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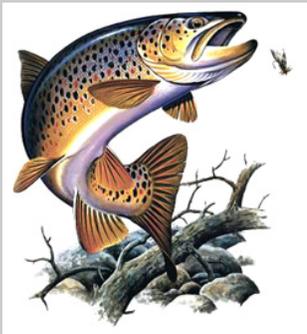
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Happy summer everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and finding time to 'cool' down every now and then with a wade in a stream somewhere. Man, the big bugs were sure popping up on the Poudre. I admit I have not been back up recently but there were a lot of big uglies out and about a couple of weeks ago. I know it took me two tries to get back in the swing of tying a lot of material on big hooks and I actually bought orange foam for the first time. All in all it was still fun and apparently a couple of fish thought my salmon fly imitation was good enough to eat. Fun stuff!!

As always check out the calendar of events as we constantly have upcoming activities that need volunteers. Another new venture for us this year is we will staff the "Kid's Fishing Pond" at the Larimer County Fair and Rodeo on August 4th. Let me know if you are interested. We will need 5 volunteers from 10 - 5pm. Should be great fun and another chance to get kids excited about fishing and the outdoors.

Thanks to all that responded regarding volunteering for Project Healing Waters. We are beginning to get that relationship developed and look forward to many opportunities in the future to give something back to the men and women who have gallantly served our country. If any of you are still interested in helping with PHW, contact **Bill Perrill**.

Happy summer fishing everyone! Don't forget the bug repellent and sun screen.

Dick Jefferies, President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

Programs And Events

Brad Kiehne, Program Director

Program

Fort Collins Senior Center
6:30 – 9:00 pm
1200 Raintree Drive, 80526

Senior Center Map

September 18, 2013: Kerry Carahar – Encampment River – Wade and Float Fishing

October 16, 2013: Adam Omernick – Owner of NOCO Fly Fishing.com presents an evening of Tenkara

Let's Go Fishing!!

Since our next monthly meeting will be September, you can still sign up for trips by email or phone. How better to ensure you get in all those fishing days you want, than to start planning them now. And who better to fish with than RMF friends, both old and new. So take a look below and "get started"!

Date	Trip	Host
August 17	Poudre Upper Canyon: "Wild Trout and Whities"	Dennis Cook
Sept. 7	RMNP Dream Lake: "Cutthroat Crazyies"	Mark Miller
Sept. 28	Poudre/Big South: "Grand Slam"	Dennis Cook
Oct. 19	Colorado River Main Stem: "Trout Potourri"	Dennis Cook
Nov. 9	Big Thompson Canyon: "Brownies Bash"	Dennis Cook

Please note Dennis Cook's name is on all but one of these these trips. But, he can't host them all! So, if you have fished one of these scheduled areas once or twice, you are qualified to be a host! We just need someone to set up a meeting time and place, some car pooling, and keep us from getting lost. It's that simple! Just contact **Mark Miller** or 970-744-8229 (cell).

Also, it is not too early to be thinking about trip ideas and destinations for next year. If you have a favorite place to fish, please consider passing the idea on to Mark Miller, so he can start building a suggested RMF Trip list for 2014. Any and all ideas are welcome. There are lots of fish out there that need catching!!

Other Upcoming Events

Fishing opportunities, volunteer work, education sessions and more!! We are approaching that time of year when the calendar really starts to get busy. Use the handy link below to go directly to the RMF calendar. There is a little something for everyone. Let us know if there something of interest you want more information about. I am just a click away.

Dick Jefferies

Chapter Event Calendar

2013 Children's Water Festival - *Who Eats Who at the Stream?*

Jerry Pelis

On May 15th the 2013 Children's Water Festival season drew to a close with Rocky Mountain Flycasters final presentation to the Fort Collins schools held at Front Range Community College. The Fort Collins event was attended by between 1700 and 1800 third grade students from various Fort Collins schools. The Greeley Festival was attended by between 1100 and 1200 fourth grade students and the Loveland Children's Water Festival by nearly 1000 Fifth grade students. Fortunately, for the Rocky Mountain Flycaster volunteers, not all of these students streamed through our classroom. Totals for the 2013 season included 3 Festivals conducted by 9 great volunteers who taught 20 different classes attended by 469 students.



Dennis Cook Instructs Water Festival Students

History



Bill Perill Helps Students Identify Fish Species

The Children's Water Festival Program began in Northern Colorado over 20 years ago to correspond to and enhance the state curriculum requiring that a unit about water and water conservation is to be taught in each school. The program has since expanded to numerous communities and school districts throughout the state. The Festivals are truly community events frequently organized and coordinated by municipal and county utilities and water suppliers. Presentations are primarily hands on, educational in nature, and nearly always engage the children in a fun activity. The presentations include such things as waste water treatment, storm water run off, measuring rainfall (using squirt guns), fun scientific experiments (dry ice in a water flask is always a hit), fish education by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, watershed dynamics, and very cool hands on

identification of those wiggly macro-invertebrates from the Poudre River—the ones we call mayfly nymphs when we turn a river rock over.

Program Content

The Rocky Mountain Flycaster's Presentation is an interactive skit designed to give students a simplified introduction to cold water stream ecology and the interconnected life cycles of some of the stream inhabitants. A rudimentary stream is laid out on the floor using painters tape and foam rocks. Each student is given a neck tag as they enter, designating them as an aquatic insect, a trout, or a predator. The class is then split up into their respective groups and receive a brief talk by a RMF expert, learning their identity as shown on the neck tag, life cycle, and role in the stream. All the "animals" then return to the stream to start the game.

By now most have figured out what "Who Eats Who at the Stream?" really means. When the stream starts to



Dave Piske Answers a Question

“flow”, the trout get to “eat” the aquatic insects and the predators get to “eat” the trout. A little chaotic but great fun for all. The students learn not only who eats who, but how interconnected each group is to the other animals and how very important cold, clean water is to all of them. They also learn new words like nymphs and fry and how the nymphs and fry hiding under the rocks and not eaten perpetuate the cycle. Judging from the answers to the questions asked at the end, the students were engaged and listened and the lesson seems to dovetail well with what they learn in school. The highlight, of course, was the “goodie bag” provided by Colorado Parks and Wildlife filled with free “stuff” presented at the end.



Jerry Pelis Leads a Discussion

Making It Happen

The only way such an undertaking can be so successful is through the expertise and the efforts and the dedication of the terrific RMF volunteers who devoted a portion of their time to help grade school children form a solid conservation base. Every volunteer was able to use their passion for our mission to keep the students thoroughly engaged and eager to learn.

Thank you so very much, 2013 volunteers: Dale Rellas, Bill Perrill, Wil Huett, Bruce Rosenthal, Dave Piske, Phil Wright, Paul Wehr, Dennis Cook, and Jerry Pelis. A special thanks to Bob Streeter, Wil Huett, and Dennis Cook for helping to stuff all those goodie bags.

The Children’s Water Festival experience is truly rewarding and can’t help but to bring a smile to your face. Consider joining us for the fun next year.

Project Healing Waters

Bill Perrill, Coordinator

Rocky Mountain Flycasters is helping the Southern Wyoming and Northern Colorado Chapter of Project Healing Waters develop a local presence. Project Healing Waters (PHW) is a national non-profit organizational that is committed to providing a recreational therapy program for veterans who have a service related disability. The program locally will include Fly Tying classes, Rod Building classes, a Bug Class (Entomology) and a number of guided fishing trips.

We have an initial list of volunteers but more maybe needed as the program begins to grow. If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful program and help payback a debt to those who have given so much, please email **Bill Perrill**. Bill is the RMF coordinator of the program and would love to add your name to list of possible volunteers.

To help PHW establish the local programs, RMF has agreed to provide volunteers for the programs. Other community volunteers from other fly fishing groups, clubs, TU chapters, etc., may also be accessed.

The time frame for when the volunteers will be needed is still unknown since PHW is in the process of locating sites for the classes and fishing venues. Please provide the following in your email:

- Indicate what area(s) you would like to help with – Fly Tying, Rod Building, Bug Classes, or Guiding.
- Provide Phone Number
- List email address

Project Healing Waters will provide all material for all of the programs and there is a \$0 cost to the veterans. Most of the guided fishing trips are on private waters and are organized by PHW.

This is a terrific opportunity for RMF to develop a very positive and lasting partnership that will benefit our members and the chapter by:

- Providing a valuable experience for our members working with and giving back to those you served in the armed forces.
- Expanding areas that may become accessible to RMF by guiding on private waters
- Expanding our membership by inviting interested PHW members to join RMF
- Eventually gaining additional volunteers for some of our restoration/conservation projects.
- Expanding our community involvement in an area that has broad public support, both emotionally and financially.

If you have any questions or would like to begin attending Project Healing Waters meeting, please contact Bill.

Give Us Your Best Shot

We're always looking for pictures germane to fly fishing, rivers, lakes, and watershed conservation, volunteers doing that work, fly tying, sharing fishing with youngsters and others, so the options are varied. It would be nice if many of them were local to RMF members, but some destinations will be considered. Having permission to publish on our website will be implicit for submitted photos so make certain you have permission from anyone in your pictures.

Photographers will be acknowledged in a caption with the picture so rush those pictures in. Send your pictures to **Webmaster**.

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