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Electro-shocking on Bear Creek, September 2022

Conserve, Protect And Restore

TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE US FOREST SERVICE: Gill Trail Footbridge repair work will take place next week (10/17 – 10/21) and the bridge will be closed. The construction company will also be staging in the parking lot, so public parking will be severely impacted for that week. We suggest that visitors avoid the Lower Cheesman Canyon Trailhead entirely for that week. Unlike in previous years, we **DO NOT** need volunteers. There are more than enough people assigned to complete the project. We can all stay home and appreciate the trail when it is completed!

MEETINGS BACK TO CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL STARTED IN SEPTEMBER

Starting with the September Chapter Meeting we are back at Cresthill Middle School, with a Zoom simulcast of the live meeting in case you can not attend.

CCTU OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7PM

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL & ZOOM SIMULCAST

CHRIS KRUEGER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLY DESIGN. TAKING THE GUESS WORK OUT OF STREAMER FISHING – TIPS FOR SUCCESS



Chris Krueger is a fly designer out of Fort Collins, CO where he owns and operates Rocky Mountain Fly Design (www.rockymountainflydesign.com). A teacher by day and a fly tier by night, Chris spends much of the year working with youth, teaching fly tying, demonstrating at shows, and tying commercially. He is a signature fly designer with Montana Fly Company, and a pro team member at Regal Engineering and Whiting Farms. Chris enjoys fishing throughout the

Rockies, but his passion is throwing streamers to predatory fish...and is a streamer specialist both fishing and tying. He will reveal his key streamer secrets and tricks in his presentation "Taking the Guess Work Out of Streamer Fishing – Tips for Success". Don't miss this invaluable dive into an area where we all can grow our fly fishing skillset. Pick up some of his amazing streamers, check out tying videos and more at his website

www.rockymountainflydesign.com

The meeting will be held in-person at the Cresthill Middle School cafeteria, with doors opening at 6:30pm. Cresthill Middle School is located one block south of Highlands Ranch High School....9195 Cresthill Lane, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130.

As always, the meeting will be broadcast live via Zoom. To join the presentation please go to...<https://cutthroatctu.org/events/2022/10/18/cctu-october-chapter-meeting>_or go to www.zoom.com and use the Meeting ID: 821 4786 5436, Passcode: Cutthroat

NOTE: NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

SAVE THE DATE - CCTU HOLIDAY PARTY

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2022. 6:30 - 8:30 pm CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL



RSVP Here

LOCATION

Cresthill Middle School

DATE AND TIME

10/13/22 6:30pm -
10/13/22 8:30pm

** Don't forget your White Elephant gift!!

I'll be there!

Maybe

Sorry, I cannot attend

For our December chapter meeting, please join us for an evening of white elephant gift exchanges, silent auction, and a "Taste of Home" pot-luck.

Dinner – We would like everyone to bring a dish that you would like to share with the attendees. Beverages (no alcohol allowed) will be provided by the Chapter.

Silent Auction – We will be auctioning off a framed Dave Whitlock print at the event

White Elephant Gift Exchange – Have fun and join in on our long-time chapter holiday party tradition. Surprises abound in this type of exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift, however your choice as to how it is decorated. Gifts should be \$25 in value (or less) – not including any flies that might be involved. Usually everything has a fishing overtone, but you can be creative and provide a surprise toothe sillier/stupider, the more fun and better it is. Each item is assigned a number, then randomly picked. Each item is susceptible to be "stolen" by the next participants. An item is retired after the third "steal" exchange.

If you haven't been to a CCTU holiday party before, it is a great way to meet chapter members in a truly fun, laid-back evening. Members, potential members, visitors, friends are all welcome. We would like a rough estimate count of how many folks will be there for the food planning purposes.

SEPTEMBER MEETING PRESENTATION ON CCTU YOUTUBE CHANNEL

LAUREN DUNCAN, TROUT UNLIMITED

KIRK DEETER, TROUT UNLIMITED

It was great to get back to in-person meetings after another several month hiatus this summer. Had a great September Chapter meeting at Cresthill Middle School. First up was Lauren Duncan, Trout



Unlimited's Abandoned Mines Restoration Project Manager. She gave an excellent overview presentation on TU's Abandoned Mine Restoration projects. She then drilled down into the Orphan Boy project near Alma, a key project that CCTU has contributed significant funding towards. Next was Kirk Deeter, the editor of Trout Magazine, TU National's key communication vehicle. We had some technical issues so missed Kirk's sort of informal presentation, but he took questions from the chapter attendees. This led to a very casual, fireside chat type of feel. Topics ranged from tips from his new book *The Little Black Book of Fly Fishing* to his thoughts on key challenges facing TU in the near and long-term future. A stimulating and wide-ranging discussion with Kirk as usual. If you missed the meeting, you can watch Kirk's presentation at CCTU's YouTube site at https://youtu.be/ub5K_LZhu8.

The Little Black Book is available numerous places, including Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Little-Black-Book-Fly-Fishing/dp/1510747737>

BEAR CREEK ELECTRO SHOCKING WITH CPW SEPTEMBER 2022

by John Egan, Conservation Director

We completed our two days of work with Paul Winkle and CPW electroshocking various sections of Bear Creek. Thanks to everyone that came out to assist. If you have never participated, it is a wonderful experience. Paul is retiring, and because of staffing changes, there will not be any further events this year. We will resume in the future.





COME FISH WITH US EVENTS - WEDNESDAY OCT 19th 1:00 - 4:00 pm



CCTU's monthly Come Fish With Us program continues on **October 19, 2022**. It is always great if you can RSVP to David Coward at dpcoward@hotmail.com, but you can also just show up that day. This will be the final Come Fish With Us event of the season, so be sure not to miss it!

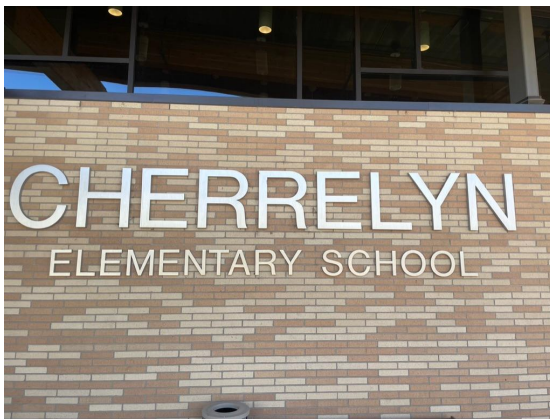
The Come Fish With Us program is designed for chapter members and non-members to explore local fisheries with experienced chapter members also there to answer questions, offer tips, and provide help on casting, fly selection, hooking, playing and landing fish. Lake Lehow is a private lake (Denver Water) that is heavily stocked with bass, panfish, and trout.

Lake Lehow can be entered from the east side of the Waterton Canyon Parking Lot. Take the Wadsworth exit south to Waterton Road, left into the parking lot. Veer to the right as you enter (toward van/trailer parking) and drive east down the dirt road to the green gate in back. A CCTU representative will be at the gate at the designated start time for an additional 5-10 minutes. The gate chain will then be "soft locked" for any late arrivals. If you arrive after the start time, please redo the chain "soft lock" before proceeding to the lake.



TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

CTU has a program for young conservationists to learn about the science and life cycle of trout. It is called Trout in the Classroom. And CCTU is participating and assisting with the program. The program puts trout eggs in a classroom (typically a science classroom, as well as STEM) and the students study the stages of development from eggs to being fry that can be released into the wild at the end of the school year. CCTU volunteers helped deliver eggs to 6 schools in September and will deliver eggs to 6 more in October. This program is focused on education and an appreciation of conservation.



Stay tuned for further updates on the progression of our trout.

If you would like to volunteer to participate in the program, please contact Cory Neumiller at cory@alteritywm.com or 949.309.8301.

ANNUAL FLY FISHING SHOW - FEBRUARY 2023

DETAILS: <https://flyfishingshow.com/denver-co/>



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.



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NEW SIGN WELCOMES VISITORS TO CHEESMAN CANYON

CCTU was instrumental in funding and following through with delivery and installation of a new and updates sign to welcome visitors to Cheesman Canyon.



UPCOMING EVENTS

10/18 CCTU Membership meeting (in person - Crethill Middle School)

11/15 - CCTU Membership meeting (**CANCELLED**) See you at the **HOLIDAY PARTY!**

12/6 CCTU Board of Directors Meeting

12/13 CCTU Holiday Party (in-person at Crethill Middle School) See above for details.

2/17, 18, & 19, 2023. Fly Fishing Show, Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center

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