

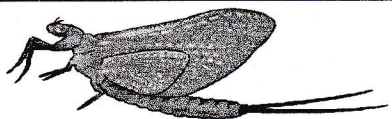


Tight Lines

April and May are both very busy months for the chapter! Please check out the announcements below and mark the dates on your calendar!

April 12th, Saturday, fishing at Dukes Creek. There are a few spots still available, Call Doug Adams at 706-746-2158. For those of you that already have a reservation, the gate will open at 6:30am. The morning fishing begins at 7:07 and ends at 1pm. The evening session begins at 2pm and ends at 8:06. Lunch will be at the pavilion near section two (2) and will start around 12:30 and end around 1:30 or 2pm. For those with younger children, arrangements can be made to fish in the catfish pond but you need to call Doug and let him know that you are interested!

Be sure that you have nothing but barbless hooks!!!!



Henry Williamson's slide show on "Matching the Hatch" was awesome. I really enjoyed it as did everyone in attendance. Thanks to Henry for the great program! Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, April 15th at the Rock House in Clayton (on the square across from Reeves). Milk and cookies at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7pm. Dr. Russ Burken will be making a presentation on first-aid for those of us that spend a lot of time in the woods.

April 25 and April 26, Friday and Saturday. Chapter workday on Moccasin Creek. The chapter will be camping where south Moccasin crosses Wildcat Rd. We will be working on stream structures and other soil and water work. Plan to get dirty, wet, and have a lot of fun! Call Tom Landreth at 706-746-2295 for details and to make your reservations.



Did You Remember To Renew Your License?

It's that time of year and if you haven't made the annual pilgrimage up to the local hardware, better grab up the green backs and head that way. The license you were carrying expired March 31, 1997. I'd love to tell you that this is an April fools joke but it isn't. Be sure to get your license and trout stamp renewed!

Volunteers Needed To Check Creel Boxes

The chapter needs some folks to volunteer to check the creel boxes on the Chattooga. The boxes are located at the East Fork, Burrells Ford, and Shirley Shoals. If you can volunteer, please call Doug Adams at 706-746-2158. Thanks!

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Many Special Events For Children

Blackrock Mtn. State Park, Saturday, May 3rd, 7:30am. Check in on the dam at the Taylor Chapel Reservoir. Ages 15 yrs. and younger. Call the park at 706-746-2141 for details.

Nancytown Lake, Saturday, May 10th. Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Nancytown Lake. Registration from 7:00 to 8:00. Fishing starts at 8am. For ages 2yrs. to 15yrs. Contact USFS, 706-754-6221.

Tallulah River, Saturday, June 7th, 7:30am. Registration at the Tallulah River Campground starting at 7am, fishing starts at 8am. Ages 2yrs. to 15yrs. Call the US Forest Service at 706-782-3320 for details.

National Fishing Week, June 2-8. The Rabun Chapter is planning some type of activity to recognize this event. As soon as the details are firmed up, I'll pass the information along.

Trout Unlimited volunteers are welcome and needed for all of these children's events. Adults need to help with baiting hooks, coaching and encouragement, etc.!!!

Video List

The Rabun Chapter has started a lending library that includes the following video tapes:

Tying Practical Trout Flies (2hrs) by Bob Lay and Al Beatty

Paul Jorgensen on Fly Tying My Favorite Flies (Vol. I)

Paul Jorgensen on Fly Tying My Favorite Flies (Vol. II)

How To Tie Dry Flies Orvis

Tying Western Trout Flies by Jack Dennis

Tying Western Dry Flies with Mike Lawson & Jack Dennis

Tying Bass Flies with Jimmy Nix & Jack Dennis

Tying With Rainy's Float Team for ants, beetles hoppers, etc.

I Was Born to Fish Lee Wolff on the Beaverkill

Introduction to Fly Fishing L.L. Bean

The Orvis Fly Fishing School

Save a Worm - Tie A Fly: The Movie Orvis

Hooked on Fly Tying; The Life Cycle of the Mayfly

Tying and Fishing Attractors Gary LaFontain

Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies Gary LaFontain

The River's Return Trout and Salmon Foundation

Legends of the Au Sable Trout Unlimited

Chattooga River Trout Study US Forest Service

See Doug Adams at the monthly meeting to check out a video.

Group Fishing Trips.....

The chapter has two group fishing trips planned in the next couple of months that promise great fishing, good food, excellent company, and beautiful scenery. If you have been wanting to tap the expertise of some of the chapter members, this is a great opportunity! All ages are welcome and are sure to have a good time! Please try and make at least one of these if you can't get to both. In either case, please contact Tom Landreth at (706)782-4985 for details and to reserve your spot.

May 16, 17, and 18, Nantahala River, Appletree Group Camping Area.

June 20th and 21st, Santeelah (near Robbinsville, NC).

DNR To Survey Betty's Creek For the Hambidge Center

The state Department of Natural Resources has been asked to survey the one mile portion of Betty's Creek that runs through property owned by the Hambidge Center. The DNR has been asked to make recommendations for habitat improvement work. When the survey is completed, the chapter has already been asked to help with habitat work as recommended. The chapter has been assured that the one mile section will be open to the public and that no fee will be charged.

Delayed Harvest....Let DNR Hear From You!

Many members in the Rabun Chapter have fished the delayed harvest streams in North Carolina with excellent results. If you want to voice your opinion on the subject of delayed harvest, now is the time to do so. You should address your correspondence to:

**Russ England
2123 US Hwy. 278, S.E.
Social Circle, GA 30279**

Bits and Pieces.....

Kyle Burrell is on the agenda for the June meeting to present the findings of his research on the Chattooga River.

There is no formal monthly meeting in May. Note the trips and activities in this newsletter and come to the March meeting to get details. This is an exciting time of year, take some time off and take advantage of it.

The hot subject of the **Rock Creek Gorge** is on the Council agenda for the April 5th meeting. A delegation from the Rabun Chapter plans to attend and will update the chapter at the April meeting.

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May 3rd, Saturday. Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Black Rock Mountain State Park.

May 10th, Saturday, Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Nancytown Lake.

May 16th and 17th, Friday & Saturday. Campout on the Nantahala River in North Carolina.

No formal monthly meeting! Business, if there is any, will be discussed at the campout.

June

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June 7th, Saturday. Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Tallulah River.

June 17th, Tuesday. Regular monthly meeting at Rock House in Clayton.

June 20-21, Friday and Saturday. Campout and fishing trip to Robbinsville, NC.

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Two camping trips that involve good times and great fishing are coming up in the next three months.

The chapter will be raffling off some magazine subscriptions at the April meeting. Bring some pocket change to buy a ticket.



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