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Our Mission: Conserve, protect, and restore Colorado's cold-water fisheries and watersheds

CCTU CHAPTER EVENT AUGUST 2023
CUTTHROAT CHAPTER
PICNIC & ANNUAL RAFFLE
FUNDRAISER

**Outdoor Fun at the Pavilion on
the South Platte River**



TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Activities Start at 5:00 pm

Big Belly Brothers BBQ Food Truck

Live Raffle Drawing at ~6:00 PM

Reynold's Landing Park

South Suburban Parks & Recreation

6745 Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120



**Let's Enjoy Time Together and Raise
Funds for our CCTU Conservation,
Restoration and Education Projects!**



**Help Cheesman
Canyon Fishery
through
CCTU's Gill Trail
Restoration Project**



No August Chapter Meeting In Lieu Of Chapter Picnic & Raffle

Next month's meeting:

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CCTU CHAPTER MEETING SEPT 2023



HIKING & FISHING THE BACKCOUNTRY
Smaller Streams that Flow into the Arkansas



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

- Overview of hiking and fishing the Arkansas backcountry in surrounding areas of Cañon City
- How to find and access smaller streams
- What day hikers and backpackers should carry and what to leave at home
- Types of packs that work well when hiking specifically to fly fish
- Advantages/disadvantages of conventional fly rods vs Tenkara
- How to narrow fly selection to avoid carrying flies you do not need



<https://www.royalgorgeanglers.com>

info@royalgorgeanglers.com

888-994-6743

Fly Tyer: Bob Getz

Come early (6:00pm)

Special presentation: fishing knots!

CHEESMAN CANYON WILL NEED OUR HELP, AGAIN



A devastating rain event in Cheesman Canyon on July 31st is just the latest traumatizing event to hit this section of the cherished South Platte River.

CCTU Board members Scott Tampa and Meg Renton were enjoying a day in the Cheesman Canyon section of the South Platte River with their favorite guide, long-time chapter member and supporter, Pat Dorsey. The day progressed normally until a particularly dark sky approached and caused the group to seek shelter while the storm passed. Unfortunately, this storm really packed a wallop and dropped 2.5" inches of rain in a short time. As the group watched helplessly, they saw the hillside running down beside their refuge and into the river turning its normally crystal clear water into that heavy mocha you drink in the morning. In some places, the path of the river was permanently altered due to the incredible amount of hillside that was rushed into the river. The group of anglers eventually made it safely back to the parking lot but not before observing and navigating entirely washed away sections of the Gill Trail.

As you may be aware, many of our Cutthroat Chapter members frequent this section of the South Platte River and we consider it our home waters. Because of that, Colorado Trout Unlimited has reached out to us as a de facto point of contact for what will surely be a herculean effort to repair the Gill Trail and restore the Cheesman Canyon section of the South Platte River.

If you are interested in providing manual labor at any point in this sure-to-be lengthy project, please fill out the form below and we'll reach out for help once there is a formal plan and direction.

[VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNICATIONS SIGN UP FORM](#)

If you're interested in reading more about the event, Nicholas Hunt wrote a

quick piece in 5280 Magazine that you can read:

Mudslides Decimate Cheesman Canyon



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Join Cutthroat Chapter at Lake Lehow in Littleton



**COME FISH
WITH US**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**



This is a wonderful opportunity for Beginners to learn to fish, and for a Family-Friendly Fishing Outing close to home.

- *It's a stocked private lake - no fishing license is needed*
- *Catch and Release only - no worries about the fish you catch*
- *We fish from shore - no waders or fishing boots needed*
- *We supply water and soft drinks*
- *We provide coaching on casting, catching, and releasing fish*
- *Bring your fishing rod and flies with barbless hooks – if you don't have equipment, no worries, we can set you up*

**EASY-PEASY!
JUST SHOW UP!**



Entry to Lake Lehow is 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 5pm and for an additional 5-10 minutes. The gate chain will then be "soft locked" for any late arrivals. If you arrive after 5pm, please redo the chain "soft lock" before proceeding to the lake.

CCTU POC: David Coward dpcoward@hotmail.com

COME FISH WITH US - MOVING WATERS

A day-trip activity for you to:

- Meet new people in the chapter.
- Explore Colorado rivers.
- Help with an aspect of your fishing game.



Our July trips to Pumphouse were a lot of fun! Here's a first-person account of the day and strategy from one of our participants from the Saturday trip:

The Colorado was still pretty high, fast, and stained when we fished it at Pumphouse. So, my goals were to 1) find slack water where the fish could rest but still dart out for food in the seam, 2) get deep in those slack waters, and 3) also fish some hopper sized dries. In the morning, I hit the banks - targeting the pools and eddies - with a hopper dropper. I floated a size 14 Hippy Stomper and dropped a size 16 Perdigon down about 30 inches. I picked up a few nice browns that way – all of them taking the Perdigon. As the day heated up, I went looking for some side channels and targeted the riffles and runs as well as the boulder shadows. I switched to a size 10 Chubby Chernobyl and a little bigger Perdigon. In the riffles, the fish were about even in their preference for the hopper or the dropper. In the runs and shadows, they were almost all taking the Perdigon. I covered a lot of ground that day, rarely throwing more than a few casts into one spot. But where the fish were taking, I would circle back to that spot later and hit it again – and that worked out nicely. It turned out to be a great day of fishing for me. Hopefully you'll join us on our next outing!

And here's an update from the Thursday trip:

A group of six folks headed up to Pumphouse on Thursday to try their luck on the Colorado river arriving at about 10 a.m. in the morning. Pumphouse was not very crowded with people fishing and our group appeared to be the only people fly fishing as we started out. Everyone headed north towards Gore Canyon in the morning where the fishing was slow but decent. After lunch, half the group continued into the canyon while several others decided to head south below the campground. The fishing continued to be a bit slow, but everyone managed to catch some fish. The group met up again around 4 p.m. and we all headed home.





The destination for our next adventure is the SWA just outside of Gypsum on the Eagle River.

CCTU COME FISH WITH US
MOVING WATERS PROGRAM
WEEKEND FISHING TRIP

Join us on
The Eagle River
SATURDAY AUGUST 19
7:45am Meet Up
Park-n-Ride
C-470/University Blvd
(SW Quadrant)
8392 S Burnley Ct, Highlands Ranch

- The Eagle River is a 60-mile-long freestone tributary of the CO
- From the headwaters within the White River National Forest, you can catch brook and cutthroat trout
- Downstream, the numbers of wild browns and rainbows increase
- Dry fly fishing, streamer fishing and nymph fishing all work

To RSVP and to request more information
from trip leader Harlan Husmann:
harlan.husmann@outlook.com
(701) 893-6068

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

Join us on
The Eagle River
THURSDAY AUGUST 24
7:45am Meet Up
Park-n-Ride T-Rex Lot
(near I-70 & I-470)
18425 US-40, Golden, CO 80401

- The Eagle River is a 60-mile-long freestone tributary of the CO
- From the headwaters within the White River National Forest, you can catch brook and cutthroat trout
- Downstream, the numbers of wild browns and rainbows increase
- Dry fly fishing, streamer fishing and nymph fishing all work

To RSVP and to request more information
from trip leader Mark Davis:
mdavissci22@gmail.com **(303) 941-0393**

Gypsum Ponds SWA

Gypsum Ponds SWA Map

Destination:	Saturday, August 19 Eagle River	Thursday, August 24 Eagle River
Meeting Time	7:45am	7:45am
And Location:	Park-n-Ride C-470 and University 8392 S Burnley Ct Highlands Ranch, CO	Park-n-Ride T-Rex Lot 18425 US-40 Golden, CO

TYPICAL AGENDA:

7:45am	Meet at Park-n-Ride.
8:00am	Leave from Park-n-Ride.
10:00am	Arrive at river.
1:00pm-ish	Lunch (bring your own lunch).
4:00pm	Conclude fishing and begin packing to leave.
4:30pm	Begin return trip.
6:30pm	Return to Park-n-Ride.

DATES OF FUTURE TRIPS:

September 23 and 28
October 14 and 19

WAIVER:

A CCTU waiver is required for these trips. Please bring a signed one along with you and give to the trip organizer. If you need one, you can download from [here](#) or e-mail Harlan.

QUESTIONS:

Saturday trip:

Harlan Husmann
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Thursday trip:

Mark Davis
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NOTE: The Saturday Aug 19 trip

Due to a family commitment, I will be unable to lead the August 19 trip to the Eagle River. Participants should still meet at the Park-n-Ride parking lot as usual. You will need to self-organize carpooling, the schedule for the day, etc.

I can help organize and answer questions up through Wednesday, August 16, so please don't hesitate to contact me if needed.

Harlan

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CCTU VOLUNTEER EVENT



SEPTEMBER 9

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

**NEED 7 VOLUNTEERS
(HYDROLOGY, TYING,
CASTING, PHOTOS)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fa9a92aa3fdcf8-2023#/>

**Kassler Center@
Waterton Canyon
7:30 am – 5:30 pm**

**11338 Waterton Road
Littleton, CO 80125**

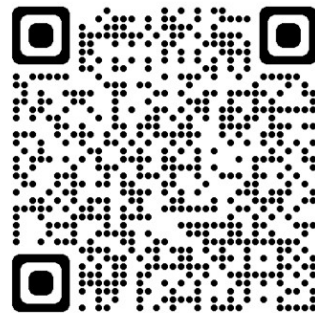


<https://coloradotu.org/stream-girls>

SEPTEMBER 10

2.0 Fly fish with graduates of STREAM Girls 1.0

**NEED 6 VOLUNTEERS
(KNOTS, CASTING,
FISHING, PHOTOS)**



Lake Lehow

10:15 am – 2:00 pm

**11250 Waterton Road
Littleton, CO 80125**

STREAM Girl is Trout Unlimited's watershed STEM program for girls that builds confidence and breaks down barriers in science and the outdoors. Through the eyes of a scientist, artist and angler, girls make a personal connection to their home waters.

Every person is a citizen of her watershed, and Trout Unlimited has partnered with Girl Scouts USA to show what that means to us. By visiting a local stream and having the opportunity to observe it as scientists, anglers, and artists, girls will get the complete picture of what their stream could mean to them.

Over the course of multiple sessions, Trout Unlimited volunteers lead the Girl Scouts in observing a stream, collecting flow data, sampling macroinvertebrates (aka aquatic bugs), fly tying, and fly casting. Each day also gives the girls time to intimately explore their natural surroundings and record their thoughts, feelings, and observations in their handbooks

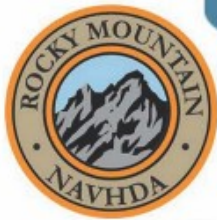
[TU - STREAM Girls](#)

For more information contact Cyndy Scholz
303-507-3068
cyndyscholz@msn.com

Sharon Lance Announces 1st Annual Mark Lance Memorial Shoot

Sharon's passion for fly fishing is only eclipsed by her dedication to conservation of cold-water fisheries and watershed habitat through her work in Trout Unlimited. Over the last 20 years she has held various positions in TU, including president of the Cutthroat Chapter and president of the Colorado TU State Council. She currently serves on the National TU Board of Trustees. Sharon's conservation work has landed her on ESPN's Trout Unlimited television series and earned her recognition as a Ford Motor Company's "RiverKeeper" in Fly Rod & Reel magazine. In 2010 Sharon was the recipient of the Ray Mortensen award, the highest honor for a TU volunteer. Most recently, Sharon is focused on sustainability through youth education. She founded the River Conservation Fly Fishing Youth Camp in Colorado to introduce high school students to river conservation issues, entomology and fly fishing. She also started the "Trout in the Classroom" program in Colorado (another program that Cutthroat Chapter continues), where high school science classes raise trout from eggs then release the fingerlings into local watersheds at the end of the school year.

Sharon's husband, Mark Lance passed away last year, in 2022. Mark was an avid outdoor enthusiast and world-renowned photographer. He has donated many of the photographs that appear on the cutthroatctu.org website. In an article by TU President Chris Wood about Sharon (<https://www.tu.org/magazine/from-the-president/fishing-with-and-learning-from-sharon/>), Mark is said to have made the mistake of introducing Sharon to TU by taking her to a Cutthroat Chapter meeting many years ago. A fortuitous event (for us) from which she never looked back. Mark was also passionate about a recently discovered hobby of training and competing with his hunting dog Zeke, a Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, in the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (<https://rmc-navhda.com/>). Mark made such an impact on the folks in this organization that they are holding their 1st Annual Mark Lance Memorial Shoot. See the attached flyer for details.



1ST ANNUAL MARK LANCE MEMORIAL SHOOT

HIGH PLAINS SHOOTING RANGE
38967 CO RD 51
EATON, CO

AUGUST 26, 2023
10:00AM - 3:00PM

ONLINE AUCTION:

- DOG AND HUNTING GEAR
- FLY FISHING GEAR
- VACATION STAYS
- OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES AND SUPPLIES
- ARTWORK

Auction Website: auctria.com/auction/mlms-2023

- **Shooter pricing includes 100 sporting clays and lunch
- **Shooter must bring gun and 100 shotgun shells (Size 7 1/2 or smaller)
- **Please call Sharelle with any dietary requests at 720-338-3177



PRICES:

- Adult Shooter: \$100
- Youth Shooter (Under 15): \$50
- Non-Shooter: \$25
- Kids 10 and under eat Free

For more information or to register,
scan the QR code



RECAP: July Chapter Meeting

The July chapter meeting at Lone Tree Brewing Company was a blast: Bugs, bugs, and more bugs! Peter Stitcher's knowledge of aquatic life is incredible and his methodical P.A.U.S.E. and M.A.T.C.H. approach to selecting the right flies breaks matching the hatch down into manageable and memorable steps. Bob Getz tied Parachute Adams and was a crowd pleaser as always! Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Raffle Fundraiser by purchasing raffle tickets during the meeting.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/15	Picnic and Raffle at Reynold's Landing
9/9 and 9/10	Stream Girls
9/19	Chapter Meeting

COME FISH WITH US AT LAKE LEHOW

8/18	5-8pm
9/22	4-8pm BBQ
10/20	3-6pm

MOVING WATERS

8/19, 8/24
9/23, 9/28
10/14, 10/19

Eagle River
TBD
TBD

ANNUAL TRIPS

San Juan River (Oct 22 - Oct 28)

Limited to 16 anglers

contact Jerry Shin (gsshin51@gmail.com) for reservations/wait list

Interested in helping out CCTU? We are looking for people to assist the chapter in a variety of ways.

Just hit a button below!

Yes

You bet!



Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited | 1285 Nightfire Circle, Castle Rock, CO 80104

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