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Dear Members,

Really? Only 2 1/2 weeks till fall begins. Now I am as ready as anybody to be done with all of this darned heat we have had, but can't we stretch out summer just a little longer. Next thing you know all of the leaves will be turning, the days will be cooler, mornings will bring their annual crisp bite, browns will begin to spawn..... Hey wait a second - I like fall!!

Fall also brings the beginning of our general meeting season and we are really excited to get started with a twist. Last year we brought back the guest fly tying segment before the meetings and this year we are going to take that pre-meeting time another step. Brian Chavet at Elkhorn Rods has agreed to be our rod sponsor for the raffles this year and in addition to that Brian has agreed to bring an assortment of rods for casting before the meetings. Elkhorn is introducing their next generation of rods and would like to get some feedback from the "Pros" So I really hope some show up!!

We will again have a great lineup of guest speakers as well as the holiday party and the fly tying expo so get your calendars out and start making commitments for the third Wednesday of each month. We will switch the November meeting to the 14th because of Thanksgiving but other than that the schedule stays as always.

Before moving on I want to extend a personal thank you to all of the volunteers over the summer who helped with youth activities and conservation efforts. Your efforts are what make this organization as great as it is and all of you together make each and every one of us better, so thank you so much!

Read on to discover all of the new areas of interest the Chapter is becoming involved in. We have made a concerted effort to become a participant in our community and I believe that participation will reward us ten-fold. Additionally, we are coordinating fishing activities so be sure to

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check out the section on Fly Fishing Fun.

[Dick Jefferies](#), President

Rocky Mountain Flycasters

"There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process."

~ Paul O'Neil

Please check the RMF on-line calendar and get signed up for any of the numerous volunteer opportunities available.

General Meeting - September 19th, 6:30 pm

[Program Director](#)

Guest Speaker - David Coulson
Fall Stillwater Fly Fishing

To say fly fishing is a passion for Dave is an understatement, he lives by the adage, "fly fishing isn't a matter of life or death, it's much more important than that." Simply, if it's a fish, then Dave's willing to chase it on a fly. This includes making two or three trips a year out of state to places like Alaska, Canada, East and West Coasts to fly fish for salmon, northern pike and salt water species, such as redfish. The rest of the time Dave spends his time plying Colorado waters with a fly rod for everything the state has to offer such as bass, perch, crappie, bluegill, walleye, catfish, pike and yes even trout with a fly.

And then there is the writing. Dave is the feature fishing writer for the Coloradoan Explorer section every week writing about a wide array of fishing topics. Dave also is a guest writer for the Denver Post and the Summit County Newspaper. Most notably, Dave is the State Editor for [FishExplorer.com](#)

Join us to learn of outstanding opportunities this fall to get into some great warm water fishing. Low water levels do not mean no fishing opportunities. In fact you might find this a great time to slip out and catch some fish in size you can't imagine or in numbers hard to believe!!

Guest Tier - St. Pete's Fly Shop

Check out promo deals at [St.Pete's Fly Shop](#) as well as the general meeting

Rod Demo

Not only is [Elkhorn Rod & Reel](#) this year's rod sponsor but join us for a new addition to the pre-meeting activities. Loaded rods will be available to try some casting with. Are you in the market for a new rod? Try out some Elkhorn rods, including the newest next generation offering.

Have an idea for a program or is there something you would like to see???
Send your ideas and suggestions to the [Program Director](#)

High Park Restoration Coalition - News

[Dave Piske](#), Conservation Chair

RMF TU representatives have been prominently engaged in organizing and planning collaborative activities with more than a dozen interested organizations and interested parties aimed at presenting "a strong, competent, and unified public resource for ecological restoration of burned areas, related fundraising, and information dissemination to the community." (Reference: "About" section of Partnership Agreement.)

The framework for achieving this objective is defined in a document titled, "High Park Restoration Coalition Partnership Agreement".

Plans for specific ecological restoration projects are in the development stage and are expected to evolve over a multi-year period as actual post-fire impacts are observed, new scientific knowledge is gained, and best practices are identified to enable recovery of ecological systems.

RMF TU expects to focus its attention on recovery actions to stabilize watershed soils so as to reduce the transport of sediments into waters in the Poudre and certain portions of the Big Thompson watersheds, and also on the restoration of the riparian and aquatic ecosystems damaged by the High Park Fire.

Renewing UniverCity Connections - Poudre River Task Group

[Wil Huett](#), Community Outreach Chair

Three RMF chapter members attended the Renewing UniverCity Connections (UCC) conference Sept 6th. UniverCity Connections is an ongoing attempt to foster closer collaboration in planning and development between the city and university in the area roughly bounded by the river, downtown and the main CSU campus. Initial steps in the process date back to 2006. RockyMountain Flycasters is newly engaged in a collaborative effort to strengthen the bonds among three community features that make Fort Collins such a unique and desirable place to live. The three features are the "municipal" reach of the Poudre River as it flows between Shields and Mulberry Streets, the Old Town district, and Colorado State University. Members Bob Streeter, Dave Piske and Wil Huett will work with the Poudre River task group to define ways to enhance the Poudre as a key feature of the community. The city and the university both have significant ownership stakes along the Poudre corridor. The Renewing UCC planning process will take place over the next six months.

Let's Go Fishing!!

[Dennis Cook](#), Outdoor Coordinator

October will see Rocky Mountain Flycasters' first three fly fishing day-trips. These trips are for everybody old & new with the chapter...beginners or experienced anglers...and members' guests are also welcome. Each trip will have a designated coordinator to provide destination information, equipment, fly & tactics suggestions and both car pool coordination & maps/driving directions. There will also be a trip host familiar enough with the location to assist with personal information needs and some basic fishing lore. Next spring and summer we will include some overnight trips to more distant locations. All trip participants will be required to have a signed TU/RMF liability waiver and parent/guardian authorization for any minor age anglers. Trip information will be introduced in our Flypaper newsletter and a schedule with details will be published on our website www.rockymtnflycasters.org



****Members are urged to suggest interesting locations and to consider volunteering as a coordinator or host for a trip. Contact: Dennis Cook 372-9229 or rkymtnangler@Q.com**

Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, October 13th: "Grayling Galore" - Joe Wright Reservoir
Coordinator - Dennis Cook 372-9229 Email rkymtnangler@Q.com Host - TBA

Saturday, October 27th: "Bravo Brookies" - Colorado River Headwaters along Lulu City Trail in RMNP)
Coordinator & Host - Dennis Cook 372-9229 Email rkymtnangler@Q.com

Saturday, November 17th: "Bows-Brownies Bash" - Blue River above Green Mountain Reservoir
Coordinator - Dennis Cook 372-9229 Email rkymtnangler@Q.com Host - TBA

A Record Volunteer Turnout At Gateway Natural Area

[Dave Piske](#), Conservation Chair

On Saturday, September 8, sixteen RMF volunteers and four staff members from Fort Collins Natural Areas combined to create four work teams that produced substantial improvements on a popular hiking trail at Gateway Natural Area.

Each team, coached by a Natural Areas professional, applied specific trail restoration skills to the Black Powder Trail that overlooks the confluence of the North Fork and the main stem of the Cache la Poudre River. One team cleared overgrown vegetation that had almost totally obscured what had originally been part of a trail loop at the summit of the trail. The result provides hikers some new views of the river far below. Another team focused on repairing the trail's critical berm to improve water drainage and thereby preserve the tread of the trail that is more than 75 years old. Two teams reconstructed rock stairways on steep sections of the trail, creating a more hiker-friendly ascent of the trail.



Three hours of trail reconstruction were followed by a tasty lunch in the gorgeous setting of the picnic shelter alongside the Poudre River. Lunch and amenities were cooperatively provided by Catherine Dillon, Service Learning Coordinator at Fort Collins Natural Areas and RMF's Volunteer Coordinators for the past two years, Teri and Scott Gardner.

Teri and Scott, who are relocating their home to south of Denver, were warmly thanked for their roles in making this and the two previous Gateway Parties so successful, and they are also wished a successful transition of their homestead.

Fort Collins Natural Areas will soon have signage in place in Gateway Natural Area recognizing the support of RMF's volunteers who maintain and improve the hiking trails in that Area. The next time you visit Gateway, look for it near the trail heads.

North Fork, Poudre Stream Restoration Project, Aug 25 - 26

[Dave Piske](#), Conservation Chair

Three RMF members participated with more than 30 Wildlands Restoration Volunteers in the successful completion of a multi-site ecological restoration project on US Forest Service lands along the upper reaches of this stream. Two RMF members who had registered were unable to attend due to unanticipated personal circumstances. All hands participating enjoyed strong feelings of valuable accomplishments. A photo gallery of the activities can be viewed at: [North Fork Restoration Pictures](#)

Day For Kids Festival - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

September 22nd

[Dennis Cook](#), Youth Outreach Chair

It's that time again for RMF members to help support its partner, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County. The annual Day For Kids Festival is a free entertainment event for NoCO families' youngsters to have fun...while also building community awareness about the life-changing programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs in Fort Collins, Loveland and Wellington.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County is a partner of our chapter helping to make our Youth Day Camp possible and a success. The festival will again be held at the Promenade Shops at Centerra in Loveland.

Each year RMF has a booth that provides opportunities for the kids to try out fly casting and also observe bottled aquatic insects, watch fly tying, try out tying knots and become aware of the Trout Unlimited conservation mission and opportunities.

We will have two shifts (with 5-6 volunteers) from 11:00am-2:00pm and 2:00-5:pm with each having two fly tiers, and three/four others to interact with visitors about the booth's other offerings.

Contact: Dennis Cook at rkymtnangler@Q.com or 970-372-9229



Wil Huett explains bottled samples of aquatic insects to boys as a father watches

Phantom Canyon Trail Maintenance Days

[Guy Turenne](#), Project Coordinator



Two of three scheduled project days in 2012 have been successfully completed. The third day, September 16, is on track to be completed with a diminished crew of volunteers. Due to low flows in the river, the usual fishing portion of the day has been canceled, resulting in dropouts from the formerly over-subscribed list of volunteers. Volunteers who participate in the September 16 work will be offered a substitute fishing day at Phantom Canyon in Spring, 2013.

Give Us Your Best Shot

Visitors to the Rocky Mountain Flycasters' calendar on the web will notice that the calendar pictures stop at September, 2012. We need some more pictures to enhance our calendar. If you have some photos or snapshots that you think would look good on our calendar for a month, send them to the webmaster.

We're looking for pictures germane to fly fishing, rivers, lakes, and watershed conservation, volunteers doing that work, fly tying, sharing fishing with youngsters and others, so the options are varied. It would be nice if many of them were local to RMF members, but some destinations will be considered. Having permission to publish on our website will be implicit for submitted photos so make certain you have permission from anyone in your pictures.

Photographers will be acknowledged in a caption with the picture so rush those pictures in. We need pictures for November, 2012 through September, 2013...and beyond.

Send your pictures to [Webmaster](#)

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