

# ANGLERS' EDGE

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 cold-water 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.'

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## The President's Message

Old dogs, new tricks?

Like most volunteer organizations, West Denver TU bemoans the fact that we are mostly led by retirees. "We need to get younger" and "We need more diversity" are frequent refrains.

"Doing the same things and expecting different results" is doomed to fail. So, what to do? After some soul searching and brainstorming, the consensus is to offer new things, to build the community's awareness of West Denver TU, and to have fun.

To these ends, we are partnering with local communities, Colorado TU, and local fly shops and fly fishing businesses.

#### We:

- sold brats and hot dogs at Bass Pro on Father's Day weekend: raised some money and exposed Bass Pro customers to TU.
- cleaned up after the Arvada On Tap event. In return, we got a free booth and promoted TU.
- partnered with Pack Animal Magazine to form a nature-writing book club: great books and interesting conversation with like-minded folks.
- helped Gilpin County Elementary 5th graders stock trout fry after a successful Trout in the Classroom year.
- host Happy Hours with local fly shops and Colorado TU. This is engaging an entirely new demographic, thanks to Board Member Erin Crider.
- plan to conduct the kids fishing derby during Arvada Days at Clear Creek Valley Park.

Follow us on social media and check our website frequently to become part of these events: website: www.westdenvertu.org

facebook: West Denver Trout Unlimited

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Tight lines!



# 21st Century Conservation

by Marnee Banks, The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, July 12, 2019

Recovering America's Wildlife Act Creates 21st Century Conservation Model: Legislation will invest in on-the-ground fish and wildlife management

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is hailing landmark legislation that will transform fish and wildlife management across the nation. U.S. Representatives Debbie Dingell (D-Mich) and Jeff Fortenberry (R-Neb.) introduced the Recovering America's Wildlife Act to invest meaningful resources into proactive conservation.

Right now, 12,000 species in America need conservation action and 40 percent of the nation's freshwater fish species are at risk. This legislation will help prevent those species from becoming threatened or endangered by creating a 21st century funding model.

"This legislation will invest in critical habitat, stronger

wildlife populations, and a more robust outdoor recreation economy," said Whit Fosburgh, president and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. "This bill empowers on-the-ground wildlife experts to implement science-based conservation plans that will preserve these species into the future."

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act will invest roughly \$1.4 billion to the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program for proactive, voluntary efforts led by the states, territories and tribal nations to prevent vulnerable wildlife from becoming endangered.

A national survey determined that each state needs an average of \$26 million in new funding annually to effectively implement their State Wildlife Action Plans to prevent species from becoming threatened or endangered. Current funding levels are less than 5 percent of what is needed.

# Stocking Trout Fry

by Ed Calmus

Test Denver TU recently supported the Elementary School's "Trout in the Classroom" program. Fifth grade students from Blackhawk, led by teacher Vanessa Grenader, raised trout from eggs during the school year. Now the fish were fingerlings, and ready to be stocked in Clear Creek.

River Watch volunteers Dennis Wiles and Keith Greenwell met the students at the Mayhem Gulch parking area, south of Idaho Springs. Dennis talked with the kids about water quality monitoring, and demonstrated the dissolved oxygen and Ph. measuring equipment.

We checked the stream temperature, which was  $7.4^{\circ}$  Celsius (45 degrees Fahrenheit). The temperature in the cooler was  $10.3^{\circ}$  C ( $51^{\circ}$  F). By adding stream water, and some ice, we gradually lowered the cooler water temperature to help acclimate the fry to their new environment. Finally, the fry were ready to go.



Students helped Dennis calibrate the oxygen sensor



Eight month old trout fry



The fish arrived at Mayhem Gulch in a cooler, with a temperature monitor and oxygenator.

Each student had the experience of releasing a fry. Only a few toes got wet!



Don't let my fish escape, Keith!





Off you go, little fish!



Vanessa with some of her students. Check out the hand-painted tee shirt!

Many thanks to Vanessa, school staff, parents and students for the opportunity to help with the Trout in the Classroom program at Gilpin Elementary!

#### **Annual Chapter Picnic**

August 7 @ 4:00pm-9:00pm

Lions Park, 1300 10th St., Golden

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 4:00pm and plan to eat at 5:30–6:00pm. 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 12 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm

Arvada Library, 7525 W 57th Ave., Arvada

#### **River Watch**

August 22 @ 9:00am-11:30pm Clear Creek Meeting Area

Mayhem Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot, Clear Creek Can-

yon Park, U.S. 6, Golden

River Watch Sampling participates in the Colorado River Watch water quality monitoring program. Led by WDTU member Dennis Wiles. We will meet at the Mayhem Gulch parking lot at 9:15am and then car pool to the three sites.

#### **Arvada Days**

August 24 @ 11:00am-3:00pm

#### Clear Creek Valley Park, 5900 W. Tennyson St., Arvada

West Denver TU is teaming up with the City of Arvada to help them celebrate Arvada Days. This a fundraiser for Hope House of Colorado, Denver's only resource providing self-sufficiency programs to teen moms. Specifically, WDTU volunteers will coordinate the Kids Fishing Derby from 10am to 1pm. All kids, ages 5 through 15, are invited to attend.

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

August 28 @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

#### American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden

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#### **September Chapter Meeting**

September 4 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

#### American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden

Speaker: Kirk Deeter, Vice President of Trout Media Kirk Deeter is the editor of TROUT magazine. He is also an editor-at-large for Field&Stream, and the editor-in-chief of Angling Trade. A lifelong angler, he has produced award-winning stories from the tip of Tierra del Fuego in Argentina, to north of the Arctic Circle in Russia. His work has appeared in WIRED, Garden & Gun, The New York Times, and elsewhere. He co-authored the best selling Little Red Book of Fly Fishing. He lives in Colorado with his wife of 25 years (Sarah), and son (Paul).

Canned Food Drive Bring a non-perishable food item to our Chapter meeting and get a raffle ticket for a chance to win a fabulous prize. All food items donated will be given to the Arvada food bank. Please be generous.

#### **September Board Meeting**

September 9 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave., Golden** Second Monday of every month.

#### Fly Tiers' Night Out

September 17 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon St., Arvada

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from September through June. Besides craft beer they have a full menu. All levels of tiers are welcome. We need some of our advanced tiers to help the people just getting started.

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

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#### **River Watch**

September 26 @ 9:00am-11:30pm

WDTU River Watch – Clear Creek Meeting Area, Mayhem Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot, Clear Creek Canyon Park, U.S. 6, Golden, CO 80403

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#### **October Chapter Meeting**

October 2 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

#### American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden

Speaker: Karin Miller is the owner of Zen Tenkara/Zen Fly Fishing Gear, a Colorado company that designs, manufactures, and sells a broad range of tenkara fly rods, lines, and accessories. Her company, since its start in 2012, is revolutionizing this fixed-line method and is known for creating a "fusion" of traditional fly fishing and tenkara to target not only small traditional tenkara species, but also large, powerful fish not typically associated with the ancient Japanese method. Zen has a reputation of being innovative, cutting edge and

pushing boundaries with their high-performance rods. Together, they're defining "American tenkara."

Karin travels extensively both in and out of the US to test rods, present, train guides, and give demos. If she's not in the office, she's chasing different fish species or attempting to explode her rods and find the next adrenaline rush. She's lived in Colorado since 1999 and is originally from South Florida.

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#### **October Board Meeting**

October 14 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave., Golden** Second Monday of every month.

#### Fly Tier' Night Out

October 15 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

#### Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon St., Arvada

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#### Nature Writing Book Club

October 23 @ 6:00pm-7:00pm

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#### River Watch

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#### Chili Dinner

November 6 @ 5:30pm-8:30pm American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden

Chili Dinner and Chapter meeting!

Dinner Schedule:

4:00 Volunteers Set up the hall.

5:30 Chili should arrive.

6:00 Dinner.

Speaker:

Topic:

Guest Tier:

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#### **November Board Meeting**

November 11 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Golden Public Library, 1122 Washington Ave., Golden** Second Monday of every month.

#### Fly Tiers' Night Out

November 19 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

#### Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon St., Arvada

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

November 27 @ 6pm-7pm

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#### **December Chapter Meeting**

December 4 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm

American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden Speaker:

Topic:

**Guest Tier:** 

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#### **December Board Meeting**

December 9 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm

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#### Fly Tiers' Night Out

December 17 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

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#### Fly Fishing Show

January 3-4-5, 2020

#### International Sportsmen's Expo January 9, 10, 11, 12, 2020

#### Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St., Denver

Show hours, cost, and other details are available http:// Center in Denver.

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

January 22, 2020 @ 6pm-7pm

#### American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden

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

February 26, 2020 @ 6pm-7pm

#### American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St., Golden

To Volunteer, contact Bob Clark ridenfish@msn.com. The West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited is partnering up with the American Mountaineering Center and www.sportsexpos.com/attend/denver/. Directions and Pack Animal Magazine for a monthly nature writing parking information click here: Colorado Convention book club! We'll meet from 6:00pm-7pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the American Alpine Club Library in the American Mountaineering Center. See page 12 for book selections and details.

## 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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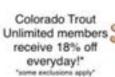






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The reading schedule has been set through April of 2020; feel free to read just one or all of the month's selections. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and tea will be available.

#### Wednesday, 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:

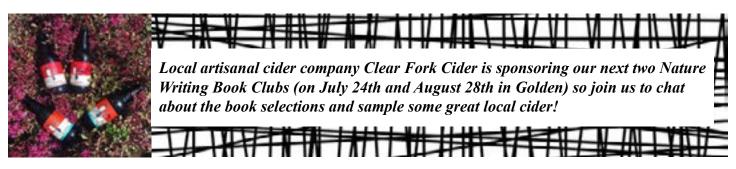
Animals Strike Curious Poses by Elena Passarello Biophilia: The Human Bond with Other Species by Edward O. Wilson

#### 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 an opening for:

#### **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!

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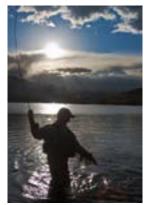
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#### Trout Unlimited

"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

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#### 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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Favorite Fishing Hole 500 words
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