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## Local Fishing Rodeo's

There are several fishing events coming your way this spring. The Rabun Chapter of TU financially supports several of the fishing events and I understand that all the events are an excellent way for children and those of us that are really big kids to spend a morning. I hope you can find one listed below that will fit on your calendar.

**Black Rock Mountain State Park, May 4th, 8:30-11:00. (706)746-2141**

**US Forest Service/Nancytown Lake at Lake Russell WMA, May 11th. (706)754-6221**

**Moccasin Creek State Park June 8th, All day. (706)947-3194**

**US Forest Service/Tallulah River, June 15th, 8-12pm. (706)782-3320**



## Fun At The Fish Hawk

For chapter members that were brave enough to venture out to Sky Valley for March's meeting, it was well worth the time. Henry Williamson was an excellent host and the information from Henry and Kyle should help improve our fly boxes considerably. Thanks to both Henry and Kyle for sharing their expertise!

The chapter will be having its regular monthly meeting at the **Rabun County library on Tuesday, April 16th.** Kyle Burrell will be updating the chapter via slide presentation on his progress with the Chattooga River brown trout project. Carter Nelson, Fly Fishing Manager at Calloway Gardens will also be visiting with the chapter to give us some information about fly fishing for bream and bass at the gardens.

Please plan to join us around **6:30** for refreshments and our program will begin at 7pm.

## Let's Go Camping (and fish a little too)!

There are two very important dates you need to note on your calendar. The first one which is **April 19 & 20th** is an overnight campout/work project on **Popcorn Creek.** The chapter will be camping out on Friday evening and working on Saturday. For directions and details please call either Sharon Wilson or Tom Landreth (numbers in box to the left). There are no "formal" plans to have chicken dinner as we did at the overnighter on Reed Creek so plan to fix your own meals. However, it seems everyone always brings a little extra of whatever it is they plan to eat. That insures that those of us who failed to plan and go to the grocery store will not go hungry.

The other date that you need to note is **May the 17th and 18th.** At the last meeting the chapter planned an overnight trip that includes fishing on the Nantahala River. This particular trip is targeted for the kids and will be a great chance for chapter members to fish together. It should be especially great for the children who are interested in fly fishing so please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come. This will be one you don't want to miss. Although there will be no regular meeting in **May**, I will do a short newsletter with details on the where, when, how and why!



## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Despite the fact that we have a work project/campout coming up on the weekend of April 20th, I've decided that we should have a regular meeting on the third Tuesday, April 16th. (You can drop your tax returns off on the way to the library.)

There are a number of things we need to discuss:

1. Finalize plans for the work project/campout.

2. Consider a request from **Jim Kidd** regarding a costshare for an intern working out of the Highlands Ranger District.

3. Work out plans for the **youth campout and fishing trip**. I have made a reservation for the nights of May 17th and 18th, Site D, Appletree Group Campground near the Nantahala Gorge Delayed Harvest area.

4. REI Seed Grant Program through the National Rivers Coalition.

5. **Delayed Harvest in Georgia**. Do we need this type of management? Which streams in north Georgia would benefit the most?

6. **Governor Miller** has answered my letter regarding the future of the Federal hatchery in Suches. Hear what he has to say.

7. Update on helicopter stocking of the West Fork of the Chattooga.

As most of you know we do not meet in May on a formal basis. The above matters need to be addressed and handled before that. So please be there and let your voice be heard.

*Tight Lines!*

Tom

Lawrence Holden, Hambidge Center has asked if the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited would be interested in joining with them in conducting studies of their section of Betty Creek to determine the biological integrity, production capability and collect other scientific data. Phil McClarney, a biologist from Franklin, NC, would lead this project.

At the March meeting it was agreed that the chapter, as a group, would not take part unless the stream was to be open for public fishing. We also have our share of stream projects this spring. If, however, anyone wishes to lend the Hambidge Center a hand in this worthwhile project, call them or Mr. Holden at 404 875-6930.

Don't forget the **Chattooga River Chapter's 1996 Conservation Banquet**, starting at 6:30 PM, April 13th at the Holiday Inn in Clemson. They had about 15 members at the Rabun Rendezvous and just as we need their support, they certainly need ours. Tickets are \$20.00.

Carter Nelson, Fly Fishing Manager for Callaway Gardens, has put together a Fishing Club Special for those who would like to fly fish for Bass and Bream in a beautiful setting. Tom will have the brochures and information sheets with him to the April meeting.

Darwin's Bass, (The evolutionary psychology of fishing man), is Paul Quinnett's sequel to his widely acclaimed Pavlov's Trout. The book is available Keokee Co. Publishing,

PO Box 722, Sandpoint, ID 83864 or call 1-800-880-3573 to order with VISA/MC. The price is \$14.95 for paper, \$24.95 for cloth bound plus \$3 shipping. His first book was simply great.

Louis Reeves III, **Reeves Hardware in Dillard**, has really put in a fine selection of fishing gear. From braided line connectors to rods, reels and a really fine selection of flies, you should be able to find whatever it is you need for this spring's fishing. Drop in soon and look the selection over.

## Fly Of The Month

### Caddis Pupa

**Hook:** #16 Dry or Wet

**Body:** Light Olive and Cream antron mixed

**Hackle:** Pheasant, very sparse

**Thorax:** Peacock herl

**Thread:** Olive

Have you ever been fishing during a caddis hatch and been frustrated because the trout refused the fly? That's because the trout are most likely focusing on the emerging pupa. Tie this simple pattern on a trailer 18" behind an elk hair caddis. It's a deadly combo for April fishing.

*Kyle*

*P.S. They're hatching!!!*

April

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**Tuesday, April 16th**, monthly meeting at the Rabun County library, social at 6:30, program at 7pm.

**Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th**, campout/ workday on Popcorn Creek.

May

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**Saturday, May 4th**, Fishing Rodeo, Black Rock Mtn. State Park.

**Saturday, May 11th**, Fishing Rodeo at Nancytown Lake/Lake Russell WMA.

**Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th**, Campout and fishing on the Nantahala River.

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**Tuesday, June 18th**, monthly meeting at Rabun County Library, 6:30pm.

**Saturday, June 8**, Fishing Rodeo at Moccasin Creek State Park.

**Saturday, June 15th**, Fishing Rodeo at Tallulah River.

