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**March Newsletter: Fishing Yellowstone and a Big Win for CPW**

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## For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams



### **Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

To conserve, protect and restore Colorado's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds

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#### **SENATE APPROVES LICENSE FEE INCREASES FOR COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE FUNDING**

After a lot of work by CTU, CCTU, and many other of the Colorado TU chapters, The Hunting, Fishing and Parks for Future Generations Act (Senate Bill 18-143) passed the Colorado Senate unanimously this past week. License fees and parks pass costs will increase from \$26 to \$33. This was a big win for CPW and state conservation efforts in general. While it will hit our pockets a bit this was an absolutely necessary for CPW to stay solvent for any period of time. Great work by everyone involved. For more info check out <https://www.greeleytribune.com/news/local/fee-hike-for-colorado-hunting-fishing-licenses-and-state-parks-clears-senate-in-unanimous-vote/>

#### **CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – MARCH CHAPTER MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)**

**CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL –9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130**

**Program – Tim Wade, North Fork Anglers, Cody Wyoming, “The Other Side of Yellowstone”**



Catch North Fork Anglers owner and guide Tim Wade in his only Front Range presentations of the year. If you haven't fished the eastern Yellowstone area, or haven't fished it in a while, don't miss Tim's presentation and tying sessions. The North Fork Guide team knows the waters of this area better than anyone...from the North Fork of the Shoshone to the Bighorn of Thermopolis, and a lot of other areas in between you might not know well. Solidify your knowledge of the area and pick up a new trick or location or two. Stop by the CCTU meeting (don't have to be a member) and catch Tim's great presentation *The Other Side of Yellowstone*, which features some amazing photography and covers the major trout fisheries from the east side of Yellowstone and Cody to Thermopolis. He will also discuss TU's efforts in Northwest Wyoming regarding the conservation and preservation of native Yellowstone Cutthroats. Tim will also tie flies from 6:30 to 7, with the presentation starting at 7pm.

If you can't make the CCTU meeting, catch Tim's Fly Tying session at Orvis Park Meadows, Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-7:30PM. He will tie his favorite patterns, including his legendary signature flies The North Fork Special and the Ho Candy. He'll also give away some secrets on how he rigs and fishes them.

Check out [www.northforkanglers.com](http://www.northforkanglers.com) for more information on the guiding business and the eastern Yellowstone area.

#### CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL –[9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130](#)

**Program 1 - Alex Townsend, Colorado State University Ph.D Student (Recipient of CCTU's Steve Bailey Memorial Research Fellowship)**

Alex Townsend is a Ph.D student in Fisheries Biology at the Warner School of Natural Resources at CSU and the recipient of CCTU's Steve Bailey Memorial Research Fellowship. He will make a short presentation on his current work (more details to follow).

**Program – Scott Graham, North Park Anglers, Walden CO “Discover North Park”**



Ever been curious what the fishing is like in the North Park area? Find out from Scott Graham, the manager of North Park Anglers, and his presentation “Discover North Park”. North Park has a tremendously varied set of waters...big lakes, small creeks and ponds, and larger streams and rivers...and a great chance at the largest, wildest browns you’ve ever caught. North Park Anglers was the 2015 Orvis Endorsed Outfitter of the Year and is the only fly shop and guide service in the area. Scott has managed North Park Anglers, the Guide Service, and The North Park Anglers Fly Fishing Club for 15 years. He is an amazing guide and a great teacher, including being an IFFF Certified Casting Instructor. He will discuss locations, tricks and techniques for fooling the large trout that call North Park home, and review the different trip options that North Park Anglers offers. Beyond North Park’s amazing public waters, North Park Anglers, through its associated ranches, has access to nearly 100,000 acres of private land, with over 50 miles of private trout streams and numerous trophy still-waters. Catch Scott’s presentation and learn about the best ways to access and approach these beautiful and highly underutilized waters in a part of our state that you likely don’t know that well.

Scott will also tie his favorite North Park flies from 6:30 to 7. Check out [www.northparkanglers.com](http://www.northparkanglers.com) for more information on their outfitting business.

***SPRING BEAR CREEK CONSERVATION PROJECT AND FISHING CONTEST – BEAR CREEK LAKE & GREENBELT,  
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 @ 8:30AM – 4PM***



Join the Cutthroat Chapter Saturday April 28, 2018 on urban Bear Creek to celebrate Earth Day in cooperation with the City of Lakewood. After a lite provided breakfast we will help restore a nearby riparian area by planting willows, cottonwoods, and other native plants. After a provided lunch we will return to the stream for a low key three hour fishing contest with acknowledgements for angling achievements such as most fish caught and most flies lost. The data gained from the contest will help Colorado Parks and Wildlife in their hope to restore the brown trout fishery that historically resided in those waters.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to George Franklin at [georgefr@aol.com](mailto:georgefr@aol.com) or 303.902.9827 to ensure for the appropriate amount of food and materials. All volunteers should also visit the City of Lakewood website individually and register for the Earth Day Volunteer Project at <http://www.lakewood.org/BCLPEvents/>

For more information, please check out the CCTU website at [https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe\\_events=spring-bear-creek-conservation-project-and-fishing-contest](https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe_events=spring-bear-creek-conservation-project-and-fishing-contest)

### **COLORADO TROUT UNLIMITED YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING CAMP – SILENT SPRING RESORT, GUNNISON, CO, JUNE 10-16**

This 6-day camp provides youth (ages 14-18) an opportunity to explore the value of healthy streams and clean water and how they relate to our everyday lives while interacting with career experts. Students interact with peers and learn from environmental experts form organizations such as TU, US Forest Service, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, EPA, and Natural Resource Conservation Service. The camp program integrates daily conservation classes and fly fishing activities in a fun, outdoor environment. Classes include – stream ecology, hydrology, entomology and insect census, trout biology and pathology. Activities include – Fly tying, casting instruction, fly fishing techniques, wading safety, stream ethics, catch & release, habitat restoration project. The cost is \$450 per person and includes lodging (camping out at the resort), food, equipment, fly fishing instruction, guided fishing, classes, t-shirts and more. To apply, complete the CTU Youth Application Form (accessed via the link below) and send it to Dan Omasta ([domasta@tu.org](mailto:domasta@tu.org)) no later than April 15, 2018. The Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited is offering potential tuition scholarships for selected campers...contact Allen Adinof ([ad.adinoff@coloradoallergy.com](mailto:ad.adinoff@coloradoallergy.com)) for more info.

Application Link - <http://coloradotu.org/event/ctu-youth-conservation-camp-june-10-2018-june-16-2018/>



**CCTU'S APRIL COME FISH WITH US OUTING – LAKE LEHOW, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1PM-5PM**



This program was initiated two years ago and is designed to help chapter members and non-members explore the great fishing found close to home in the Denver Metro area ponds, lakes, and rivers. Not everyone has the time, or desire, to always drive an hour or two to catch fish in the mountains. *Come Fish With Us* is also focused on getting to know new chapter members and helping to expand their fly fishing skills. Highly experienced CCTU board members and chapter members will be on-hand at all events to answer questions, offer tips, and provide help on casting, fly selection, hooking, playing and landing fish. The program consists of a monthly event at a consistent location, and ad hoc events at other locations throughout the year.

This year's monthly program will held at the heavily stocked Lake Lehow, a Denver Water Property leased by Colorado Parks & Wildlife...and reserved for CCTU. We will have Saturday, Sunday, and week-night classes throughout the year. For the beginning fly fisher, this is the place for you. The lake is full of Bluegills, Largemouth Bass, and is periodically stocked with Rainbow Trout. For more experienced fly fishers, you will be tempted by several 5-7 lb Largemouths you will clearly see throughout the Lake... while catchable, they are not easily fooled, and even tougher to land. Lake Lehow can be reached via through a gate on the east side of the Waterton Canyon Parking lot.

Stay tuned for other dates, times and locations across the Metro area, which will be announced throughout the year. For more information on the Lake Lehow monthly dates or any aspect of the *Come Fish With Us* program, please contact CCTU Board member David Coward at [dpcoward@hotmail.com](mailto:dpcoward@hotmail.com). We look forward to catching a few fish, meeting new folks, and having a great time on the water together.

**LADIES FISHING ON THE FLY – MAY 11 & 12, 2017, HIGHLANDS RANCH EASTRIDGE RECREATION CENTER**



Join CCTU's Cyndy Scholz and her team of instructors for the seventh year of the very popular Ladies Fishing on the Fly. The Highlands Ranch Cultural Association teams up with the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited to teach ladies ages 16 and older the art of fly fishing. There is one classroom session, Friday 5/11 from 6-9pm, and an Outdoor Classroom and Field Trip Saturday, May 12, 8:30am-1pm. Expert Instructors lead this workshop that covers all of the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, conservation, knots, landing and releasing...with plenty of hands-on practice. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of event if not sold out. Get tickets at the Highlands Ranch Eastridge Recreation Center ([9568 University Blvd, Highlands Ranch](#)), at [www.HRCAonline.org](http://www.HRCAonline.org) or by calling (303) 791-2500. Any chapter members that would like to help with instruction, please contact Cyndy at [cyndyscholz@msn.com](mailto:cyndyscholz@msn.com) or (303) 507-3068.

#### **CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIPS**

CCTU Chapter fishing trips sign-ups are currently under way. Please contact each of the CCTU leaders below for more information.

· **Green River Fishing Trip – April 14 – 18, 2018**

- Contact – Jim Schmidt...[jjasden@aol.com](mailto:jjasden@aol.com)
- Sign-ups are basically closed for this event, but if you're still interested, contact Jim. Any additional folks must be added in "twos" from a lodging standpoint.
- Deposit \$75

· **Bighorn River Fishing Trip – May 14 – 19, 2018**

- Contact – John Aaron...[jraaron@mail.com](mailto:jraaron@mail.com)

· **Green River Fishing Trip – October 20 – 24, 2018**

- Contact – Jerry Shin...[gjshin@msn.com](mailto:gjshin@msn.com)

#### **KEEP YOUR KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS CHARGED UP AND IN USE!**

The King Soopers Gift card fundraising program is the easiest and simplest way to help raise money for the chapter and requires virtually no work or extra money from any members! King Soopers gift cards are set up specifically for the Cutthroat Chapter. Cards are preloaded with \$25 and sold to Chapter members at face value...no extra cost! Anyone that would like one just needs to contact Allen Adinoff ([ad.adinoff@coloradoallergy.com](mailto:ad.adinoff@coloradoallergy.com)) for the card. Once you've used the \$25, you can "reload" the card using your credit card (or cash) at the beginning of your checkout (any checker can do it). **CCTU gets 5% of every dollar loaded onto these cards, and that raised nearly \$3,000 again in 2017!**

**We have had a productive year for both fishing and conservation. Your dollars and your efforts have certainly had a positive impact on the health of our mountain streams and our angling community. As always, we thank you for your commitment, your donations and your time.**

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