

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited presents the annual celebration of rivers, streams, and trout fishing. Please join us in this celebration at the

**10th Annual Rabun Rendezvous**  
**Saturday, January 27, 1996**

**Where:** The Dillard Complex in Dillard, GA. Henry's Playhouse is behind the main Dillard House.

*"The Rendezvous was unlike anything before or since, a gathering of uninhibited men down from the mountains. The event attracted a hundred mountain men, their Indian wives, and assorted tribesmen. Amusements included gambling, drinking, storytelling - continuing day and night."*  
Quote from The Mountain Men by George Laycock.

**Who:** The more the better; bring your friends, neighbors, kids, spouse, etc. Everyone will have a great time.

**Social:** 5:00-6:30 There will be some mountain music, bucket raffles, silent auction, snacks, colas, beer, and wine. There are always plenty of storytellers spinning yarns around the huge fire place. Come early to get the best table.

**Dinner:** The Dillard House staff will be serving up their traditional delicious fare. They start serving the vittles at 6:30. If you leave hungry, it is your own fault.

**Program:** This year our friend and fellow fly fisherman Ben Sanders will be the featured guest speaker. Ben, as many of you know, retired from the US Forest Service after spending many years as the Wildlife Staff Officer. It has been said that Ben is a notorious story teller around the campfire as well as in front of the podium.

As most folks know, the Rabun Chapter is brazen enough to ask all the TU chapters to bring so really neat stuff for the raffles, auctions, etc. You will be given the credit if it's good and we'll take the blame if it's not.

**Cost:** When talking about this kind of quality shindig, talking price is vulgar. You should know that dinner is reasonably priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 16 yrs. old.

As always, the Dillard's extend a Rabun County welcome to out of town visitors with a special rate of \$49 per night, single or double occupancy at the Dillard House Motel or the Dillard Best Western. Call 1-800-541-0671 for reservations and mention the TU Rendezvous when you check in.



Presidents Corner

Don't forget our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 19th at the Rock House in the Dillard House complex. We'll have the chance for a little fellowship and enjoy a fine dinner served up by the folks at the Dillard House. The cost for their regular Christmas fare will be \$13.00 for adults and \$6.95 for children age ten and under. So far the response has been light, only 13 signed up. Give me a call at 746-2295 if you want to add your name to the list and I will notify the Dillard House. The time is 6:30 PM - dinner at 7:00.

We'll take a little time to make sure all is in line for Rendezvous 96. While on this subject, make an effort to corral as many items for the raffle, silent auction and door prizes as you can. This is where we really make the

money for activities during the coming year.

As this year winds down you should be thinking about programs that you would like to see in the coming year. Fly tying, conservation topics by guest speakers, and rod building come to mind. I would also like to see us make an effort to camp out a couple of times - either over on the Chattooga or perhaps up in North Carolina. What better way to attract the youth of the area. Sitting around the campfire after a good day's fishing beats the heck out of sitting around the county library watching films of us sitting around the campfire after a good day's fishing. Think about when and where.

TIGHT LINES!

Tom

Holiday Thoughts.....

Christmas Eve and the children tucked in,  
 Pondering the past , not sure where to begin.  
 Counting the blessing of life and health,  
 Family, friends that make up the wealth.  
 I once was a child on other such nights,  
 Dreaming of St. Nick and reindeer in flight.  
 What if now I could sit on Santa's knee,  
 And tell those blue eyes my wishes for me.  
 What would I wish for, is it shameful to ask?  
 I've been blessed with so much,  
 In the present and past.  
 I have clear rivers where I wade about,  
 A son who shares my love of trout.  
 A daughter who fishes the late spring hatches,  
 And treasures the rainbows, browns, and  
 brooks that she catches.  
 A wife who indulges my passion of trout,  
 Seemingly she understands, what it's about.  
 I head to the river for the songs from the Pipes  
 of Paa,  
 Until responsibility brings to the city again.  
 So back to that to wish upon Santa's knee,  
 Just one little thing...in my stocking a three  
 weight for me.

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