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A January Blue River Rainbow



This Month's Events

CCTU CHAPTER MEETING: February 20, 2024

**Lone Tree Brewing
8200 Park Meadows Dr.
Lone Tree, CO 80124**

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CCTU CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 2024



RESTORING GILL TRAIL #610



The Trail Providing Access to Cheesman Canyon



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:00 pm Fly Tying Demo

6:30 pm Meeting

Lone Tree Brewing Company



8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Our speakers will discuss trail assessment, findings, initial Trail Repair and the upcoming Pilot Project



Bill Mangle
ERO Resources



Priscilla Marbaker
Tapis Associates



Nik White
South Platte
Enhancement Board

*The Last Major Restoration of Gill Trail was 1999-2006
The July 31 Flash Flood Event in Cheesman made it even more
critical to accelerate Gill Trail restoration efforts to conserve
Gold Medal Waters*



Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85600156892?pwd=VVF6MzV4Vk9EdVJ3YXhqS0hGcVpTd09>

Meeting ID: 856 0015 6892

Passcode: Cutthroat

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Raffle Prizes for Chapter Meeting





Youth Camp 2024: June 9 - June 15, 2024
at AEI Base Camp in Almont, CO

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



2023 River Conservation & Fly Fishing Campers and Camp Staff

How to Become a Camper

ELIGIBILITY

Youth between the ages of 14-18 are eligible to apply to camp. Twenty (20) campers are selected based on their application responses, including an essay on why they wish to attend camp. First-time camp applicants will receive preference.

CAMP COSTS

Registration fee: \$50 — *Due with registration form after acceptance*

Tuition: \$650

Application Deadline: April 1, 2024

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Tuition aid is available and many of our Trout Unlimited chapters support RCFF Camp by offering tuition scholarships. Please indicate in your camp application if you need a camp scholarship and we will try to pair you with a scholarship opportunity.

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

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

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

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: January Chapter Meeting

Our January monthly meeting featured Katrina Hettinger of Trout Unlimited to talk about Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) and the restoration work being done. More than 40 persons attended the meeting, and much interchange and dialogue on this very important topic took place. Katrina walked us through the Grizzly Mine Restoration Project, which was completed in Sept 2023, as well as the Lion Creek Restoration Project planning that is on-going. These projects take many years to plan and collaborate jointly with various agencies, private parties and contractors, but once the multi-year analysis, planning and approvals have occurred, the project staging and execution can usually occur within a few weeks. Katrina provided insight on TU's project manager role, and the partnering and funding that must occur to make these restoration projects successful. Thank you, Katrina, for coming down from Idaho Springs to present to our Cutthroat Chapter! We hope to support Katrina for a volunteer tree-planting day at the Grizzly Mine area in the future.

You can view a recording of the meeting on YouTube [here](#).





Upcoming Events & Trips

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/20	February Chapter Meeting
3/19	March Chapter Meeting
4/20	Earth Day
4/22 - 4/26	Green River Trip
5/12 - 5/16	Big Horn River Trip
10/25 - 10/30	San Juan River Trip

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CCTU CHAPTER MEETING MARCH 2024

PAT DORSEY

Tips to Catch More Trout

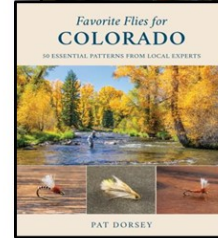
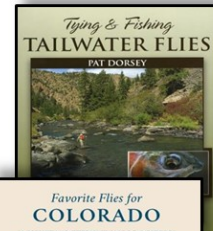
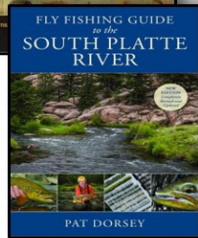
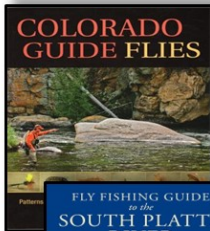
TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

Meeting Starts at **6:30 PM**

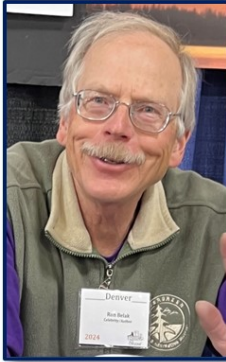
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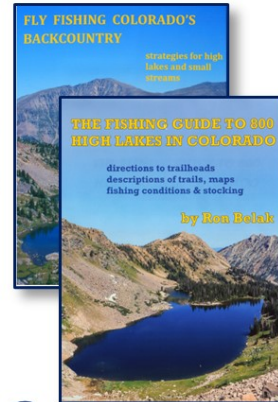


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CCTU CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 2024



RON BELAK FISHING HIGH ALTITUDE LAKES



TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Fly Tying Demos at 6:00 PM

Meeting Starts at 6:30 PM

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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.



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Join Cutthroat Chapter and City of Lakewood Parks to



PLANT TREES FOR EARTH DAY



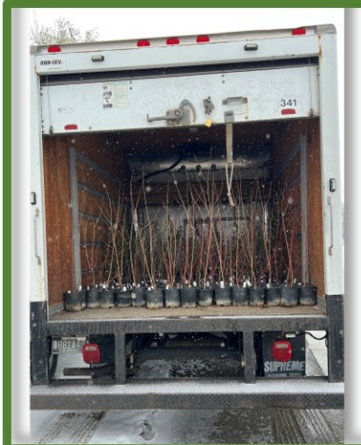
THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

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 at the chapter meeting to sign up in person.

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 *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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