



# The Flypaper

April 2014 Edition

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## From the President



Dick Jefferies, President

It's almost Easter.

Bunnies, plastic grass, colored eggs and my favorites - BWO's, Stones and Caddis!! Hard to believe but spring has sprung. If you have been on a local river or passing over one, you can't help notice how high the flows are already. Some lower runoff has begun and the ground is so saturated from the deluge last fall there isn't much of a place for it to go except down the river. Let's hope for a nice slow warming and extended runoff period.

Big news this month. We are turning 30!! (I wish that was a personal observation). Rocky Mountain Flycasters is celebrating the 30th anniversary of becoming the 10th TU chapter in the United States. We are celebrating the anniversary at Odell Brewing on the 21st. You will see more info below. Come join us for a fun evening.

In honor of our 30 year celebration Odell Brewing has named Rocky Mountain Flycasters as a Charity of the Month. This means a portion of the tap room proceeds will be donated to RMF. If you find yourself with an insatiable need to wet your whistle with one of Fort Collins finest microbrews, I highly recommend a trip to Odell!!

How cool is that - Drink beer and raise money for the chapter.

Tons of really good info in the newsletter this month so please check out everything!

Remember - no meeting at the Senior Center. Instead join us at Odell Brewing on Monday, April 21st, 7- 9pm

[Dick Jefferies](#), President  
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

## [CHAPTER EVENT CALENDAR](#)

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## APRIL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



In April, we will formally celebrate our 30th anniversary as a Trout Unlimited chapter. Our regular monthly meeting will be paired with this celebration and will be moved to **Monday the 21st of April, 2014**. We will meet at **Odell Brewing Company's Taproom** in Fort Collins.

The party starts at 7 **p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.** with the Odell staff ready to be sure we are taken care of. As usual, the meeting (celebration) is free and open to the public. Because its Fort Collin's and O'Dells', beer will be served. O'Dell's Taproom is located at **800 E Lincoln Ave.**, Ft Collins. They are normally closed during these hours, but are staying open for this special RMF celebration.

Odell's is long-time supporter of our chapter and local conservation efforts. Come show them we appreciate that support!

## LETS GO FISHING

See the **Addendum** for fishing trips we hope to take in 2014. New information on the list, information that did not appear in the March Flypaper, is in *red italics*:

We do need some volunteers to act as a Trip Host. If you have been to one of these areas once or twice, you qualify! As a Trip Host, your duties would simply be to arrange a meeting place and time, and possibly carpooling for the longer trips. Oh ya, and duty number one is to keep the rest of us from getting lost - it is that simple! Please contact me if you would like to host one of the listed trips or to suggest a different location. My contact info: [flytyer.miller@gmail.com](mailto:flytyer.miller@gmail.com) or 970-744-8229.



Mark Miller, RMF Fishing Trip Coordinator

The April Gray Reef trip is shaping up, but we really could use one more guy who can row and likes to row. With two boats, we can get everyone in a boat each day of the 3 day trip. If you are interested and can row a driftboat please give me a call at 970-744-8229.

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## APRIL CONSERVATION NOTES



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

### Help Fort Collins Natural Areas at McMurry Pond

In lieu of our usual early season Adopt-A-Trail day at Gateway Natural Area, the Fort Collins Natural Areas Department has **requested our assistance** at one of its in-progress projects improving the Poudre River corridor in urban Fort Collins.

There are two novel aspects of this volunteer activity. It's on a Thursday (**April 17, 9:00 AM - noon**) and this is a different kind of trail work.

The site is at McMurray Pond, which is accessed from North College Ave at its intersection with Hemlock Street (located just south of the College/Conifer intersection). Go west on Hemlock and travel to its west end where you will find a parking lot.

McMurry Pond is a short hike further west. The pond is a great place to take kids to catch bass and other panfish. And even

some adults have been known to extol the pond's bass fishing.

[See the Addendum for more Conservation Notes](#)

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## APRIL YOUTH OUTREACH NOTES



Dennis Cook, Youth  
Outreach Chair

### Youth Day Camp Volunteers

Technology advances make it easier for you to sign up now...and assist your good intentions (but faulty memory?)...to ensure you don't miss participating in RMF's premier youth activity - our 2014 Youth Day Camp. Listed below are the activities that require the largest volunteers groups.

ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES
July 29 - Tuesday - Fly Casting (Need 15) River Bend ponds 2:30-5:30	Aug 1 - Friday - Snorkeling & Entomology (Need 8)  Poudre - Lions Park 8:00-Noon
July 30 - Wednesday - River Fishing (Need 15) Poudre Canyon 8:00-5:00	Aug 1 - Friday - Fly Tying Intro (Need 9) Conf Room, FoCo - TBA 2:30-5:30
July 31 - Thursday - Still Water Fishing (Need 15) Swift Ponds 8:00-11:00	Aug 2 - Saturday - Fly Tying Intermed (Need 9) CMS, Windsor Conf Room 8:00-11:00
July 31 - Thursday - Electroshock & Restoration Proj. Big Thompson 12:30-5:30 (Need 8)	Aug 2 - Saturday - Stream Fishing (Need 15) RMNP Noon-5:00

[Click right here](#) to sign-up grid for one of these activities. Then select the activity, or activities you prefer. Finally, just enter your name, email and phone and your information will go directly to the Day Camp Coordinator who typically confirms a receipt back to you within 48 hours. Click above to sign-up right now.



Campers and Volunteers at 2013 RMF Day Camp

### **Children's Water Festival**

We could still use a few volunteers for each of the three Children's Water Festivals.

April 30 Greeley at Island Grove Regional Park	Fourth grade
May 5 Loveland at Good Shepard Church	Fifth grade
May 21 Ft. Collins at Front Range Community College	Third grade

To learn more and to sign up, see the **Addendum**.

### **Poudre Learning Center In Greeley Needs Volunteers**

One of Rocky Mountain Flycasters partners, the Poudre Learning Center in Greeley, will be presenting a series of fly fishing classes in April and May. The workshops are youth oriented but designed to engage parents and encourage participation by the whole family not only in fly fishing but the science behind it and to just get people outdoors. We are seeking volunteers interested in passing along the skills of their favorite sport. Instructors, assistants, and mentors for on the water excursions are all needed and would be greatly appreciated. For further information go to [www.PLCoutdoors.org](http://www.PLCoutdoors.org).

### **Youth Introduction To Fly Fishing**

A series of six activity/games-based topics for ages 12-14, each about one-hour duration, are presented in five sessions at the Fort Collins Boys & Girls Club just off of Vine Street (May 12-May 20). The series is capped off with a final two-hour fishing outing at the nearby KOA Pond. These light-hearted sessions are each scripted with full instructions, and all activity props/materials are provided. The objective is to introduce the youths to fly fishing, not make them proficient. Those who want to go further can apply for the RMF Day Camp. See the **Addendum** for lesson information.



Introduction to Fly Fishing Student, RMF Instructor and Fish, 2013

### Outdoor Skills Rendezvous

Each year NoCO youths have an opportunity to sample a potpourri of outdoor skills at this event, and see if they might want to learn more about one, or even several. Skills include fly fishing, spin fishing, archery, viewing/tracking, BB gun and shotgun activities. Youths must all pre-register and be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Youths, with their adult sponsor, are divided into groups of about fifteen and rotate through each activity area during periods of about one-hour each. See the **Addendum** for signup information.

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH NOTES



Wil Huett, Community Outreach  
Chair

In his big hit New York, New York, Frank Sinatra said, "Start spreading the news....". He was speaking about The Big Apple, but you can help spread the news about RMF. Here's how...

At President Dick Jefferies' urging, Rocky Mountain Flycasters has embarked on an effort to blow our own horn; to tell the story of our 30 years of conservation work and highlight our continuing efforts to protect and improve Northern Colorado's cold water resources and the fish who live in them.

Part of that effort was production of a trade-show type backdrop for use in exhibitions. It was premiered at the recent Larimer County Fishing Expo. A slide show presentation expanding verbally and visually on the themes of that display will be introduced at the 30th anniversary celebration April 21st. Hope to see you all there. Bring a friend.

Another major opportunity to blow the RMF horn will take place Saturday May 10th during the Poudre River Festival. Part work-day and part fun-day, the Festival will begin at 7am with volunteers planting native wildlife and banding birds. From 2 til 7 pm information booths, music, dancing and beer will invite visitors to Lee Martinez and Legacy Parks. This event could attract significant numbers to see the changes being made and future plans for the riverfront in downtown Ft Collins; and give RMF a chance to explain who we are and what we do. Volunteer now to help out for a couple of hours. Come meet a few people, hand out some brochures, and maybe go fishing after! Email your availability to Wil Huett, Community Outreach Coordinator at [outreach@rockymtnflycasters.org](mailto:outreach@rockymtnflycasters.org)

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**SEND YOUR PHOTOS**



## Filling Up The Calendar

Our calendar pages are some of the most frequently visited on our web site. Wouldn't it be great to see your own pictures displayed there? There are many opportunities for months into the future. We recently added a few pictures to the calendar and want to thank you for sending them. In particular, we want to thank Ben Zomer, Gil Coleman, Wil Huett, Lee Evans, Mark Miller, Phil Wright, Jerry Pelis, and Cullen Emsing. Send a copy of fishing or conservation-related pictures to:

[Paul Wehr, Webmaster](#)



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### **\* Let's Go Fishing 2014 \***

- Mar 29 Lower Poudre – (Host: Mark Miller) – weather permitting
- Apr 12 Poudre River – *(Host needed) – Only two people signed up so far, and we still need a host. Hopefully someone who knows their way around the Poudre can volunteer to act as host??*
- April 25-27 Gray Reef/N Platte float trip (Host: Mark Miller) – sign up by our April meeting so we can reserve some drift boats. Need a couple people who like to row.
- May 17-18 Lake John – (2 nts) *(Host needed)*
- Jun 14 Laramie Plains lakes (Host: Frank Cada)
- Jun 21 Joe Wright Reservoir (Grayling) *(Host needed)*
- Jul 12 Lake Agnes – Host: (Host: Ben Zomer)
- Jul 19 Encampment River, WY (wade trip) – (Host: Dean Block & Stan Woodring). *Only 3 of 5 openings left !*
- Aug 9 Blue Lake (Indian Peaks Wilderness) (Host: David Morse)
- Aug 16 Colorado River Headwaters (Host: Dennis Cook)
- Sept 12-14 Flaming Gorge/Green River (UT) (2-3 nights) (Host: Jim Booth) *Sign up not later than April's meeting if you would like to reserve a guide for a float fishing trip !! If you haven't fished the Green River, check out these fly fishing videos on this youtube link !!*  
[http://m.youtube.com/user/ SpinnerFall1](http://m.youtube.com/user/SpinnerFall1)
- Sep 20 Blue River *(Host needed)*
- Oct Poudre (Host: Ben Zomer)
- Nov Cheesman Canyon/South Platte(weather permitting) (Host: Mark Miller)

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### **Additional Conservation News**

The Natural Areas project involves rehabilitating the riparian areas near the pond, providing for dispersal of future Poudre floodwaters into the pond's basin, and improving the hiking trail along the north bank of the Poudre River. That trail is where our volunteers' action will take place.

The action consists of applying pavement to a new foot trail, using a road mix which provides a durable, yet pervious surface. Volunteers will wheelbarrow the mix from a nearby delivery truck to the trail, smooth the mix, and tamp it into place. Chores will be rotated so no one gets bored or exhausted. Hand tools to be used will be shovels, rakes and tampers, all furnished by the Natural Areas Department.

The work hours will be 9 AM until noon. The primary day will be Thursday, April 17. In event of foul weather that day, a backup day will be at the same hours a week later, on April 24. Volunteers may sign up for either or both workdays, but only one day will actually be utilized.

The reason for Thursday, is that the road mix delivery cannot be on Saturday, and other related work will have progressed to a "ready for paving" status by April 17.

Some volunteers signed up at the RMF general meeting on March 19, but several more volunteers will make the work go better.

To add your name to the volunteers, email [conserve@rockymtnflycasters.org](mailto:conserve@rockymtnflycasters.org)

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### **Additional Children's Water Festivals**

It is truly a rewarding experience to help these young people get headed down the conservation trail. They are all eager to learn at this age so what better opportunity to start them thinking about the Trout Unlimited mission and developing a strong commitment to a positive environmental ethic. We will take steps in this direction by engaging these lively third, fourth, and fifth graders in a fun, active game called "Who Eats Who at the Stream" which teaches the rudiments of trout stream ecology. We also give some natural history lessons about some of the key species in a stream environment, including trout, aquatic insects, and the predators one might find residing along a stream. No experience is necessary, all that is needed is a desire to help young people learn about our favorite environment and carry on our heritage. Flexible scripts will be provided so no memorization or long speeches will be required. Please join us if you can. Smiles guaranteed.!

For further information or to volunteer, please contact Jerry Pelis, [jwdp43@comcast.net](mailto:jwdp43@comcast.net).

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### **Additional Youth Introduction to Fly Fishing**

A copy of all lesson plans are available to any member who is interested in considering presenting a module. Module presenters are not required to participate in all the modules. An individual can handle a module alone, or a paired team can share a module. Module VII will require more volunteers for 1:1 instruction and safety at the KOA lake fishing outing...which is always a hoot!!

- Introduction To The Adventures Of Fly Fishing (55 minutes)
- Casting (30 minutes)
- Knots (20 minutes, combined with session II)
- Fish Inside And Out (55 minutes)
- The Fish's Watery World (55 minutes)
- Fly Tying (55 minutes)
- Let's Go Fishing!(2 Hours)

Contact: Dennis Cook <[youth@rockymtrflycasters.org](mailto:youth@rockymtrflycasters.org)> or 372-9229 to obtain a module lesson plan copy or to discuss your interest.

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### **Additional Outdoor Skills Rendezvous**

Each year our chapter's volunteers have operated the Fly Fishing activity and assisted youths to try their hand at casting fly rods and trying to catch a fish in Swift Ponds well stocked waters. Typically each group is greeted, listens to a brief opening explanation about fly fishing skills, observes a casting demonstration, is assisted to fit them with a rod...and then they go with their adult sponsor to an assigned lake section and try themselves. Most, but not all, are accompanied by a RMF volunteer, depending upon the experience of the accompanying adult. Volunteers oversee all participants observing for safety, lending some instruction and ensuring that the equipment isn't abused. !

The event is held at the CYO Center at Swift Ponds at the corner of LCR 5 and LCR 36 (Kechter Road) immediately East of and bordering I-25. Details have not yet been released, but it's usually between 9:00am and 2:00pm, and volunteers have been served a sack lunch, and it's always a fun time. Many volunteers are required, so please lend a hand.

Contact Dennis Cook <[youth@rockymtrflycasters.org](mailto:youth@rockymtrflycasters.org)> or 372-9229.