



# TIGHT LINES

June 2000

Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Chapter Meeting Site Returns to the Rock House in Clayton for June Meeting

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, June 20th, social hour begins at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7. The meeting will be at the Rock

House on Main Street in Clayton. The U. S. Forest Service was to bring us up to date on the Land Management Plan but that is now on hold due to Clinton's Roadless Plan is being considered.

## Trout Unlimited's Chapter Rebate Program

Under the Chapter Rebate Program, a portion of the membership fee is rebated to the chapter recruiting a new member, recruiting a member who has dropped out but returns and for each renewal sent in by the Chapter.

That means that each time you renew your membership, the Chapter receives \$5. Therefore, instead of sending your money in to National, you should send it to Travis

Barnes, our membership coordinator:

Travis Barnes  
487 Bonanza Lane  
Tiger, GA 30576-1839

If you recruit a new member, the chapter receives \$10. If you recruit an archived member (one who has dropped out for one reason or another and is ready to reup). It comes to mind that we could make

a good bit on Henry alone!

We can iron this out at the June meeting. For now, check your membership card for the expiration date. If it is time to renew, wait till the June meeting. Renewals sent in by the individual will not be subject to the rebate.

## Family Night at Indian Lake

Hope you were not one of those who missed the May meeting at Indian Lake on the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School campus. Not much business and a lot of fun.

Youngsters and adults alike had a great time casting flies and poppers for bluegills...and one banded water snake. Mary Parker was really into it and landed quite a few fish ranging in size from four or five inches to bruisers in the seven inch range.

The gourmet picnic supper was prepared by Charlie Breithaupt and Chef Terry Seehorn...and as-

sisted by those on hand. Thanks to Charlie and Terry and to RGNS for hosting what we hope will be an annual event.

**The next family outing will be on Tuesday, July 18, at the Kelly picnic complex.** More in the next newsletter but now is a good time to mark your calendar and plan on attending.



# Rabun Chapter Schedule of Coming Events

Fri Jun 9	Streamside Teaching Session Burrell's Ford 6PM
Sat Jun 10	Tallulah River Kids Fishing Day
Tue Jun 20	Regular Meeting - Forest Plan up date by the USFS
Wed Jun 21	Roadless Initiative-Gainesville College 6-9PM
Tue Jul 18	Regular Meeting - Pot Luck Supper at Bill Kelly's Mud Creek Picnic Area, featuring "Rock Dancing for Macroinvertebrates", <b>Family Night</b>
Tue Aug 15	Regular Meeting - Outdoor Health, CPR, by Russ Burken, MD and regular guy. Summer Interns
Tue Sep 19	Regular Meeting - "The Flies of Autumn" and the leader set up for using them
Sep 22-24	Work Project & Campout, Chattooga River Watershed. Details later
Tue Oct 17	Regular Meeting. "Guides Night Out"
Tue Nov 21	Regular Meeting. Chattooga River Watershed Restoration Project Update - USFS
Tue Dec 19	Christmas Dinner at the Dillard Rock House. Most definitely <b>Family Night</b>

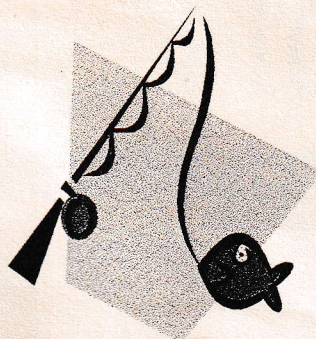
## Incentive Program..Keeping track

Remember to keep track of earned points. You are awarded one point for attending a meeting; 4 pts for a work project; sign up a new member, 2pts; bring a youngster under 16 another point; present a program you get 2pts; attending DNR, USFS and TU Council Meetings gets you another point. We will undoubtedly come up with other criteria but

this should get you started.

For each point, you receive a ticket that goes in a big container. At the annual Rendezvous one name is drawn for a really nice prize, say a complete rod & reel set. You are on your honor to keep up with your points. Retroactive to January 2000!





## KIDS FISHING DAY

Don't forget the Kids Fishing Day on the Tallulah River, Saturday, June 10th at the first campground on Tallulah River Road. While sponsored by the US Forest Service, they will need all the help they can get with the number of young people expected. Get there about 8 AM.

## Follow the Leader to Burrell's Ford Bridge

You may not get this in time but it has been in **Tight Lines** for several issues. If you aren't familiar with the Chattooga, plan to meet at the bridge on Friday, June 9th at 6 PM. Newer members will team up with more experienced anglers for the evening hatch.

## Roadless Area Conservation

Several members of the Chapter attended the first meeting on Clinton's Roadless Initiative at Gainesville College on May 25. This was essentially an informational meeting to fill in those present on the plan.

A second meeting for comments will be held on **June 21, Gainesville College, 6-9PM.**

In response to the President's directive, the USFS has prepared a proposal that would:

1. *Prohibit new road construction and reconstruction in the unroaded portions of inventoried roadless areas.*
2. *Use local planning procedures to ensure consideration of roadless values and characteristics.*

It is not within the scope of this newsletter to duplicate all the verbage in this proposal. Suffice it to say that on the surface, not building roads or reconstructing existing roads in the forest sounds like a good idea. There are plenty of roads in the Chattahoochee/Oconee National Forest already.

However, is this just another ploy to gain roadless areas in order to include them for future wilderness consideration?

Materials passed out at the meeting will be on hand at the June chapter meeting for your information.

It would be really great to have another good chapter turn out for the meeting on

the 21st of June as you can be assured, The Wilderness Society et al will be there in force.

You may even agree with the proposed rule but just don't let others decide for you. Make an effort to be in Gainesville and make your views known.



**IS YOUR LICENSE UP-TO-DATE?**