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PRESIDENT'S BEAT

BY LEE EVANS

These words are coming to you from a very excited president. We just got back from the Green River with fellow Rocky Mountain Flycasters and can report the fishing was excellent. We had a great time even though we scheduled the trip between two of the biggest snowstorms of the season, but fished in 50 degree weather and made the drive safely both ways. I hope more members can join us next year.

But fishing is not the only thing that has me excited. Our [Youth Outreach](#) is on track to complete a goal that our chapter has had for many years. We will sponsor Trout



in the Classroom at Windsor High School this fall. We will have our own Fly Fishing and River Conservation Youth Camp in July for up to 15 area youth. We expect to be actively involved in helping Boy Scouts get their Fly Fishing Merit Badge. Dennis Cook, our Youth Outreach Director, has been working tirelessly to get these programs up and running. I believe the future of our chapter and of river conservation depends on how we involve the kids, and these programs really set the stage for future conservationists and active Trout Unlimited members. But Dennis, and the Board of Directors, cannot do it alone. Already many of you have stepped up and volunteered to be a part of these new activities. We thank you for being there when we need you.

We know now that we need more help from our members and from the community at large. In this newsletter you will find an appeal for contributions. Can you or your business become supporting members of our efforts? I hope you look carefully at what you can

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To become a member of the RMF Chapter of TU, please sign up at one of our monthly meetings or email [Ken Eis](#).

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ANNUAL APPEAL FOR SUSTAINING DONORS

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) is committed to protecting, conserving, and restoring Colorado's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds; and also growing and sustaining membership and capabilities so that the TU Conservation Mission and Vision continue. In the case of our Chapter, we need the appropriate resources, financial and otherwise, in order to propel us forward. That is why we have introduced our Sustaining Donor program. This program is designed to provide a reliable flow of income for our Chapter, and to supplement our other successful fundraising efforts.

Stable financial resources all starts with an annual donation from you. With the tight economy, there is more competition for grants and corporate donations to organizations like ours. The new Sus-

taining Donor program is meant to help us mitigate those issues and provide a strong financial base that we need to continue to be successful in the future.

Did you know that none of the money that you send to National TU organization for membership renewal comes directly back to the Chapter? No complaints about that from us though, as the National and State TU organizations use those funds for important work and we need them to be strong as well. The Sustaining Donor program will give members, non-members, and businesses a chance to contribute cash donations and in-kind services directly to the Chapter, and all are tax deductible as TU is a non-profit organization.

Contributions are greatly appreciated and we acknowledge them to the Chapter and community via our website, newsletter, publications, and public announcements at our projects.

Sustaining Donors making major contributions also receive special recognition at our monthly meetings.

Please consider becoming a Sustaining Donor at a level that you can afford. Special recognition in the form of trout designations occur at the \$50 (Brook Trout), \$100 (Brown Trout), \$500 (Rainbow Trout) and \$1,000 (Cutthroat Trout) levels. You can become a Sustaining Donor by going to our [website](#), by donating in person at one of our monthly meetings, or by sending a check to Rocky Mountain Flycasters, 3221 Eastbrook Dr 101-A, Fort Collins CO 80525.

Our [website](#) is also a great resource for the many programs and projects that we support each year. Please let us know if you do not want to be publicly recognized for your donation. Thank you!

RMF SUSTAINING DONOR FOR 2009-2010

Name (First/Last) or Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Donation: \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

Please check this box if you do NOT want to be publically recognized.

Please print and complete this page, make your check payable to Rocky Mountain Flycasters, and mail it to the RMF Treasurer, 3221 Eastbrook Dr 101-A, Fort Collins CO 80525.

RMF SUSTAINING DONORS FOR 2009-2010

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE OUR CONSERVATION EFFORTS. [DONATE TODAY!](#)



Cutthroat Trout Donors (\$1,000 and up)

Big Grins Pediatric Dentistry
CMS Mechanical Services, Inc.
Coloradoan
JAX Mercantile, Co.
Sierra Club Water Sentinels
TU Embrace-A-Stream



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Dr. Timothy Anderson, DDS
Morrell Printing
Mountain Media
Odell Brewing
OtterBox Foundation
Peak Fishing



Brown Trout Donors (\$100 to \$499)

Elkhorn Fly Rod & Reel, LLC
Herb Renke
(In memory of his brother Larry)
James Sanden
Lee Evans
L.L. Bean
Mountain Web Design
Richard Bader
St. Peter's Fly Shop



Brook Trout Donors (\$50 to \$99)

None (be the first)

Special Recognition

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) proudly recognizes the following people who have graciously donated materials and equipment in support of our programs:

Fly Tying Materials and Tools

- Dr. Timothy Anderson, DDS
- Herb Renke (In memory of his brother Larry)
- Richard Bader

Waders and Hip Boots

- James Sanden

We need your donations!

Please email [Dennis Cook](#) today. Thank you!

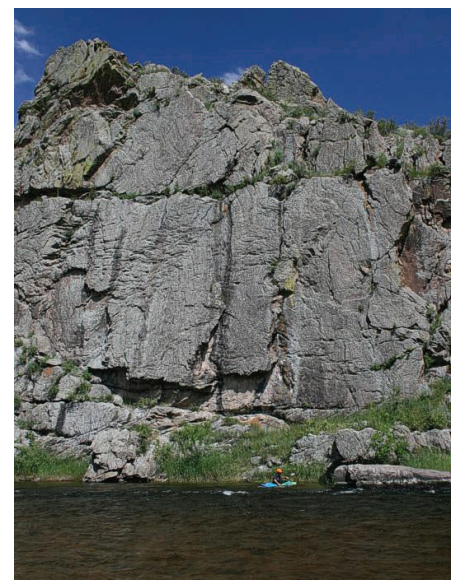
ANNUAL RIVER CLEAN-UP DAY

CACHE LA POUFRE RIVER—JUNE 26TH

Volunteers from the Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) Chapter of Trout Unlimited are encouraged to come out in force on **Saturday, June 26th** for our annual river clean-up day. This year's event will take place on the Cache La Poudre River.

We will meet at **9:00 at Picnic Rock** to receive our assignments, trash bags, and other instructions. After the event (around noon), we will meet back at Picnic Rock for a picnic to thank all of our volunteers.

For over a decade, the RMF Chapter of TU has been conducting river clean-ups on the Cache La Poudre River and Big Thompson River, alternating annually between both rivers. This year's annual river clean-up day coincides with Trout Unlimited's second-annual stream clean-up. Volunteers around the country will join together on their local rivers and streams, planting trees, removing trash, and working together to continue their dedication to protecting and conserving coldwater fisheries. **See you on June 26th!**



Cache La Poudre River—Picnic Rock.

RMNP FISHERY BIOLOGIST ASSISTANCE

BY DAVE PISKE

Assisting a fishery biologist with field research on cut-throat trout populations in RMNP is an excellent way to experience the most pristine and scenic areas in the backcountry—areas that are now designated by law as Wilderness Areas. As a volunteer you will be accompanied by other volunteers from several Colorado TU chapters, and lead by a professional biologist from whom you will learn much about the habits and habitats of both native and introduced trout species. It all adds up to a bundle of fun, some good exercise, and your valuable contribution to native trout fisheries research.

These field trips are lead by **Chris Kennedy**, a fishery biologist of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. His summertime assignment is to serve the National Park Service in RMNP. Chris has been doing this work for 12 years, and he knows his way around the Park's backcountry like almost no one else. To save a couple of miles of hiking to the day's destination Chris may even lead you over unimproved trails that are not on official maps. What's more, he really knows how to show his appreciation for your help by sponsoring a season-end Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at a resort in Estes Park. **Chris will speak at our April 21 general meeting** so you can get per-



Volunteers helping Chris Kennedy with electro-fishing in RMNP.

sonally acquainted with him by attending that meeting. During the research field season, in July, August and September, there is a wide range of types of trips. The research trips may be as short as one day, or as long as five days, Overnight stays may be at a Park Ranger cabin or in primitive backcountry campgrounds. Research sites may be adjacent to a road, or as much as 10 miles one-way from a road. Elevation changes from a road to the research site may be as little as none or more than 3,000 vertical feet. Some trips may have pack mules to carry the heavy gear, and some camping equipment (tents & sleeping bags) may be borrowed from the Alpine Anglers chapter of TU in Estes Park. The schedule of trips is published in advance of the season, so you can select trips that suit both

your interests and your stamina. The research work consists of capturing trout, identifying the species, noting any abnormalities, measuring and weighing them, recording the statistics, and returning the trout unharmed to the water where caught. Capture methods in streams include electroshocking & dip netting, and in lakes; gill netting and hook & line capture (sometimes called fly fishing).

Chris is the only person on the Park staff that conducts this work. Obviously the tasks cannot be accomplished by one person acting alone. So Chris depends on volunteers to help him accomplish his field research. Both male and female volunteers are welcome. Please contact [Austin Condon](#) via email to receive the schedule of trips.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT ANNUAL MEETING

Are you enthusiastic about helping the Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) to be an even stronger Chapter? Do you have great ideas to share regarding the protection, conservation, and restoration of our coldwater resources? Do you want to be part of a team that is committed to making a difference? Do you want to meet fellow

members, swap stories, and then go fishing? If you an-

the ring for one of the following leadership positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Trustee at Large (x2). The Chapter is doing great things and we need more volunteer leaders to help plan and execute all of our exciting projects and events. If you are interested in any of these positions or if you have any questions, please email [Lee Evans](#), Chapter President.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
 Elections for the RMF Chapter of TU will be held at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 19th, at 7:00 pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center.

swered "yes" to any of these questions then now is the time to throw your name in



CATCH OF THE DAY

Here is a beautiful picture of a Cutthroat Trout taken by Phil Wright at an undisclosed location (hmm...). Phil is a currently a Trustee at Large on the RMF Board of Directors.

Send your fishing stories and pictures to the [Editor](#) and you might be selected as the next "Catch of the Day." Tight lines!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN ADVERTISE A BUSINESS IN THE FLYPAPER NEWSLETTER?

The Flypaper newsletter is distributed about six times a year and reaches over 450 members and their families. If you are interested in advertising in The Flypaper, please send an email to the [Editor](#).

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RMF YOUTH RIVER CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING DAY CAMP

BY DENNIS COOK

Preparations for the Youth Day Camp on July 15-17 and 22-24 are shaping up nicely. If you know of any ages 14-18 young men or women who would be interested, now would be a good time to visit our [website](#) to download the Application and other materials, and begin their essay that must accompany their Application.

Dave Piske is chairing the Day Camp Application Screening Committee, assisted by Lee Evans and Bryon Fessler. They will review all of the essays and select youths to fill this year's initial fifteen "campers." We anticipate increasing the 2011 youths by about a third.

We've established a partnership with the **Larimer County Boys & Girls Clubs** to provide transportation, and RMF will present their youngsters some fly-tying, entomology and fishing instruction. Another partner is **Poudre Valley Health** who is providing Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) the four days when we will have on-river activities. One of our sponsors, the **Coloradoan** has been generous with promotional advertising space during April. It's important for local organizations like these, and many

more, to become familiar with the Trout Unlimited mission, and also with our Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter as a valuable community resource.

CMS Mechanical Services, Inc., a Windsor company, is a sponsor and has provided the fly-tying tools and equipment that will become a chapter asset for many years' use, as will also be the rods

ensure that safe activity is observed.

Trout Unlimited awarded our day camp a \$1,000 Grant from its Embrace-A-Stream program to kick off camp preparations, and we continue to seek sponsors among more area companies, as well as applying for grants from several organizations, in hopes that we can fully fund this first year's camp.



Members can also help by asking their employers to donate, by letting us know of companies they believe might be interested donors, and by making a personal donation and applying to their employer for a "matching" donation for the day camp.

& loaded reels donated by the **Sierra Club Water Sentinels**. The **Colorado Division of Wildlife** and the **U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service** are both partners providing instructional staff and resource guidance.

Chapter member volunteer Instructors – and "Mentors" to support instructors – are still needed. Mentors will assist campers by interpreting instructors' messages, helping campers with practice exercises and ensuring campers are enjoying themselves, and generally keeping a vigilant eye open to

Equipment donations also are very much needed.

- Basic Poudre Flies - Dry & Nymph (size 12-18)
- Waders and Hip boots
- 7½ ft. Leaders
- 5X Tippets
- Nippers
- Forceps
- Zingers
- Split Shot Weights

All donations will be helpful. None are too small. Please email [Dennis Cook](#) if you would like to donate to this project. A [schedule of events](#) is on Page 10 of this newsletter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCED FOR PHANTOM CANYON PRESERVE

BY GUY TURENNE

This year's volunteer opportunities for the Phantom Canyon Preserve are in the form of **Trail Maintenance Days** and they are scheduled for May 1, July 25, and August 21. In order to volunteer, you must register with The Nature Conservancy via [email](#). Volunteers are expected to stay the entire day. The work day begins at the gate off U.S. Highway 287 and will run from 7:30 a.m. to roughly 6:30 p.m.

What to expect: The first part of the day, participants will be divided into two groups; one to work upstream on the river trail, the other downstream. Trained leaders will supervise the trail maintenance work. You will be using gas powered weed trimmers to clear the trail of grasses and forbs, hand pruners and saws to prune overhanging shrubs and branches along the sides of the trail and rebuilding

rock cairns marking the trail and river crossings. You will be hiking through rocky areas with low brush, poison ivy, nettles, cactus and possibly rattlesnakes, and also wading in and out of the river multiple times. After the trail work is completed, participants will have the opportunity to fish the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre River and will be distributed throughout the six designated river reaches, two people per reach, for catch and release flyfishing with barbless hooks.

What to bring: Bring a current Colorado fishing license, a sack lunch, water, sun/rain/wind protection, sturdy work gloves, wading staff, spare dry clothing and binoculars and camera, if desired. Long pants and sleeves are recommended because of the possibility of stinging nettle and poison ivy. Each participant will need to provide their own fishing equipment and must pre-clean their gear prior to the trip



to help protect the river from non-native species (please visit our [website](#) if you are unsure of how to clean your gear). There will be a limit of 10 participants plus two leaders for each scheduled trail maintenance day. Leader training is scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

For more information, please visit our website or contact [Guy Turenne](#) via email.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4/16 to 4/17 – CTU Rendezvous

4/21 – RMF General Meeting *

4/30 – Application Deadline for RMF NoCO Youth River Conservation & Fly Fishing Day Camp

5/1 – Trail Maintenance Day at Phantom Canyon Preserve

5/19 – RMF General Meeting *

6/6 to 6/11 – CTU River Conservation and Fly Fish-

ing Youth Camp

6/26 – Poudre River Clean Up

7/15 to 7/17 and 7/22 to 7/24 – RMF NoCO Youth River Conservation & Fly Fishing Day Camp

* Admission is free and the public is welcome. Social hour begins at 6:30 and the program follows at 7:00. The Fort Collins Senior Center is located at 1200 Rain-tree Drive off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLYCASTERS...AT A GLANCE

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) has over 870 members and meets every 3rd Wednesday, September through May. Chapter meetings typically include a special guest program presentation, review of current Chapter projects and business, conservation updates and discussion about recent fishing experiences. Our primary purpose for assembly is cold-water conservation, and most members are fishing enthusiasts so that common interest bonds our social fabric. Members typically join to ex-

pand their fishing knowledge and circle of friends, and then also recognize the urgency for conserving our diminishing streams and river resources.

The public is welcome at all of our Chapter meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

Meetings:

3rd Wed; Sep thru May

[Fort Collins Senior Center](#)

1200 Raintree Drive

(NW corner off Shields Avenue—North of Drake).

6:30 pm — Socialize

7:00 pm — Meeting



Take care of the fish and the fishing will take care of itself.

—TU's Founding Fathers

PRESIDENT'S BEAT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

do to help us meet this most important goal of our chapter.

Also, watch our website and this newsletter for other volunteer activities. We need your involvement in Trout Unlimited's national cleanup day on [June 26, 2010](#). This year we are scheduled to clean up the Poudre. We generally meet at Picnic Rock at 9:00 a.m. and then come back there for a picnic at noon. More details will follow.

[Volunteers](#) will be needed at Eagle's Nest Open Space, at The Nature Conservancy's

Phantom Canyon, and in Rocky Mountain National Park. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter and will be on the [web-site](#).

Elections will be held in May. We truly need members who are willing to be on the Board of Directors. Presently the board has five former presidents serving again. A wider base of active members keeps the enthusiasm up. Please consider how you can help.

Our [April meeting](#) will feature a guide from Steamboat Fly Fishers talking about the Yampa and other great fisheries in the Steamboat area. Chris Ken-

edy will start the meeting with information about volunteering in Rocky Mountain National Park this summer, where, if you volunteer, you'll see some beautiful country and get to do some fun fish census work.

We are one of the largest chapters in the nation and on the way to becoming one of the best. We're on the move and doing great things. You can see why I'm so excited! Thank you for all you do and for doing more, [Lee Evans](#)

The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope. ~John Buchan

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

BY DENNIS COOK

Nathan Clark is completing his 5th year at Windsor High School, and is the senior Agricultural Teacher there. He previously taught Agriculture at Millennium High School in Arizona. An Agricultural Sciences graduate of Michigan State University, he started his Masters study at the University of Arizona and continues his AgEd studies at CSU. Melinda Fury, his Agricultural co-teacher, received her BS Degree in Agricultural Education at CSU where she currently is enrolled in the AgEd Masters program.

Early this August several RMF members will converge upon the Windsor High School Agricultural Department teachers and several students, to assemble the fish tank and equipment for the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) project.

Coincidentally, Nathan and

Melinda already raise fish in class – tilapia – which is a warm water species. They see an opportunity to compare habitat and other science elements between the tilapia and the trout cold-water species. Their plan is to identify a team of several students who will use the trout as their Supervised Agricultural Experiment (SAE)

and as a team assume a “lead” role in the TIC project. All 140 of the Windsor High School students enrolled in the Agricultural curriculum, grades 9 through 12, will be exposed to TIC, and students in other sciences departments will also have an opportunity to participate.

It has been an enlightening experience to meet and learn more about the Windsor High School Agricultural Studies program. It hits me as very like a college level major studies program. Freshmen study general education courses and take



Melinda Fury will be teaching her third year, after two years previously at Fleming, CO, High School.

basic studies becoming familiar with AgEd topics. Sophomores cover natural resources topics and some business management. Juniors engage in animal sciences and biology and Seniors concentrate on advanced agribusiness communications.

Along the way students learn Ag-mechanics including electrical, plumbing, welding, etc. skills. Nathan and Melinda serve as Future Farmers of America advisors for students as they complete a required intra-curricular project as part of their studies. It’s all very impressive and covers a complete Ag-industry spectrum. Trout in the Classroom can introduce new perspectives as students observe how trout are an indicator species helping them become more aware of water quality considerations in nature’s balance.



Nathan Clark nets for tilapia at the Windsor High School Agriculture Department Projects Lab

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLYCASTERS CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED

NoCO Youth Day Camp

RIVER CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING

JULY 15-17 AND 22-24, 2010

SCHEDULE (Preliminary) FIRST SECTION	
DATE / TIME	TOPIC
THURSDAY July 15 8:00-9:00	<u>Site: NRCS Fort Collins Office</u> Orientation
9:00-10:00	Conservation Intro, Concepts & Ethics
10:00-10:15	BREAK
10:15-11:30	Watersheds & Hydrology
11:30-12:30	Erosion Demonstration
12:30-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-1:30	TRANSPORT
1:30-2:30	Eggs Hatchery - Bellevue
2:30-2:45	TRANSPORT
2:45-3:00	BREAK
3:00-4:00	Rearing Hatchery – Watson Lake
4:00-4:30	TRANSPORT
4:30-5:30	Fly Fishing Intro, Ethics & Basic State Laws
5:30-6:00	Journals Time
FRIDAY July 16 8:00-9:15	<u>Site: Fort Collins Police Community Room</u> Backcountry Concerns Economic Development Impacts Human Effects on Rocky Mountains Regional Conservation issues / PRRS
9:15-9:30	BREAK
9:30-11:30	Equipment, Rigging's & Knots, River Safety
11:30-12:30	Colorado Water Law
12:30-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-2:00	Trout Anatomy & Behavior
2:00-3:00	Invasive Species
3:00-3:15	BREAK
3:15-4:15	Conservation Practices & Advocacy
4:15-5:30	Casting & Presentation
5:30-6:00	Journals Time
SATURDAY July 17 8:00-9:15	<u>Site: Poudre Canyon Hatchery Area</u> TRANSPORT
9:15-10:45	Brood Hatchery
10:45-11:00	BREAK
11:00-12:00	Riparian Habitat
12:00-12:30	LUNCH
12:30-1:00	Reading the Water
1:00-2:30	Casting, Presentation & Wade Fishing Nymph & Dry Techniques
2:30-2:45	BREAK
2:45-4:30	River Wade Fishing
4:30-6:00	TRANSPORT (Journals Time on bus)

SCHEDULE (Preliminary) SECOND SECTION	
DATE / TIME	TOPIC
THURSDAY July 22 8:00-10:00	<u>Site: Lions Park at LaPorte</u> Grp. A: Insects Entomology Grp. B: Snorkeling-Habitat Exam
10:00-12:00	Grp. B: Insects Entomology Grp. A: Snorkeling-Habitat Exam
12:00-12:30	LUNCH
12:30-2:30	Electro shock / Fish Ident. & Measurement
2:30-3:30	Insect/Fly Matching
3:30-5:30	Fly Tying Intro
5:30-6:00	TRANSPORT (Journals Time on bus)
FRIDAY July 23 8:00-9:00	<u>Site: Glade Park (Tentative)</u> TRANSPORT
9:00-12:30	Conservation Project
12:30-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-5:00	Conservation Project
5:00-6:00	TRANSPORT (Journals Time on bus)
SATURDAY July 24 8:00-11:00	<u>CMS Mechanical Services - Windsor</u> Fly Tying
11:00-12:00	<u>Site: Sylvan Dale or Gateway Park</u> TRANSPORT
12:00-12:30	LUNCH
12:30-1:30	Stillwater Techniques & Fishing
1:30-3:00	Fly Tying
3:00- 4:30	River & Pond Fishing
4:30-5:00	Commencement & Group Photo
5:00-6:00	TRANSPORT (Journals Time on bus)

Key content is pretty well finalized, but minor details may still be re-vised. Most on-river activities will be on Poudre Canyon sections. Dry activities will be at Fort Collins-LaPorte-Windsor locations. Questions?...or to volunteer! Please email [Dennis Cook](mailto:Dennis.Cook).

4/6/2010