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Workday on Reed Creek

Hope you enjoyed the time you spent out west; the chapter has a busy month coming around the corner in September.

It's time to pack up the sleeping bag and tent, and get ready for our work project on Reed Creek. This is the agenda for the month of September:

No meeting in August. It is time for that magical and mystical adventure in the cool waters west of Hiawassee!

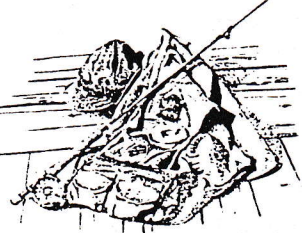


Tuesday night, Sept., 5th, Rabun County Library. Work project and camp out planning session. Since this is a joint project with other chapters, we need to take the time to plan the strategy for the weekend. Please put this on your calendar, we need your input!

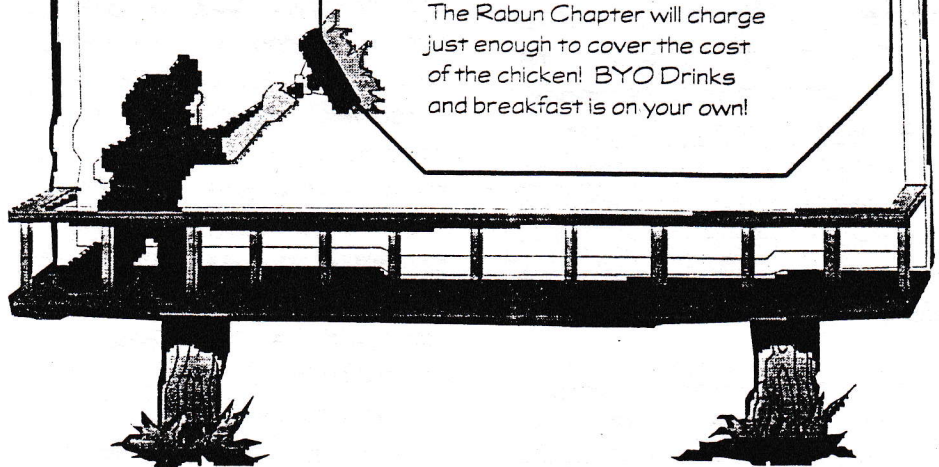
Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th. Campout and Work Project on Reed Creek. The Rabun Chapter will host chapter's from North and South Carolina at the Russell Fields (wildlife openings). For directions, see page 2. Come early Friday, we'll start around 8-8:30am Sat.

Eating is important-

Plan to bring a covered dish to compliment a Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner on Friday night. The Rabun Chapter will charge just enough to cover the cost of the chicken! BYO Drinks and breakfast is on your own!



For some western water fishing tips from the Bird Dog Burrell, see page 2.



President's Corner

August 1995

Thanks to all of you who came out to Kelly's for our first family picnic. We had a good turn out and anyone who didn't get enough to eat just wasn't looking! We should do it again next year if everyone is agreeable. Most of all, the chapter thanks the Kelly family, especially Mrs. Claude Kelly, for sharing that lovely spot with our gang. Thanks, too, to Bill, for guiding me through it all and to everyone who contributed food and drink!

There is no meeting in August but there are a few dates to keep in mind. On Tuesday night, September 5th, a work project/camp out planning meeting will take place and you are needed. The meeting begins at 6:30 at the library. It shouldn't take long but it is most important that careful plans are laid out to minimize glitches. Please make time to attend!

September 19th is our regular meeting night at the library. It's time to nominate officers for next year. I'll need three volunteers to act as a Nominating Committee. This needs to be done now so that election of the new slate can be accomplished by January 1, 1996.

Jeff Durniak, Rabun Chapter member, and Fisheries Supervisor of the Northeast Region of the Georgia

Department of Resources, will be our guest speaker. Jeff will bring us up to date on doings in the DNR and we will have an opportunity to bounce some ideas off Jeff. So mark it down. Jeff will probably have the new biologist with him.

Speaking of the Rendezvous; it will take place on Saturday January 27, 1996. I'll be asking someone to headup the following: Raffle and Silent Auction items; raffle ticket sales; handling the door and a lot of other tasks great and small. It's not at all too early to think about where and who we can go to get items for this major chapter event. It would really be great if we have lots of volunteers.

In keeping with our goal to involve more young people in Trout Unlimited, I propose that we hold a Trout Fishing Clinic in March of '96 at one of the campgrounds on the Tallulah River. The clinic would cover trout fishing from knot tying to stream reading and entomology. We have the personnel and we can really help some young folks and ourselves in the process. If we campout on the night before the clinic, we could feed the youngsters breakfast or lunch, depending on when we start and if some of them wish to camp with us. Think how you can contribute to this effort and let's discuss it.

TIGHT LINES!

The Bird Dog Heads West

The eastern horizon will be but a mirage in my rear view mirror tomorrow as I head west of Hiawasee. Many folks are fortunate enough to make this pilgrimage at least once about this time of year. I have a couple of tips that might make your fishing more productive should you run into a pool or two where the trout need a little something extra to get their attention.

You will need a few things from your store of tying odds and ends so be sure they get packed before you go. Some Flash-abou will add a little spark to the otherwise ho-hum fly. It gives an attractive shine to streamers and nymphs. This material can be found in many colors but silver seems to be the color of choice. Just tie in a few strands with the marabou tail of a woolly bugger and it becomes a "flash-a-bugger." Tie in a few strands with the wing on a muddler minnow and it makes it super deadly. A single strand wrapped around most any nymph gives a "bubble" effect to the fly which makes it more effective. I hope these few tips will make your flies a little flashier and your trip more productive.

Tip one back for me.....

Kyle



"The List"

by

Tom Landreth

Remember when you were kid and your parents encouraged you to make out a list for Santa Claus? I really looked forward to making out that list. *Does Santa have a copy of Herter's, LL Bean or does he read the ads in Boy's Life or Field & Stream?* And like many things, dreaming about it and anticipating that magical morning was at least half the fun.

I no longer make out a Christmas list, but I do eagerly look forward to receiving one. It comes about this time of the year. That's right. It comes to me. I don't compile it. It just shows up in either the mail, or mysteriously appears on my easel in my studio. And like my child's Christmas list, this foretells of an important coming event. Until the list arrives, the trip "west of Hiwassee" is not reality. With the list in hand, I have concrete evidence that I'm about to embark on a fishing adventure with good friends. I'm really going. I can now pack!

"The List" begins with a very general destination, the dates with the number of fishing days in parentheses; expected weather conditions at our destination and the first names of our "crew". No last names. We'll either be close when this trip is over or we won't ever want to see each other again.

Not only does "the list" signal that the time is near; it hints and gives clues as to where you might end up "west of Hiwassee":

"empty backpack w/ frame w/ hip belt"

"hiking shoes"

Hmmm. Must be planning a climb to some remote alpine lake where no one has ever been before. Where cutthroats and goldens live among the eagles and marmots! Yeah.

"2 fly rods (light & med/heavy) w/ reels 1 light Spin Rod w/ reel"

Whoa. This is serious. We're fishing everything from little brooks and "brookies" to man size rivers with linebacker type Browns and Rainbows.

"Bic type lighter; flashlight, pocketknife"

Hey, this ain't no Boy Scout outing! We're heading into the wilderness where a man has to be prepared for emergencies. And just in case, I'll pack a hunting knife!

Yep, "the list" is important to me. It forces me to plan and pack sensibly. It reminds me to take the important stuff and leave out the fluff. But, most important it is a confirmation. confirmation that a high adventure is at hand and memories are about to be made.

Hmmm. Suppose I can get a bottle of Dickle in that grocery bag.

Directions to Russell Fields

From Georgia and North Carolina: Travel south on Hwy. 28 (towards Walhalla). There is an unnumbered Forest Service Rd. that will be on the left just before the Hwy. 28 bridge. It is usually gated but will be opened early Friday afternoon. If you cross the Hwy. 28 bridge, you have gone too far. When you get close, slow down! If you are unfamiliar with the turn it will sneak up on you.

From SC: Travel north on Hwy. 28. After crossing the Hwy. 28 bridge and the Georgia line, turn on the first gravel road to the right. It is an unnumbered Forest Service Rd.

Rabun TU'ers will sign the unnumbered Forest Service Rd. so you will be able to find it. After you make the turn, follow the road down to the wildlife openings. Camp will be setup there. For-wheel drive is strongly recommended!

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Tuesday, Sept. 5th : Brainstorming session to make plans for the upcoming work project on the 9th. Rabun County library, 7pm. Very short meeting, please plan to come!

Saturday, Sept. 8-9. Reed Creek Project. Campout on Friday evening. Workday on Saturday. Camping at Russell Fields, joint project with other chapters.

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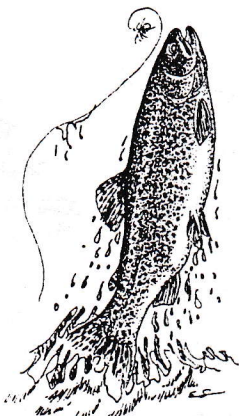
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Russ Burken will entertain us with a report on his fishing adventure in Alaska.

Rabun County Library, social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

Tight Lines



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