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## The Flypaper

*News and Events from the Rocky Mountain Flycasters  
Chapter of Trout Unlimited*

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**Dear Bryon,**

I know the summer is ending, the kids are back in school, and the best fishing of the year is beginning. Here's hoping you find time to fish now that the crowds are diminished.

Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF), your chapter of Trout Unlimited had a very busy and productive summer. Even though we were not having general meetings, we were busy with volunteer activities. I am so impressed with the number of our members who came out to help with the many summer activities.

We cleaned Narrows Park on the Big Thompson. We sponsored Dominick DeGregorio to the state TU camp, where our own Dennis Cook was an instructor. Dennis and his 25+ volunteers successfully held our own River Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp for 9 very enthusiastic kids in July. We had 25 volunteers help the CDOW relocate brown trout from a 0.6 mile stretch of the Poudre to start a study of how a whirling disease resistant strain of rainbow trout adapt and sustain their population. This study has state wide implications and I was proud of our chapter's involvement.

But our summer of volunteerism is not over, and this publication calls again for your help. We need help on September 11, 18, and 25. All are worthy activities and merit our involvement. Please read the articles and sign up for what you can do.

Greg Evans, and your Board, has enlisted some quality speakers as we begin to have monthly meetings. Ty Churchwell in September on fishing the four corners area, Scott Lazarowicz in October on choices for fishing in Alaska, and Landon Mayer will share his knowledge and experience at the November meeting. Please get these meetings on your calendar and bring a friend or two.

RMF is becoming a very active chapter and we are

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accomplishing some long sought after goals. We can only grow through the efforts of our members, and, judging from this summer, I am confident we will continue. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meetings and activities. Thank you all for your involvement.

[Lee Evans](#)  
RMF Chapter President

## Outdoor Skills Day



Professionals from the Colorado Division of Wildlife and key partners such as the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited are teaming up to host the [1st Annual Poudre Rendezvous Outdoor Skills Day](#) at the Ben Delatour Boy Scout Camp, near Red Feather Lakes, September 11th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. We need about 10 volunteers to help staff a Chapter booth during the event to provide basic fly casting instruction and also to assist youths spin casting on the pond. This is a great opportunity to educate the public about TU's mission and the happenings in our local Chapter. For more information or to sign up, please contact [Lee Evans](#), RMF Chapter President.

## September Featured Guest Speaker

Greg Evans, RMF Secretary



Ty Churchwell of Durango will be Rocky Mountain Flycasters September featured guest speaker. A graduate of Loveland High School, Ty relocated in the '90s to Durango Colorado where he learned the secrets of fly fishing the great rivers of south western Colorado. He is the former president of the Five Rivers TU chapter in Durango, and he was recognized as [Colorado Trout Unlimited's 2009 Volunteer of the Year](#). He is currently a Backcountry Coordinator for CTU and is spearheading the Alpine Triangle initiative which is featured in the Summer 2010 [Trout Magazine](#). He returns home to present "Fishing the Four Corners Besides the San Juan." Please welcome Ty at the RMFC general meeting, Wednesday Sept 15 at the Senior Center in Fort Collins at 6:30pm.

### Save the Dates!

October 20th meeting - Scott Lazarowicz, Alaskan guide on doing Alaska through a lodge versus on your own.

November 17th meeting - Landon Mayer, fishing the South

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## Annual Report



TU's 2008-2009 [Annual Report](#) is hot off the press. 50 years of cold, clean fishable water.

## Trout Magazine



Do you have a collection of old Trout magazines tucked away somewhere? If so, the Trout staff is looking to complete its archives. If you have pre-1980 Trout magazines that you're willing to part with, contact [Hannah Moulton Belec](#).

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Platte in conjunction with our membership drive.

## Colorado Trout Unlimited Clean-Up Day

Volunteers are needed on September 18th for our part in the Colorado TU clean-up day. We will be cleaning up a large section of the Cache La Poudre River and will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Picnic Rock to receive our assignments, trash bags, and other instructions. After the event (around noon), we will have a picnic at Picnic Rock to thank all of our volunteers. For more information or to sign up, please contact [Bob Streeter](#).

## Boys & Girls Club "Day for Kids"

[Dennis Cook](#), RMF Youth Outreach Chairman

Thousands of adults and children attended events nationwide and on U.S. military bases throughout the world, making last year's [Day for Kids](#) event a huge success! Popular events included picnics, parades, street festivals and service projects. This year's Day for Kids celebration will be held Sept. 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Front Range Village in Fort Collins on East Harmony Road. We will have a 10'x10' booth with tables & chairs and also a space for Casting Demonstrations / Teaching basics. Other booth offerings will include a RMF handouts station, Knots (hands-on tying), Fly tying (2 stations), Youth Day Camp promotion, Equipped fly fisher/Q&A station, Sponsors' recognition display, and more. Signed up volunteers will assemble at 9:30 a.m. to set up, and may want to bring sunscreen & rain gear even though we will be using a 10'x10' gazebo style awning. For more information or to sign up, please contact [Dennis Cook](#), RMF Youth Outreach Chairman.

## Eagle's Nest Trail Maintenance Days



Rocky Mountain Flycasters has developed a long-term

project to assist with the restoration of the section of the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre River that runs through the [Larimer County Eagle's Nest Open Space](#). Volunteers are needed on September 25th and October 30th for our annual trail maintenance days at [Eagle's Nest](#). Larimer County provides the appropriate tools. Meeting location for possible carpooling to Eagle's Nest is decided upon about a week before the work date based on who wants to participate. Otherwise, you can meet up with everyone at Eagle's Nest (just off Rt 287 at Livermore). The work day generally runs from around 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please contact [Guy Turenne](#), RMF Trustee at Large and Eagle's Nest Project Leader.

## Rainbow Re-Establishment CDOW Research Experiment



In mid-August, about 35 CDOW aquatic biologists and staff from across Colorado along with 26 volunteers from the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited participated in what many describe as one of the largest research experiments that CDOW has ever

conducted. Prior to the emergence of whirling disease, the Poudre supported self-sustaining populations of both rainbow and brown trout in the ratios of about 60% rainbow and 40% brown trout. Whirling disease decimated the population of rainbows to the extent that today's trout population is predominantly brown trout. As a result, many trout anglers who were attracted by the excitement of leaping rainbows on a tight line have been deprived of those thrills. CDOW's goal is to re-establish a sizable self-sustaining population of rainbows, in addition to the existing brown trout population, thereby again making the Poudre a more attractive fishery for the angling public by having more balanced populations of both trout species. For more information, please read [Poudre Gets Stocked With Disease-Resistant Trout](#) by Mike Hooker (CBS Channel 4 reporter). We will also provide a brief update at our meeting on September 15th. Many thanks to all of the RMF volunteers who participated in this historic event!

## RMF Youth Day Camp a Success!

[Dennis Cook](#), RMF Youth Outreach Chairman



RMF's inaugural NoCO Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Day Camp in July was a success by all accounts based on responses from campers and parents. Following a last minute cancellation by a 10th camper, we proceeded with nine, enthusiastic youths' ages 14-15; two girls and seven boys. Six camp-days later they had completed extensive conservation ethics & issues studies and a willows-restoration project on the Big T, as well as experiencing classroom and generous on-water fly fishing skills training. Conservation studies generally occupied the initial couple days, transitioning into a mix with fly fishing for the next couple, and fly fishing skills generally occupied the last couple days. Curriculum time was pretty evenly balanced between conservation and fishing. All of our river fishing was on the Poudre, and we also fished the Lower Valley ponds at Sylvan Dale.

Many RMF members generously volunteered their time and talents, and with a couple non-members we totaled 23 volunteers. This was terrific, because it enabled the campers to receive 1:1 skills instruction and mentoring, which resulted in every camper catching fish on both still and river waters.

Many "Thanks!" to Todd Anderson, Rich Bader, Lee Evans, Ken Eis, Krista & Justin Deese, Cullen Emsing, Bryon Fessler, Amy & Dennis Galyardt, Alan Jones, Jamie Karlak, Phil Keller, Connor Murphy, Dennis Martin, Dave Piske, Dick Shinton, Bob Streeter, Seann Sweeney, Paul Wehr, Phil Wright & Guy Turenne. Additionally, we were supported by 19 professional staff from the CDOW, NRCS, TU, CTU and Timberline Aquatics, Inc. who presented classroom material, led the willows planting and several on-water activities, and also handled the entomology sessions.

We also are fortunate to have partnered with the Larimer Boys & Girls Club which provided transportation vehicles and drivers in exchange for some members on scholarship and agreement for RMF to present some fly fishing related classes for their other member youths. We look forward to continuing this relationship in coming years.

Of course, we could not have done the camp without the support from our sponsors. Please be sure to patronize these generous community friends, and to thank them for their support.

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RMF will be targeting to have about 15-18 campers for the 2011 Youth Day Camp, so please be thinking about your children, grandchildren and friends' children who might appreciate learning more about the TU conservation mission and also learning fly fishing skills. The chapter board will soon be announcing dates for the 2011 Day Camp.

We are in the process of producing several photographic and video presentations about the Day Camp, and hope you will enjoy them at one of our chapter meetings soon...and also perhaps be thinking about becoming a volunteer for the 2011 Day Camp.

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