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## August Newsletter: Streamside Entomology and Chapter Picnic

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### For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

#### AUGUST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

#### **CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – AUGUST ANNUAL PICNIC (REPLACES AUG MONTHLY MEETING)**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 5PM (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IDEALLY AT 3:30)**

**REYNOLDS LANDING PARK– 6745 S. SANTA FE DRIVE, LITTLETON, CO 80120**

Join us at the Annual Picnic on August 15th at Reynolds Landing on the South Platte River. Volunteers needed starting at 3:30, picnic activities officially starts at 5 pm with food being served starting at approx. 6:15 pm. This event is held in lieu of the August chapter meeting. Bring your family and fishing buddies. CCTU will provide the meat, plates, napkins, condiments, water and soft drinks. Please bring something to share with 12-14 people...typical picnic side dishes such as beer, salads, baked beans, casseroles, and other snacks or dessert type dishes.

#### **Special Group Activity (5pm Start) - Streamside Fly Fishing Seminar on Entomology & Matching the Hatch**



Ascent Fly Fishing founder, Aquatic Biologist and CCTU chapter member Peter Stitche will conduct a condensed version of his Streamside Fly Fishing Seminar on Entomology & Matching the Hatch. Peter will conduct a quick bankside review a trout's aquatic and terrestrial foods, their life cycles and defining characteristics, and fly patterns that match them. He will then lead the group in sampling invertebrates in the South Platte River located at the park and help identify the best fly matches in your fly box.

Peter will also offer for sale the Ascent Fly Fishing Fly Fishing Entomology kit (\$45.95 CCTU price) which includes...Nylon Match the Hatch Belt Pouch, Seine net, Sample Vial Kit, Magnifier & Hook Size Key, Stream Thermometer, Invertebrate Tweezers, and more.

If you want to participate you will need to get wet...likely a good thing given the potential August heat. You can wet wade or bring our waders...your choice.

Fishing is close by, right on the South Platte River...so feel free to bring your rod.

The Park closes at sundown...so you are welcome to stay and fish or visit as long as the light permits.

You can find Reynolds Landing on Google Maps, but included below is a direction summary...

- From the intersection of Mineral and Santa Fe head North on Santa Fe. GET IN THE LEFT LANE.
- Go past Aspen Grove and the condos. A left turn lane will appear. Get in it. You will be turning left across South Bound traffic.
- When you turn left there are two drives. The left one goes to Reynolds Landing. The right one goes into the trailer park.
- Take the LEFT road, go to the back and veer right into the parking lot for Reynolds Landing (South Suburban Park). Park, grab your food/drink to share and head to the gazebo where you will see the grills at work. The gazebo overlooks a bend in the river.

### **CCTU'S AUGUST COME FISH WITH US OUTING – LAKE LEHOW, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 5PM-8PM**



Join CCTU for another *Come Fish With Us* event at Lake Lehow, this time on a Wednesday evening. Despite the hot weather, fishing has still been solid at the lake for bluegills and bass. These events are focused on getting to know new chapter members and non-members and helping to expand their fly fishing skills. 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. Find out more at [https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe\\_events=come-fish-with-us-lake-lehow-6](https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe_events=come-fish-with-us-lake-lehow-6) or contact CCTU Board member David Coward at [atdpcoward@hotmail.com](mailto:atdpcoward@hotmail.com).

**LADIES FISHING ON THE FLY – AUGUST 24 & 25, 2018, HIGHLANDS RANCH SOUTHRIDGE RECREATION CENTER**





Join CCTU's Cyndy Scholz and her team of instructors for the August edition of the very popular Ladies Fishing on the Fly. The Highlands Ranch Cultural Association (HRCA) 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, August 24 from 6-9pm (**Southridge Rec Center, Auditorium, 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126**), and an Outdoor Classroom and Field Trip Saturday, August 25, 8:30am-1pm (Lake Lehow). 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 sold out but **Cyndy still needs volunteers for the event**. 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.

#### BEAR CREEK ELECTROFISHING PROJECT – WEEK OF SEPT 10 (EXACT DATE TBD)



We wanted to make everyone aware that CCTU will again be assisting Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) with an electroshocking project on Bear Creek. The project will be conducted the week of September 10. Once we have a specific day that week, we will pass that along. During the project, CCTU volunteers man nets and floating fish carts to store the fish that have been electroshocked. CPW personnel measure length and weight of each fish. The results of last year's project were

surprising – 3 brown trout 18-19 inches, 12+ browns 14-18 inches, numerous Colorado native fish including longnose dace, white sucker, creek chubs, and longnose suckers. Stay tuned for more info from project coordinator George Franklin (georgefr@aol.com)

### CLEAR CREEK CLEAN-UP – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



This year our multi Chapter Stream Clean Up Project will be in either Courtney Riley Cooper Park or Anderson Park and the adjacent Water Wheel Park in Idaho Springs. The exact location will be determined by progress on the road construction on Colorado Blvd. Courtney Riley Cooper is the preferred Park for this event since it has a covered pavilion and convenient location. The exact location will be announced at the end of August.

We will be teamed with volunteers from Cherry Creek Anglers and West Denver Chapters. We plan to work cleaning up the stream from Highway 119 in the East to Dumont on the West. We are in need of 30 to 50 volunteers (last year we had 43!!!) to help make this project a success. Please bring waders and work gloves. Garbage bags and safety vests will be provided. To entice you to join us we will have Starbuck's coffee and doughnuts at the Park @ 8:30AM before work starts at 9:00AM, AND for your participation you will earn a free Pizza lunch as well! THAT'S NOT ALL..., we will conclude our work with our traditional raffle, FEATURING GREAT FISHING ORIENTED PRIZES after lunch. There is great fishing access to Clear Creek at either park.

**Please contact our project leaders for more info...**

**Cutthroat Chapter:**

**Ray Carney at 303-523-4740 : [RAYTHEFLY@aol.com](mailto:RAYTHEFLY@aol.com) OR**

**Jim Klug at 303-565-7504 : [jjklug1@comcast.net](mailto:jjklug1@comcast.net) to sign up!**

**West Denver: Ed Calmus : [ed.calmus@gmail.com](mailto:ed.calmus@gmail.com)**

**Cherry Creek Anglers: Rudy Schreider: [rudyschreider3@gmail.com](mailto:rudyschreider3@gmail.com)**

Directions to follow as soon as the exact location is established.

**CCTU ANNUAL FUNDRAISING PROGRAM – RAFFLE AND FUNDRAISING PARTY (THURSDAY, SEPT 20)**





CCTU's annual Fundraising program is well underway. There are still spaces left in both the Raffle program and the September Fundraising Party (9/20) that will include the announcement of Raffle winners, a large Silent Auction and Fly auction, and numerous other ways to win some great prizes.

All proceeds will go towards chapter conservation programs and other initiatives, including the CSU Steve Bailey scholarship, Greenback Reintroduction program, South Platte River Watch and Bug Analysis programs, the Clear Creek Clean-up Project, several joint CCTU/Coalition for the Upper South Platte rehabilitation and clean-up programs, and multiple projects focused on Lower Bear Creek. These programs would not exist without your generous support of these fundraising efforts.

**The Raffle program** will continue until we award the prizes at the September 20th Fundraising Party at The Falls Event Center. \$100 gets you one raffle ticket and you can win more than once with multiple tickets. Entries are limited to 100 and we have 20 fabulous prizes, with a retail value of over \$10k. 6+ guided trips (fishing & hunting), 6 pieces of framed artwork, 3 multi-dozen flies fly boxes by signature tyers, restaurant gift certificates, rod & reel packages & more. TU members and non-members are eligible and winners are announced at the 9/20 Fundraising party...but you don't have to attend to win. Cash, check or credit card payments can be made at the monthly meetings or contact Brian Young ([brianyoungco@comcast.net](mailto:brianyoungco@comcast.net)). Prizes include

The Raffle program prizes will be awarded at the **CCTU Annual Fundraising party**, which will be held on September 21 from 5PM-10PM at the The Falls Event Center ([8199 Southpark Ct, Littleton, Littleton, CO 80120](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8199+Southpark+Ct,+Littleton,+CO+80120)). The \$25 entry fee includes 2 beers, Hors D'oeuvres, music, and admission to the Silent Auction and Fly Auctions. Over 40 Auction items from a custom bamboo rod to float trips, to framed photography. **The Fly Auction will have over 100 dozen flies!** We have a bunch of great door prizes as well, and bucket prize drawings throughout the evening. Purchase the Fundraising Party \$25 tickets in advance from Brian Young ([brianyoungco@comcast.net](mailto:brianyoungco@comcast.net)). A few tickets will be sold at the door...but they are going fast! We look forward to your support in helping the Cutthroat Chapter attain its fundraising goal again this year.

**CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM)**

**CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – 9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130 (CAFETERIA FOR MEETING)**

**PROGRAM 1 – CRYSTAL LAKE TRIP REVIW & CTU YOUTH CAMP UPDATE**



Starting at 7pm, we will have Jim Cowell run through some pictures for the CCTU/Project Healing Waters Crystal Lake trip that he and Richard Pilatzke organized each year. Great trip this year from late June. We will also have Dave Papineau give a presentation on his experiences at the CTU Youth Camp. Dave received one of the Youth Camp scholarships that CCTU sponsored this year and was a great representative for the chapter at the event.

**PROGRAM 2 – 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](http://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 tie some of his favorite fall streamers starting at 6:30. He will also reveal some of his 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.

**SAN JUAN RIVER CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIP – OCTOBER 20-24, 2018 SAN JUAN RIVER NEW MEXICO**



Join us on a trip to fish to large fish on small flies in the beautiful fall colors below Navaho Dam, New Mexico. The San Juan River provides an opportunity to record a 20-20 (a 20 inch fish on a size 20 dry fly). We will leave in the early morning hours on Saturday, October 20, 2018 and arrive on the river in the early afternoon to take advantage of the afternoon fishing. We will be staying at two VRBO houses near the small settlement of Navaho Dam, NM. Here are the links to view them: <https://www.vrbo.com/3960843ha>. <https://www.vrbo.com/499076>. To further reduce the cost of the trip, we cook our own dinners. We split into crews that will prepare and clean up a dinner. The rest of the group can settle back and watch football and/or the beginning of the World Series. Breakfast and lunch are on your own. There are three fly shops in Navaho Dam and a couple of others that service the area. If you are interested in a guide and/or fishing information I would suggest: Abe's <http://www.sanjuanriver.com> Fishheads <https://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/category/san-juan-river-fishing-reports/>, Float N Fish <http://www.sanjuanfloatnfish.com> Duranglers <http://duranglers.com/durango-area-rivers-report/> and San Juan Flies. <http://www.sanjuanriverflies.com>  
If you want to join our group or have other questions contact Jerry Shin, [atgshin@msn.com](mailto:atgshin@msn.com). Do so soon as we are filling up fast.

**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!**

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**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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