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April Chapter Trip: Green River

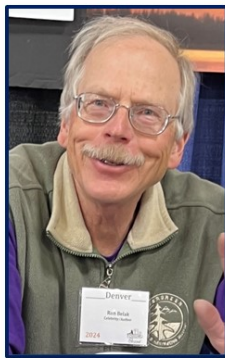


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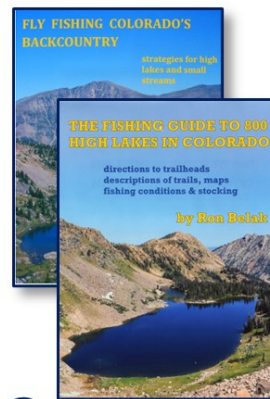
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CCTU CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 2024



RON BELAK FISHING HIGH ALTITUDE LAKES



TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Fly Tying Demos at **6:00 PM**

Meeting Starts at **6:30 PM**

Lone Tree Brewing Company

8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Ron Belak is an award-winning writer and photographer from Evergreen, Colorado. He has fished the Colorado backcountry as an adult for 40 years, fishing over 600 different high lakes and reservoirs. Educated as a scientist with degrees in geology and coursework in the biological sciences, he approaches fly fishing from an analytical perspective, trying to decide what strategies, techniques, equipment and patterns work and what is the scientific basis for why they work.



www.ronbelak.com





April Fly Tyer: Mike Myers

Raffle Prizes



[Zoom Meeting Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85600156892?pwd=VVF6MzV4Vk9EdVJ3YXhqS0hGcVpTdz09)

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Cutthroat Chapter Trips

The Cutthroat Chapter hosts multi-day trips to the Green River in April, the Bighorn River in May, and the San Juan River in October each year. We share

the costs of the rental home(s)/resort plus organize carpools to help lower the price of the trips. The trips are four to five nights which can accommodate 10 – 12 fly fishers and are usually full each year, so sign up early!

Starting in 2024, a \$150 non-refundable deposit is now required to sign up paid by check or other electronic means as determined by the organizer of the trip. Starting in 2025, sign-ups for the trips will begin with the announcement of the dates in the January Newsletter. The trips are first-come-first-served based on when your deposit is received by the organizer. If your deposit is received after the trip is full then your deposit will be returned, and you will be added to a waitlist. If you need to cancel for any reason after your deposit has been received by the organizer, then you must find someone to replace you who will pay you the \$150 deposit. If you cannot find someone to replace you then your deposit will be forfeited to the other participants to help offset a little bit of the additional costs.

Carpools are organized to help lower transportation costs. The driver typically does not pay for fuel as there is wear and tear on the vehicle, so the fuel is paid for by the other occupant(s).

The Green River – April 22nd – 26th, 2024

Update: Full

We fish the A section of the Green River below Flaming Gorge Reservoir in Utah. The trip is scheduled in April to match with the Mayfly hatch. The canyon walls and the greenish color of the river provide a spectacular backdrop to your fishing experience. Beautiful large Rainbows and Browns are numerous. Some fishers will use guides or personal watercraft to float the seven miles from the dam to the Little Hole take-out while others will wade fish up the canyon from Little Hole.



We stay at [Flaming Gorge Resort](#) which sleeps six in four bedrooms and a kitchen to cook our meals. Three recently updated motel rooms with two

fishers each are also used to accommodate the twelve people. We usually grill Tri-tips the first night, and Italian, Mexican, or something else the other nights. You will be assigned to a meal team that will provide the food, prepare it, and clean up one night for everyone. You are responsible for your breakfast and lunch.

The price range of the accommodations per fisher is typically \$300 to \$400 for the four nights depending on the final number of participants. The trip is limited to 12 people.

Trip Organizer: Rich Hus (720) 273-9411, r_hus@hotmail.com

The Bighorn River – May 12th – 16th, 2024

Update: Full

We fish in the last section of the Bighorn River, a tailwater below the Yellow Tail Dam near Fort Smith, MT. The river is wide and smooth with large Rainbows and Browns that average around 16 inches. These fish are strong and fight hard! Some fishers rent drift boats or bring personal watercraft to float After-Bay to Three Mile (3 miles) and/or Three Mile to Bighorn (7 miles). Others will fish in wadable areas of the river. We have new accommodations for 2024! Bighorn Angler's upper level of the [View House](#) has ten beds in five bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a full kitchen to cook your meals. We do not organize meal teams on this trip, and you are responsible for all your meals.



The price range of the accommodations per fisher is typically \$300 to \$400 for the four nights depending on the final number of participants. A drift boat rental is \$210 a day and includes the shuttle. The trip is limited to 10 people.

Trip Organizer: Rich Hus (720) 273-9411, r_hus@hotmail.com

The San Juan River – October 25th – 30th, 2024

Update: Three Spots Left

The San Juan River is world-renowned for providing some of the most rewarding trout fishing you will ever experience. The San Juan is a consistent producer of rainbows and browns averaging 16 to 18 inches with many reaching much larger proportions. The Quality Waters are in northwest New Mexico below the Navajo Dam and Reservoir. We will be staying in VRBO rental houses located near the river, which are fully equipped with kitchens, and multiple bedrooms and baths. We usually grill Tri-tips the first night, and Italian, Mexican, or something else the other nights. You will be assigned to a meal team that will provide the food, prepare it, and clean up one night for everyone. You are responsible for your breakfast and lunch.



The price range of the accommodations per fisher is typically \$350 to \$450 for the five nights depending on the final number of participants. The trip is limited to 12 people.

Trip Organizer: Jerry Shin, (303) 507-3495, gsshin51@gmail.com

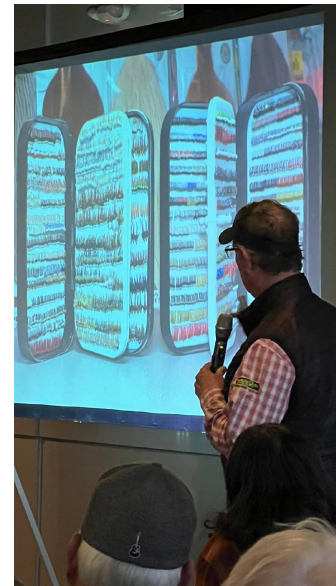
Recaps and Information You May Find Interesting...

Recap: March Chapter Meeting

Pat Dorsey has graciously supported the Cutthroat Chapter for over 30 years, since at least June 1993 when he gave his first CCTU talk on fishing Waterton Canyon. It is no surprise that we had such an incredible turn out for Pat at our March meeting with about 100 attendees - a true full house! Richard Pilatzke,

another long time CCTU volunteer and fly-fishing community Super Star, kicked off the meeting with fly tying demonstrations. Pat talked Tips to Catch More Trout, and included his favorite bug imitations, as well as various rigs, types of trout rises and advice for reading the water. It was a comprehensive presentation with immediate positive feedback from those in attendance. Pat stayed to socialize after a full day guiding on the South Platte, answered attendees' questions, signed books and threw back a couple of cold ones. We raffled off great prizes, including Pat's newest book "Favorite Flies for Colorado" which was won by BOD member Mark Davis. Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle as it was a banner night for raising conservation funds. And a special shout out to Emily and the Lone Tree Brewing Co staff who did an excellent job keeping the beverages flowing all evening. Thanks to all for a fun-filled night out!

If you missed the meeting, you can view the recording [here](#).



Reminder: Your CO Fishing License

2024 licenses went on sale March 1, 2024, and are valid through March 31, 2025. Licenses can be purchased at sales agents, CPW offices, online or by phone at 1-800-244-5613.

You will also need to purchase the Annual Habitat Stamp which provides core funds for the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program. The CWHP ensures Colorado's natural resources and critical wildlife habitat are protected, and that there will always be wildlife-related recreational opportunities available. The Habitat Stamp fee will be automatically included in the price of your first fishing or hunting license for the year.

[CPW Online Licensing Page](#)

Upcoming Events & Trips

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/13 Orvis Fly Fishing Class
- 4/19 Come Fish With Us - Lake Lehow
- 4/22 - 4/26 Green River Trip
- 5/12 - 5/16 Big Horn River Trip
- 5/23 Come Fish With Us - Moving Waters
- 10/25 - 10/30 San Juan River Trip

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CCTU CALENDAR April-Dec 2024

4/10/24

<p>16th</p>  <p>Ron Belak Fishing Alpine Lakes</p>	<p>April</p> <p>20th</p>  <p>Tree Planting for Earth Day Bear Creek Lake Park</p>	<p>May</p> <p>21st</p>  <p>Taylor Stack (CSU Grad Student) Genetic Diversity in Trout</p>
<p>May</p> <p>21st</p>  <p>Michael Stickley CTU Conservation Camp & TU Teen Summit</p>	<p>June</p> <p>18th</p>  <p>Rick Takahashi Midge Fly Fishing</p>	<p>July</p> <p>1st</p>  <p>Crystal Lake Trip Project Healing Waters</p> <p>16th</p>  <p>Kyle Battige Greenback Cutthroat Recovery</p>
<p>July</p> <p>20th Stream Girls 1.0 21st Stream Girls 2.0 Waterton Canyon</p>  <p>27th</p>  <p>South Platte Clean Up Deckers Crossroads</p>	<p>Aug</p> <p>17th</p>  <p>Urad Lake Clean Up Alpine Fishing Seminar</p> <p>20th</p>  <p>Annual Picnic Reynold's Landing</p>	<p>Sept</p> <p>17th</p>  <p>Michele White Fly Fishing 7 Reservoirs of South Park</p>
<p>Oct</p> <p>15th</p>  <p>Courtney Despos Just Streamin'</p>	<p>Nov</p> <p>19th</p>  <p>Annual Raffle Drawing Lone Tree Brewing</p>	<p>Dec</p> <p>10th</p>  <p>Annual Holiday Party Lone Tree Brewing</p>



FLY FISHING 101  **SIGN UP TODAY!**



Fly Fishing 101!

Learn to fly fish for free! Come join us at Orvis Park Meadows for an introduction to fly fishing class. We will teach you casting techniques, how to rig up your gear, flies to use, and get you ready to catch some fish!

8433 Park Meadows Center Drive, Space 149, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Orvis Fly Fishing 101 Classes

Hello CCTU friends!

Orvis Park Meadows has started their FREE Fly Fishing 101 classes!

There is one date available in April: 13.

These classes usually fill up quickly! Register on-line for a spot [here](#).

We LOVE that Orvis does this each year. It's a great opportunity to introduce your family and friends to fly fishing!

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Join Cutthroat Chapter at Lake Lehow in Littleton



COME FISH WITH US



This is a wonderful opportunity for beginners to learn to fish, and for a family-friendly fishing outing close to home

2024 CCTU LAKE LEHOW DATES

FRIDAY, APRIL 19	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
FRIDAY, MAY 24	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm w/BBQ
FRIDAY, JUNE 21	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
FRIDAY, JULY 19	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm w/BBQ
FRIDAY, AUG 23	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
FRIDAY, SEPT 20	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
FRIDAY, OCT 18	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

CCTU POC: David Coward dpcoward@hotmail.com

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Join Cutthroat Chapter and City of Lakewood Parks to



PLANT TREES FOR EARTH DAY



THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

Restore Bear Creek Riparian and Wildlife Habitat

Improve Stream Quality for Bear Creek Trout

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 am -12:00 pm - Just bring your work gloves



Head to:

- Bear Creek Lake Park
- Meet @TBD Picnic Shelter
- Get Assignments
- Follow Ranger to Site

Plant Native Trees/Shrubs:

- Narrowleaf Cottonwood
- American Plum
- Chokecherry
- Golden Currant

Install:

- Posts
- Wire Fencing
- Timbers
- Erosion Control Netting

[Read more...](#)

You can sign up online for Earth Day tree planting [here](#) or see John Egan or Kristy Yearsley at the chapter meeting to sign up in person.

Join Anglers All at their celebration of all things fly fishing!

If you live in or around the Littleton area, you probably know of Anglers All. If not, it's a full-service, well-stocked fly shop off of Santa Fe and Belleview, celebrating their 70th year this year! Prior to the pandemic closing large gatherings, Anglers All had an event called the Conclave where manufacturers demonstrated their products, local fly fishing celebrities demonstrated their particular expertise, local bands played, and food and drink flowed freely (literally, there is no charge). After a 4-year hiatus, The Conclave is back in full force!

So, after you join us at the Bear Creek Cleanup for the morning, head over to The Conclave for some much-deserved food, refreshments, music, and camaraderie.

More details here: [Anglers All Conclave 2024](#)

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CCTU CHAPTER MEETING MAY 2024

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Fly Tying Demo at **6:00 PM**

Meeting Starts at **6:30 PM**

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TAYLOR STACK
SPATIAL PATTERNS
OF GENETIC
DIVERSITY IN
TROUT

CSU Graduate Student

Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology
Warner College of Natural Resources

CCTU STEVE BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



MICHAEL STICKLEY
CTU FLY FISHING
CAMP &
TU TEEN
SUMMIT

CCTU Member

Competed in US Youth National Fly
Fishing Championships

2022, 2021

Ask Your Representative to Protect Colorado's Wetlands and Waters
Vote YES on HB 24-1379

For more details and to add your name to the petition, go [here](#).

CCTU COME FISH WITH US
MOVING WATERS PROGRAM
MID-WEEK FISHING TRIP



Join us on

The Blue River

Near Silverthorne

THURSDAY MAY 23

7:45am Meet Up

Park-n-Ride T-Rex Lot

(near I-70 & I-470)

18425 US-40, Golden, CO 80401

8 am depart. Fish from 10 am to 4 pm. Arrive back 6:30 pm

- *The 65-mile Blue River has that classic mountain stream feel*
- *Catch browns, cutbows and rainbows*
- *BWO, Caddis, Stonefly and Midge hatches*
- *One of three tailwaters in Colorado that has Mysis shrimp*
- *Fill out waiver: <https://cutthroatctu.org/s/CCTUWaiver.pdf>*

To RSVP and to request more information

from trip leader Mark Davis:

mdavissci22@gmail.com (303) 941-0393



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CCTU COME FISH WITH US
MOVING WATERS PROGRAM
AD HOC SATURDAYS



- *Fishing Trips*
- *Fly Tying*
- *Build a Rod*



- We have created **Ad Hoc Saturdays** because some of us just can't get away during the week
- **Ad Hoc Saturdays** are also fun for fly tying or building a rod
- Harlan will set up and coordinate an **Ad Hoc Saturday** fishing trip or event based on your requests
- E-Mail Harlan with requests and suggestions
- Join Harlan's e-mail list to be made aware of any upcoming **Ad Hoc Saturday** trips and events

To request more information or to suggest a Saturday fishing trip, contact Harlan Husmann:

harlan.husmann@outlook.com

701-893-6068

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CCTU VOLUNTEER EVENT



JULY 20

1.0 Explore a stream, collect flow data, sample macroinvertebrates, tie flies, and learn fly casting

***NEED VOLUNTEERS
(HYDROLOGY, TYING,
CASTING, PHOTOS)***

**Kassler Center@
Waterton Canyon**

**7:30 am – 5:30 pm
11338 Waterton Road
Littleton, CO 80125**



JULY 21

2.0 Fly fish with graduates of STREAM Girls 1.0

***NEED VOLUNTEERS
(KNOTS, CASTING,
FISHING, PHOTOS)***

**Lake
Lehow**

**10:15 am – 2:00 pm
11250 Waterton Road
Littleton, CO 80125**

<https://coloradotu.org/stream-girls>

Wanted: Fly Tyers

We are looking for people to tie flies at our chapter meetings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact John Egan at john.j.egan@icloud.com.

CCTU Officer and Board of Directors election results

Per the requirements set forth in the Cutthroat Chapter's Bylaws, Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will each be required to be elected on a yearly basis and Board of Director members will be elected and serve a three-year term. During the March 19, 2024, membership meeting, elections were held for the four Chapter Officers and two new Board of Director positions. By a show of hands, the attending members provided a unanimous vote of approval for Scott Tampa (President); John Egan (Vice President); Kristy Yearsley (Secretary); Meg Renton (Treasurer); Ali Sutphin (Board of Directors – Youth Education Director) and Austin Stark (Board of Directors – Chapter Meeting Director). Please welcome our new chapter Secretary and two new BOD members for their support in leading the Cutthroat Chapter.

CCTU EVERYDAY FUNDRAISING VEHICLES

King Soopers Card Program – Link up your King Soopers Rewards Card to CCTU for their Community Rewards program and get King Soopers donations flowing to the Chapter. Requires no ongoing effort on your part. Set up is very simple....check the CCTU website at [CCTU Website](#) for the directions how to link your King Soopers card to Community Rewards donations to CCTU.



Cutthroat Chapter is now on Colorado Gives 365 non-profit platform!

This is an added method for Cutthroat Chapter donations and fundraising. Our organization page describes our non-profit data (projects, financials, registration, etc.) as well as highlights our highest priority conservation project: [Gill Trail Restoration](#). We also have a fundraising page dedicated exclusively to the Gill Trail Restoration effort as this will be a multi-year effort requiring sizable funding. Both pages have information about our chapter activities and include donation buttons.

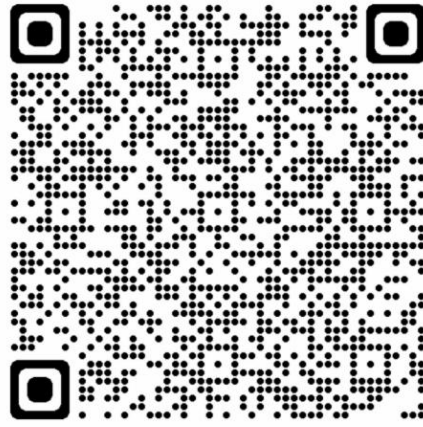
[Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited - Colorado Gives 365](#)

[Cheesman Canyon Gill Trail Restoration - Colorado Gives 365](#)

JOIN TROUT UNLIMITED TODAY



Join Trout Unlimited today at the special introductory rate of just \$17.50. Help protect and restore our nation's magnificent trout and salmon fisheries. This low rate is for new members only and \$15 of your \$17.50 will go to your local chapter (more if you join at a higher membership level).



www.tu.org/join007Cutthroat

**Cutthroat Chapter will receive a \$15 rebate at the end of the fiscal year for each new member who joins at the \$17.50 introductory rate
BY USING THE QR CODE OR LINK ABOVE.**

Cutthroat Chapter will not be eligible for a rebate for new members who join in other ways (i.e., not using code/ link above).

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Chapter Intro \$17.50	Chapter Intro w/ Gift \$27.50	Regular \$35.00	Family \$55.00
Sponsor \$100.00	Conservator \$250.00	Steward \$500.00	Griffith Circle \$1,000.00

If a new member joins at a higher membership level, the higher the rebate. For example, the family level of \$55 will give back a \$20 rebate to the chapter. A sponsor level of \$100 will give back \$30 to the chapter.



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