

#### CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND ENHANCING COLORADO'S COLDWATER FISHERIES THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

**Bi-Monthly Newsletter** 

West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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#### **Our Mission**

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

#### **Our Vision**

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

#### Who We Are

Founded in Michigan in 1959, Trout Unlimited today is a national non-profit organization with 150,000 members dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Our staff and volunteers work from coast to coast to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain trout and salmon habitat on behalf of today's anglers and coming generations of sportsmen and women who value the connection between healthy, intact habitat and angling opportunity.

From forested rivers like the Farmington in Connecticut to the pristine waters of Alaska's Bristol Bay and all points in between, TU's work spans nearly a million miles of cold water all across North America. TU is the most effective coldwater fisheries conservation organization in the country. Donors invest in TU because we get things done on the ground, in statehouses and on Capitol Hill.

TU has a basic approach to its conservation strategy. First, we use the best available science to protect headwater spawning habitat for trout and salmon. We reconnect tributaries with their rivers to ensure resilience, and we restore waters where development has impacted trout and salmon and the opportunity to fish for them. Second, we sustain our work on the ground by:

- Using the best science to drive conservation priorities
- Promoting and maintaining a strong legal and regulatory framework to protect fish and fishing opportunity
- Connecting with passionate anglers who want to give back to the resource they value so much
- Increasing our ability to engage TU members in conservation by training, educating and building a strong community of angler advocates
- Connecting with generous donors and helping them give to the fish they cherish and the places they love
- Helping members connect and communicate with one another via our website, TROUT Magazine and the TU Blog

From the Penobscot in Maine to the South Fork of the Snake in Idaho and west to the Klamath in Oregon and California, TU and its staff and volunteers work on the ground in hundreds of places, protecting, reconnecting and restoring trout and salmon habitat for the benefit of today's anglers and generations to come.

If you're interested in becoming a part of TU and giving back to the fish and the places you value, become a member and help us 'save the world, one trout at a time.'

#### West Denver Chapter Trout Unlimited Organization And Officers: 2019

to the editor via email at <u>rosyranunculus@gmail.com</u>.

| Organization And Officers: 2019                                  |                            |                   | Fishing at Rainbow Falls.  |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| •  |                            |                   | photo by Ed Calmus   |
| President:   | Ed Calmus                  | 303-744-2940      |  |
| Past President:  | Jackie Edwards             | 303-278-2282      |  |
| Secretary:   | Curtis Weller              | 682-225-7669      |  |
| Treasurer:   | Matt Rivera                | 303-425-9351      | Colorado Trout Unlimited Raffle                                  |
| Assistant Treasurer:   | Chuck Lehman               | 303-238-1929      |  |
| Education:   | Laura Beer                 | 520-591-3136      | Two-day float trip on Gold Medal Waters                          |
| Membership:  | Linda Miyamoto             | 303-423-5616      | Fish the legendary Gunnison Gorge!                               |
| Conservation:  | Rick Dornfeld              | 303-882-0423      |  |
|  |                            |                   | The winner will enjoy a two-day float for two down the           |
| <b>Other Directors:</b>  |                            |                   | Gunnison Gorge with Black Canyon Anglers. This is Colo-          |
| Advertising Mgr:   | Jon Weimer                 | 303-830-1609      | rado's signature wilderness flyfishing experience! The trip      |
| Anglers' Edge Editor:  | Alexa Metrick              | rosyranunculus@   | includes lodging and dinner the night prior to the launch.       |
|  |                            | gmail.com         | On the float all meals are taken care of, if rental equipment    |
| Assistant Editor:  | Jon Weimer                 | 303-830-1609      | is needed, it will be provided. For the launch, you'll need to   |
| Chapter Counsel:   | Bruce Ducker               | 303-861-2828      | hike in about one mile into the canyon with your personal        |
| Communications:  | Jackie Edwards             | 303-278-2282      | gear, and from there you'll enjoy a memorable two-day one-       |
| Database Manager:  | Dan Sullivan               | 303-423-5616      | night float through the legendary Gunnison Gorge with an         |
| Fly Tying Clinic:  | Bruce Beck                 | 303-667-3887      | accomplished guide. Valid through October 2019, subject to       |
| Women's Fly Fishing  | Geri Reffel                | 303-902-6998      | availability.  |
| River Watch:   | Dennis Wiles               | 720-404-7821      |  |
| Programs:  | Tim Toohey                 | 303-423-8636      | Thanks to Black Canyon Anglers for their generous sup-           |
| Joseph's Journey:  | Bob Untener                | 303-517-0892      | port of Colorado Trout Unlimited! To learn more about their      |
| Public Relations:  | Brian La Rue               | 303-835-8003      | fishing and rafting trips on the Gunnison, check out Black       |
| Fly Tying Corner:  | Tim Toohey                 | 303-423-8636      | Canyon Anglers.  |
| Raffles:   | Tim Toohey                 | 303-423-8636      |  |
| Fantasy Raffle &   |                            |                   | Prize Retail Value : \$3,400                                     |
| Sports Shows:  | Bob Clark                  | 303-594-0665      | \$10 per ticket or \$25 for 3. Drawing will be held Saturday     |
| Webmaster:   | Ed Calmus                  | 303-744-2940      | April 27, 2019 at 8:00pm at the Colorado Trout Unlimited         |
| Assistant Webmaster:   | Dan Sullivan               | 303-423-5616      | Rendezvous which will be at Hotel Colorado, Glenwood             |
| Directors at Large:  | Glen Edwards               | 303-278-2282      | Springs, CO.   |
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**On The Cover:** 

Fishing at Rainbow Falls.

### The President's Message

WDTU prides itself on being a conservation organization. Our stated mission is to conserve, protect, and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. It's a big job, but we have plenty of help from Colorado and National Trout Unlimited and from our partners in the Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Currently we have several conservation projects underway:

- Turbidity studies in high mountain lakes (limnology surveys)
- Temperature monitoring in mountain streams (with the Forest Service)
- River Watch water quality and bug life surveys (with Colorado Parks and Wildlife)
- Clear Creek habitat improvement at Mayhem Gulch (with CPW)

But we are so much more. We conduct almost twice as many other activities, and while they range from a Chili Dinner to a Bowling Nite Out, they all involve sharing Colorado fly fishing.

- Teaching 6th graders at Windy Peak, Jefferson County Schools Outdoor Lab
- Presentations by experts at Chapter meetings
- Fly tying instruction
- Beginners' fishing classes and outings
- Stream cleanups
- Angler's Edge Newsletter

Hope to see you at the next Chapter meeting!

Ed Colon

# **Creating Memories**

by Matt Rivera, Treasurer of West Denver Trout Unlimited



Justin and Alex, father and son, creating memories at Rainbow Falls. photo courtesy Justin Collins

Narch 9, thirty hardy anglers and supporters of West Denver Trout Unlimited convened on Rainbow Falls Mountain for the fourth year in a row. Although the sun was out, the weather this year was brisk and, coupled with the wind, made fishing more challenging than normal. However, anglers are always positive and we have several mantras that we allude to in these situations, none used as often as "A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work." The weather just didn't seem to matter; what did matter was spending a day in a wonderful place with a bunch of people who share the same passion and supporting an organization's great efforts.

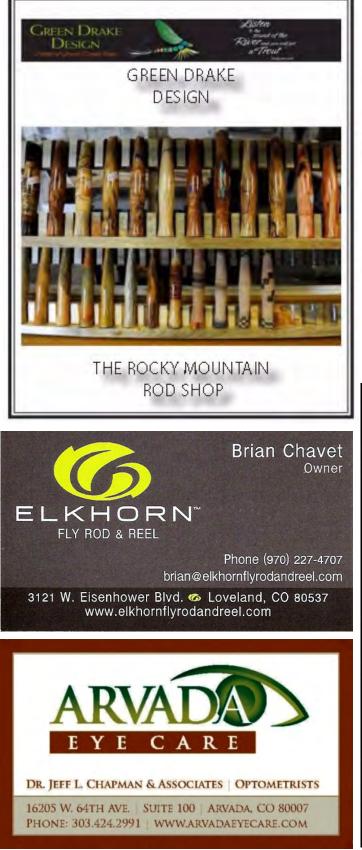
For those of you who have never fished at Rainbow Falls, it is a special treat and you should make every attempt to accept the invitation anytime you receive an opportunity. Rainbow Falls is located near Woodland Park in a box canyon with numerous lakes and a creek that flows in between each lake. They stock their own fish, most of which are raised on the property for two years before being stocked in the catch-andrelease lakes. The area holds lots of wildlife, including mule deer, elk, waterfowl, eagles, and the occasional mountain lion. This property is only open to members, except on a few select days during the off-season (which is how we are able to gain access).

After a chilly morning of fishing, folks gathered at the barn to enjoy a warm drink from a thermos or, for coffee connoisseurs like Miles Williams, to brew a fresh cup!

Lunch was prepared (for the fourth year in a row) by Grillmaster David Dudden and his sous chef Troy Hayes. Our guests enjoyed a delicious meal of grilled steak and chicken, shared stories (or commiserated) about their morning of fishing, discussed fly options, and strategized about the afternoon fishing session. This year, we recognized the generosity of Rainbow Falls and Richard Johnson by providing him with a thank you gift in the form of a custom fly box made by our own Cal Nagochi. We also recognized David for his contribution of catering services.

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# The Time for Band-Aids is Past

by Chris Wood, president and CEO of Trout Unlimited



omeone recently said me, "Trout Unlimited should get out of political issues such as climate change and focus instead on what it does best-fixing streams!" Here is a secret... everything we do at Trout Unlimited helps our rivers,

streams and fisheries withstand the harmful effects of climate change.

When we protect the highest-quality sources of cold and clean water, reconnect those areas downstream, and restore streams, we are helping to recover nature's resilience to the more intense floods, more frequent and damaging fires, and prolonged drought brought on by climate change.

TU scientists and collaborators predict a 47% decline in total suitable habitat for trout in the interior west by 2080 because of the changing climate. Native cutthroat trout are estimated to lose 58% more habitat due to thermal stress and negative interactions with non-native trout. These predictions are affirmed by recent research published in the journal *Restoration Ecology*, which predicts that brown trout could competitively displace brook trout from key thermal refuge habitats. Thus, it will be more difficult for brook trout to withstand increasing temperatures, especially when they share their waters with non-native brown trout.

Salmon will not fare better. For example, scientists from the Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station predict that sockeye salmon returning to spawn will face a 5-16% increase in "thermal exposure." That means that, while there will certainly be suitable habitat for migratory salmon in most rivers, some

reaches will prove lethally warm for these iconic fish.

Trout and salmon anglers should be the strongest advocates for our efforts to help salmon and steelhead adapt to climate change. That alone, however, is not enough. Just as we learned, in the 1990s, that we had to move from the stream to the watershed scale to recover trout and salmon, we now know we must reduce carbon emissions to slow climate change.

For this reason, Trout Unlimited is supporting passage of common sense legislation such as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. The bill would put a fee on fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas. The fee starts low and would grow over time. This will drive down carbon pollution because energy companies, leading industries, and American consumers will move toward cleaner, cheaper options.

The collected fees will not sit in Treasury. Every American taxpayer will receive a share of the amount collected. Most important, it would yield a 40% reduction in carbon emissions over the next twelve years.

Make no mistake, we will double down on making communities and landscapes more resilient to the effects of climate change, and do so in a way that benefits wild and native coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. At the same time, we will work very hard with our many partners and members and supporters to pass federal legislation that slows the causes of climate change.

A generation ago, acid rain causing sulfur dioxide emissions threatened the health of our fisheries. Trout Unlimited volunteers, scientists and staff advocated for a market-based legislative solution. The result was the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The legislation's cap and trade approach contributed to dramatic reductions for acid rain causing sulfur dioxide emissions.

Some were skeptical of cap and trade in 1990. Some will be skeptical of new legislation to control carbon emissions now. Just as with the amendments to the Clean Air Act in 1990, we are at the start of a long legislative process—a process that we must begin and finish. The time for band-aids is past. Nothing less than the future of trout and salmon; the future of fishing, and the future for our children is at stake.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **April Board Meeting**

April 8th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden

#### Fly Tiers' Night Out

#### April 16th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon Street, Arvada West Denver TU and Grand Lake Brewing host a fly tying night on the third Tuesday of the month, from August through June. Besides craft beer, they have a full menu. All levels of tiers are welcome.

#### Windy Peak

#### April 17th, 7:45 am to 5:00 pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab

Windy Peak is Jefferson County's Outdoor School, located near Bailey. West Denver TU teaches classes in conservation, stream entomology, and fly tying.

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#### April 24th, 7:45 am to 5:00 pm

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#### **Green River Fishing Trip**

#### April 27 - May 1

WDTU will be having a Chapter trip to the Green River on April 27 – May 1. We will be staying at the Flaming Gorge Resort, which is a full-service facility. They offer guided float trips on the river as well as wading trips. Many of us will be floating the river in personal pontoon boat and walk wading the river. The Green River is a fabulous fishery with an average of 15,000 fish per mile. Contact Fred Portillo at cpfred@aol.com or 720-209-8732. We have reservations made for 24 anglers, so please contact me soon to secure your spot.

#### **May Chapter Meeting**

#### May 1st, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

#### Fly Fishing Rendezvous

#### May 4th and 5th, 9am to 5pm

The Fly Fishing Rendezvous (at the National Western Complex – Expo Hall) features the best of the Rocky Mountain Region's fly fishing companies, local outdoor brands, guides, authors, and fly tiers. The event will offer delicious food & drink, intro to fly tying courses, rod building demonstrations, live stream exhibit and the best deals on the best products in the industry.

#### **May Board Meeting**

May 13th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden

#### Nature Writing Book Club

#### May 22nd, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden \* see page 12 for book selections

#### Fly Tiers' Night Out

#### May 21st, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon Street, Arvada West Denver TU and Grand Lake Brewing host a fly tying night on the third Tuesday of the month, from August through June. Besides craft beer, they have a full menu. All levels of tiers are welcome.

#### **June Chapter Meeting**

May 29th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

#### Windy Peak

#### June 6th, 7:45 am to 5:00 pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab

Windy Peak is Jefferson County's Outdoor School, located near Bailey. West Denver TU teaches classes in conservation, stream entomology, and fly tying.

#### **June Board Meeting**

#### June 10th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Nature Writing Book Club**

June 26th, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden \* see page 12 for book selections

#### **July Board Meeting**

July 8th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden

#### **Nature Writing Book Club**

July 24th, 6:00pm to 7:00pm American Alpine Club Library, Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden \* see page 12 for book selections

#### **Chapter Picnic**

#### August 7th, 4:00pm to 9:00pm

In lieu of our regular chapter meeting, join us for an evening picnic at Lions Park in Golden, Wednesday, August 7, 2019 We are gathering at the East Pavilion in Lions Park. We will set up at 4:00 pm and plan to eat at 5:30 – 6:00 pm. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share. An extra table will be set up for hot dishes near electrical outlets for crock pots, etc. The chapter will furnish chicken, soft drinks and water, and eating utensils, etc. BYOB if you wish, but no glass please. The "No Glass" rule will be strictly enforced by Golden's park officers. Please contact Jackie for more information, jaxedw@gmail.com

#### **August Board Meeting**

August 12th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden

#### **Nature Writing Book Club**

August 28th, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden \* see page 12 for book selections

#### **September Chapter Meeting**

September 4th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

#### **September Board Meeting**

September 9th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden

#### Fly Tiers' Night Out

#### September 17th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon Street, Arvada West Denver TU and Grand Lake Brewing host a fly tying night on the third Tuesday of the month, from August through June. Besides craft beer, they have a full menu. All levels of tiers are welcome.

#### Nature Writing Book Club

#### September 25th, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

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#### **October Chapter Meeting**

October 2nd, 6:30pm to 8:30pm Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden

#### **October Board Meeting**

October 14th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave, Golden

#### Fly Tiers' Night Out

#### October 15th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

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#### Nature Writing Book Club October 23rd, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

American Alpine Club Library, Am Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden \* see page 12 for book selections

# **Creating Memories**

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After lunch, Richard gave a tour of the hatchery and a brief history of Rainbow Falls. He also offered some recommendations about where to fish and what to use to tempt the trout in the afternoon. Most guests stayed through mid-afternoon, with some folks staying until the sun began to set and the shadows of the canyon brought a chill to the air. I stayed long enough to watch a bald eagle catch and consume two trout; this noble creature's efforts were much more effective than my angling.

As I drove home that evening, I spent some time reflecting on the day. It wasn't just the usual thoughts of what worked and what didn't work (both with the fish and the event), but rather about the smiles I saw on the anglers' faces, the camaraderie as everyone gathered at the barn for lunch, and the appreciation from folks who took the time to stop and thank us as they began to leave for the day. I thought about the variety of backgrounds our guests came from and how all of us share a common bond in conservation, education, and appreciation of the outdoors. Flyfishing brought us all together. Pausing to warm up and enjoy a good meal allowed us all time to visit and learn more about one another. This sense of community made me smile and it confirmed to me that we had met our goals for the event: spend some time with good people, enjoy each other's company, and raise some money for TU while doing it. Mission accomplished!

One of the things I noticed was that there were four sets of fathers fishing with their son(s). Think about that: nearly one-third of our attendees came with family and spent the day together. How lucky those four families were! They not only have an activity that they enjoy, but they are able to take the time to enjoy that activity together. Fishing was one of the activities my father and I enjoyed together; we spent many days out chasing trout around the mountains west of Denver. As I look back on those years, it wasn't about catching fish, but about creating memories that we can share with one another and look back on when we no longer have the opportunity to make new ones. To the Collinses, Fraikors, Threlkelds, and Storys: thank you for spending a family day together at Rainbow Falls!

If you are interested in making memories of your own next year, keep your eyes open for our registration announcement. We are planning on spending another day at Rainbow Falls on March 14, 2020. On behalf of West Denver Trout Unlimited, thank you all for spending a day building a great sense of community and creating memories that will last a lifetime!

# Volunteer at Windy Peak Outdoor Lab

West Denver TU introduces sixth graders from across Jefferson County to stream ecology, aquatic entomology, conservation, and fly tying through the Windy Peak Outdoor Lab program. WDTU volunteers travel up to the Windy Peak site (outside of Bailey near Wellington Lake) one day per week and teach two classes: one in the morning, one in the afternoon. Windy Peak provides lunch with the students and teachers.

#### Each WDTU team is comprised of three volunteers:

**Discussion Leader:** leads a 45-minute discussion of what Trout Unlimited and the West Denver Chapter does, water habitat, trout species, etc...

**Fly Tyer:** spends 45 minutes teaching how to tie a San Juan Worm and Wooly Bugger or Orange Asher **Helper:** assists during the fly tying and fishing segments

If you'd like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Mark Story (mastory@comcast.net).

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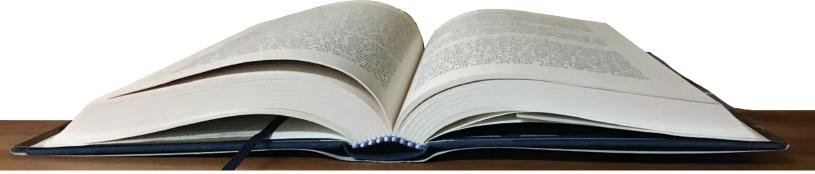
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# **Nature Writing Book Club:**

An Exploration of the Canon



We are partnering with the American Mountaineering Center and *Pack Animal* Magazine to launch a nature writing book club! We'll meet from 6:00pm to 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the American Alpine Club Library in the American Mountaineering Center, 710 Tenth Street, Suite 15, Golden, CO 80401.

The reading schedule has been set through April of 2020; feel free to read just one or all of the month's selections. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and tea will be available.

#### Wednesday, May 22:

*Walden; or, Life in the Woods* by Henry David Thoreau *Rural Hours* by Susan Fenimore Cooper

#### Wednesday, June 26:

*Upstream* by Mary Oliver *Why I Wake Early* by Mary Oliver *Just Before Dark* by Jim Harrison

Wednesday, July 24: The Western Paradox: A Conservation Reader by Bernard DeVoto H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald

#### Wednesday, August 28:

How to Raise a Wild Child: The Art and Science of Falling in Love with Nature by Scott D. Sampson An American Childhood by Annie Dillard

#### Wednesday, September 25:

Welcome to the Anthropocene by Alice Major Writing the Sacred into the Real by Alison Hawthorne Deming Confessions of a Recovering Environmentalist by Paul Kingsnorth

#### Wednesday, October 23:

Run, River, Run; A Naturalist's Journey down One of

the Great Rivers of the American West by Ann Zwinger The Necessity of Empty Places by Paul Gruchow

Wednesday, November 27:

*Rain: Four Walks in English Weather* by Melissa Harrison *On Trails: An Exploration* by Robert Moor

#### NO DECEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, January 22: Uncommon Ground: Rethinking the Human Place in Nature edited by William Cronon

#### Wednesday, February 26:

Animals Strike Curious Poses by Elena Passarello Biophilia: The Human Bond with Other Species by Edward O. Wilson

#### Wednesday, March 25:

*Confessions of a Barbarian* by Edward Abbey *The Land of Little Rain* by Mary Austin

#### Wednesday, April 22:

A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold Wilderness and the American Mind by Roderick Frazier Nash



### Want to help ensure a bright future for Colorado fly fishing and West Denver Trout Unlimited? Volunteer your time!

### We have openings for:

#### **Chapter Secretary**

- Attends Board meetings
- Takes minutes
- Performs administrative tasks as directed by leadership

#### Vice President

- Provides support and assistance to the President in order to achieve the mission of the Chapter
- Fills in when the President is absent
- Learns, and evaluates a desire, to become President (you are not committing to the Presidency)

Too much? We have openings for team members on our Education team, Special Events team, Marketing and Communications team, and Membership Development team. Contact President Ed Calmus at 303-744-2940 to learn more!

Get involved! Your contribution will be rewarding for both you personally and for our Chapter.

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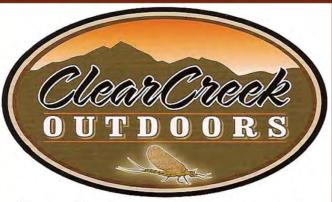
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#### **Trout Unlimited**

"Founded in 1959, TU is the leading conservation organization dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring, North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. Our 100,000 members are organized into 450 local chapters nationwide. These volunteer chapters are the "watchdogs" of their local rivers and streams. They conduct stream restoration projects, monitor legislation, and fight for "fish friendly" policies with state and local officials. Through its Washington DC-based national headquarters, TU conducts valuable scientific and economic research to foster more enlightened trout and salmon management practices, lobbies to strengthen environmental legislation like the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, and provides a voice for its 100,000 members."

#### West Denver Trout Unlimited

The West Denver Chapter, Trout Unlimited (WDTU, TU chapter #130) is a member-driven 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is conserving, protecting, and enhancing Colorado's coldwater fisheries through volunteerism, education, and outreach.

WDTU was founded in Colorado in 1974, and now has over 900 members across western metro Denver, including Lakewood, Golden, Morrison, Englewood, Littleton, Wheatridge, and Arvada. Our conservation and community outreach projects include the restoration and water quality monitoring of Clear Creek, Jefferson County school programs, and Joseph's Journey. The chapter's membership meets regularly at the monthly chapter meeting (except July). These meetings are free and open to the public.

WDTU's governance also relies directly upon its members, who generously volunteer their time and effort to achieve the chapter's mission. The WDTU Bylaws provide details on the chapter's governance. The chapter's Board of Directors has a board meeting every month (separate from the chapter meeting). Members are welcome to attend board meetings and are encouraged to volunteer to be an Officer or Director.

#### A Note About Email Address Changes

*Please* notify us whenever you change your email address, snail mail address and/or telephone number so we can communicate with you quickly and efficiently.

Linda Miyamoto sullimoto@gmail.com

#### WDTU Shirt Logo

Jackie Edwards has made arrangements with a vendor to have an official WDTU logo imprinted on your shirt for just \$5. This program was initiated several years ago and has gained popularity. You simply need to bring your shirt to the next Chapter meeting and give it to Jackie. She will take care of the rest.

### WDTU Chapter Board Meetings

#### Note:

Chapter Meetings are held at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden, Colorado 80401 6:30 - 7:00 PM: Welcoming-Fly Tying Demo 7:00 - 7:30 PM: Chapter Business 7:30 - 8:45 PM: Speaker

**Board Meetings** are held at the Golden Library, 1019 10th St, Golden, CO 80401

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