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New Newsletter Format

Greetings!

We are moving to a new newsletter format and cleaning up our email lists. Please let us know if you want to unsubscribe to the CCTU newsletter or, if you are receiving multiple emails, which email address you would like to keep. Thanks for the help!

CCTU September Meeting - Tues, 9/17, 7-8:30PM

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130
PROGRAM: XANDER ELLIOTT, ST. PETER'S FLY SHOP, FLY FISHING THE POUUDRE



Join Xander Elliott, the head guide for the two St. Peter's fly shops in Fort Collins, for a presentation on fishing the Cache De Poudre system. If you haven't fished the Poudre, you are missing out on a close-to-home fishery that has the size, numbers, and variety of fish to rival anywhere in the

state. Xander has been fishing and guiding these waters for nearly many years and knows them as well as anyone. St. Peter's consists of two fly shops, the Remington Street location, and the South location on E Harmony. Both stores are in close proximity to a number of amazing waters including, the Poudre, Big Thompson, North Platte, and the waters of Rocky Mountain National Park. Xander has guided at St. Peter's Fly Shop for over seven years and has been fishing his entire life. He was raised in the Front Range and attended college at Colorado State University. For more info on St. Peter's Fly Shops check out www.stpetes.com.

ORVIS GIVEBACK DAYS - All Donations to CCTU...Ends 9/28



Orvis Giveback Days is a charitable giving program to support local conservation efforts. For the Denver market, the program recipient is the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CCTU). Any customer who visits Orvis Park Meadows or Orvis Cherry Creek through Sept 28, and donates \$10 to CCTU (easily done through the register) will receive a \$10 savings card they can use that day! Costs you nothing, and the dollars donated to CCTU will go 100% towards youth-

focused conservation programs. Orvis is also donating an additional \$2,000 to CCTU to provide four full scholarships for local kids to the fantastic Colorado Trout Unlimited Youth Camp. Stop by Orvis Park Meadows or Cherry Creek, make a donation, get your savings card, and help drive some solid funding towards a great cause.

COME FISH WITH US SEPTEMBER EVENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 8AM-12PM, AT LAKE LEHOW

Join us Sunday, September 22 for CCTU's July "Come Fish With Us" event from 8am-12pm at Lake Lehow. This program is designed for chapter members and non-members to explore local fisheries with several highly experienced chapter members



also there to answer questions, offer tips, and provide help on casting, fly selection, hooking, playing and landing fish. Lake Lehow (enter via east side of Waterton Canyon Parking Lot) is a private lake that is heavily stocked with bass, panfish, and trout. Contact board member David Coward at

dpcoward@hotmail.com for more info, or just show up at Lake Lehow on 9/22 at 9am. While it continues to be hot, fish are still being caught throughout August and early September. The lake was stocked recently and the Orvis 9/15 event saw numerous rainbows caught.

All of these events are at Lake Lehow, and we have the following dates remaining...

Sunday 9/22	8am-12pm
Friday 10/18	5-8pm

CCTU October Meeting - Tues, 10/15, 7-8:30PM

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

PROGRAM 1 : JARA JOHNSON - ALMA FOUNDATION AND CCTU PROJECT PROGRESS

PROGRAM 2 : GRAHAM MORAN, GEAR COLORADO FLYFISHING, TENKARA

INTRODUCTION



Program 1: Jara Johnson with the Alma Foundation will review the progress on the Riverwalk Project which CCTU has provided significant funding towards the last couple of years. They have made some tremendous progress on the project already, with more to come in

2020. For more information on the Alma Foundation go to [Alma Foundation](#)

Program 2: Curious to learn about this fly fishing technique known as tenkara and find out if it fits within your fly fishing evolution? Graham Moran of GEAR Colorado Fly Fishing and The Tenkara Grasshopper Academy will be sharing his passion for tenkara with his presentation “Tenkara...an introduction”. Graham was one of the early adopters of this fly fishing style. He will be discussing Tenkara’s history, equipment, and techniques. At the conclusion of the presentation he will be demonstrating the cast and a selection of fly presentation techniques. Graham Moran is the owner and head guide for the outfitter GEAR Colorado Fly Fishing (www.gearcoloradoflyfishing.com). He has been a fly fishing guide for the last seven years for several Front Range guide services, including Trout’s. He began fishing at two years old, fly fishing at 16 and has spent the last 25 years refining his standard western style fly fishing in addition to developing his well-known expertise in Tenkara over the last decade. In addition to running GEAR Colorado Fly Fishing, he is the Head Blogger and President of the Tenkara Grasshopper website (www.tenkaragrasshopper.com), a Tenkara USA Ambassador and Signature

Fly Tier and a devoted husband and father. Graham will also tie his favorite tenkara flies from 6:30-7pm prior to the meeting.

AUGUST PICNIC AND 2019 RAFFLE WINNERS



CCTU had a great annual picnic on Aug 20th. Jonathan Walter and his team from Clear Creek Casting did a fantastic job with the casting demo and individual tune-ups. Thanks to John Cristantiello for all the food, David Coward for the grills, and for Ray Ken doing the cooking. Allen announced all 40 of the 2019 Raffle Prize Winners and we handed out the prizes to those that made it to the picnic. Deb Holmberg won the highly coveted Scott Tampa custom bamboo rod, and her shriek of surprise and joy when she heard her name announced was priceless. While no one wanted to hear John Aaron's name called again, given how many tickets he purchased, everyone was happy he pocketed a number of prizes. We ended up with 144 tickets sold, and with no real costs due to all the donations, netted approx.. \$14k for the raffle. Thanks to all who helped volunteer at the event, thanks to everyone who brought food to pass (we had tons and it was wonderful) and thanks to all the 2019 Raffle Prize donors. Can't for next year's program and picnic.

[CCTU Facebook Post for Raffle Winners](#)

CCTU PARTNER FOCUS *THE BLUE QUILL ANGLER*



This month we highlight another great long-time partner for CCTU...The Blue Quill Angler in Evergreen. The Blue Quill has been a huge supporter of our Raffles and Silent Auctions – multiple guide trips from Pat Dorsey, guide trips from Joe Shafer, Kerry Caraghar, Jim Neiberger and others. Pat and Joe have done several presentations over the past few years, all of which have been engaging and incredibly insightful. CCTU absolutely could not raise the project funding we have without their tremendous continued support. Since 1988, the Blue Quill has served clients through their fly shop, on-line retail store, and award- winning guide service. They have an incredibly experienced shop staff and provide consistently excellent help and advice on equipment, fly tying, where to fish suggestions, and many other questions. The fly shop and on-line store are filled with the best brands in fly fishing, including Simms, Sage, Orvis, Patagonia, Ross, Rio, Hatch, Umpqua, and Scott. And, they will ship all purchases \$30 or over at free standard shipping. Their guide service is second to none with Colorado legends like Pat Dorsey, Bob Dye, Kerry Caraghar, John Keefover, Joe Shafer, and more. Their permits allow them to guide on the best rivers in Colorado, often allowing them to guide on rivers not

available to other shops...such as Cheesman Canyon and certain South Platte sections below Deckers. Their class and seminar schedule is second to none, with something for beginners and experienced anglers alike.

Check them out for a trip you won't forget or gear that won't disappoint at www.bluequillangler.com

COLORADO RIVER HEADWATERS CHAPTER RIVER CONCERT

Saturday, Sept 22, Doors Open 12PM, Winter Park Headwaters Center



Join the Colorado River Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited at the Headwaters Center in Winter Park for a concert celebrating our rivers. A \$20 ticket gets you music from The Riffers and local favorite Caitlyn Taussig, as well as admission to the brand new Headwaters Center Museum. Doors will open at noon, music starts at 1pm and will go till about 5. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the concert will move indoors!

KING SOOPERS CARD PROGRAM

PLEASE MAKE THE CHANGES BELOW TO KEEP CCTU FUNDING GOING



The King Soopers Gift Card program has been an important funding source for CCTU. The program has changed, and now no longer runs off the gift card but runs straight off your King Soopers Rewards Card... **requiring even less effort than ever before.**

To link your King Soopers Reward Card to funding for CCTU, please do the following.

- Log into your King Soopers Rewards account at www.kingsoopers.com or, if you are a new user, you will have to create an account which is very simple.
- Click on "Save" on top menu bar
- Click on King Soopers Community Rewards – from pull down menu
- Enroll Now
- Create Account – you will need King Soopers Rewards Card number
- Find an Organization – enter "Cutthroat"
- Enroll

AMAZON SMILES PROGRAM

CCTU Can Get .5% of Your Amazon Purchases



Amazon Smiles provides .5% of the price of your Amazon purchase to the charitable organization of your choice. To set this program up, you

must always go to the website <https://smile.amazon.com> to sign into your Amazon account, rather than going to Amazon.com. Once you sign into your Amazon account via the Amazon Smiles website, you will be transported to the Amazon website.

To set up initially...

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>
- Login with your Amazon username (likely email) and password
- The system will then prompt you for which charitable organization you want the \$ to go towards – type in Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited
- You are all set to have the \$ go towards CCTU

If you ever want to change the charitable organization or if you have trouble with the initial set-up – go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, then go to “Your Account”, then to “Your Amazon Smile”

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