land of the Rabunites



Tight Lines

May 1995

Note from the Editor

Your newsletter is short this month. May usually marks my hiatus but there were so many kids activities, I thought better of it! Enjoy what there is and I hope you are getting to the rivers and lakes as much as you want to. $\mathcal{L}D$

June Is Fishing Month......

There are a lot of special fishing oportunities in the month of June. Here are the details on two of them. Please note the requests for chapter members to volunteer.

Moccasin Creek State Park Jr. and Sr. Trout Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, June 10 at Moccasin Creek State Park. 10am to 1pm. Open to children 11 and under and individuals with an honorary license. Lots of activities for adults and children. Trout Unlimited volunteers requested. Please contact David Gomez, Park Manager, at (706)-947-3194 if you can help with the event.

US Forest Service Kids Fishing Rodeo at The Tallulah River

Saturday, June 3, 8am to 12pm. Open to children 2 yr.-15yr. Random drawing for prizes and refreshments will be available. Trout Unlimited volunteers requested. Please contact Sharon Wilson, USFS, (706)782-3320 if you can plan to help with the event.

The Rabun TU Chapter donated \$100 to support each of these events. I hope many of you will able to attend as a volunteer or bring your children. There are always lots of smiles from both the young and old(er). It'll make your day!

Date Set For Reed Creek Work Project

After many months of tentative dates, Saturday, September 9 has been set as the work day for Reed Creek. There will be more in the newsletter later on but mark this day in your calendar. It will be an over nighter in the Russell Fields and a joint work project with other chapters.

June Program

In the frenzy to fish, don't forget that the chapter's regular monthly meeting will be on June 20 at the Rabun County library. Dr. Russ Berken will talk with us about first-aid for the outdoormans. Social at 6:30, meeting at 7pm.

Fishing Report....

I've only heard reports from a few of the chapters members. The best one comes from the Bird Dog Burrell who reported that he netted a 23" rainbow on a river that he refuses to name. It was not however, west of Hiawasee.

No meeting in May, see you in June on the 20th.

President's Corner

Even though we aren't meeting this month, it has been an eventful time. Of course, last month we had the visit from Nathan Deal, U. S. Representative from our district. It was evident that Congressman Deal is aligned with the Republican effort to reduce government and in the process, conservation causes will probably take some severe hits. The Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act are under attack and may be gutted to the detriment of cold water fisheries. Keep yourself informed and make your wishes known to Congress.

Francisco Sanchez was given a send off and is now out in New Mexico. Jeff Durniak has been elevated with the DNR and will be headquartered in Gainesville. (I hope this doesn't mean we lose him as a chapter member). Trout Unlimited has lost a long and valuable friend with the passing of Ben Newcomber of the Chattahoochee Chapter. Ben was the editor of that chapter's newsletter for many years and knew our little area of northeast Georgia almost as well as a native. We will miss Ben.

Don't forget the meeting in June and the family outing in July. Watch your newsletter for details.

Lastly, if you haven't been hitting the streams lately, do so now! Hatches are picking up, the water is right and I've found the trout are cooperative. I've got to go - Adams is blowing the horn in the driveway and there is another stretch of water waiting for us.

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June 20-First Aid For the Outdoorsman. Also, there are two kids fishing events this month.

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TBA- Since so many members head west of Hiawasee this month, plans are delayed for the time

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