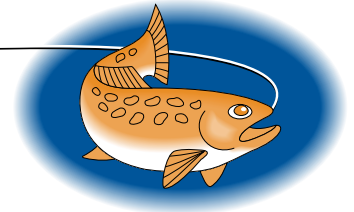


TROUTLINE



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SEPTEMBER MEETING



DETAILS

September 6, 2018

6:45 p.m. Fly tying demonstration

7:30 p.m. Chapter meeting

WHERE

Flame Room of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, SE, Vienna

GETTING THERE

Chain Bridge Road (123) becomes Maple Avenue in Vienna. Turn south on Center Street. Continue on Center Street past the athletic field on the left; note the fire station on the left at the intersection with Cherry Street. Turn left on Cherry Street and park behind the building. Go in the side door at the corner of the building and proceed up the stairs to the meeting room.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1: FWAM Trip to Rappahannock River (VA)
6: Chapter meeting
13: Board meeting

WHAT'S COMING OFF

ROB SNOWHITE

Gearing up for Upcoming Fall Steelhead Runs

Rob Snowwhite is a native of Northern Virginia. He is an expert in guiding for warm water fish in urban settings, specifically in and around Washington, D.C. and hosts a fly fishing podcast featuring 200+ episodes chock full of useful tips. Rob considers the spring shad run as the epitome of fly-fishing in the DC Metro area. Rob has pursued Potomac and Rappahannock shad species for more than three decades.

He guides on both rivers from shore and boat (Rapp only). Rob commercially ties shad flies for shops and guides on the east and west coast and has tutorials for tying his patterns on YouTube. Rob will talk about opportunities with the upcoming Fall Steelhead runs, how to gear up, and which flies and leaders work.



New Members

We welcome aboard our newest members! We look forward to seeing you at our Chapter events.

Clarence Campbell, Arlington, VA
Ben Nakhavanit, McLean, VA
David Frenkel, Arlington, VA
Clayton Hancock, Annandale, VA
Karl Mueller, Arlington, VA
Matthew Ksanznak, Dumfries, VA
Coral Kennelty-Cohen, Arlington, VA
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Richard Anderson, Falls Church, VA
Frank Ware, Triangle, VA
Devon Mearns, Arlington, VA
Christopher Taylor, Alexandria, VA
Smythe Anderson, Alexandria, VA
Paul Tobias, Lovettsville, VA
William Wright, Herndon, VA
Chante Solomon, Arlington, VA
Joseph Raymond, Dulles, VA
Noah Paulovic, Arlington, VA

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Mike Grimm, Arlington, VA
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Timothy Greene, Leesburg, VA
Justin Woodrum, Falls Church, VA
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Jeffrey Quinlan, Alexandria, VA
Michael Kyle, Woodbridge, VA
Brian Fletcher, Arlington, VA
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Olivia Stephens, Ashburn, VA
Jeffrey Herrick, Leesburg, VA
Travis Eagleson, Arlington, VA
Fran McVeigh, Woodbridge, VA
Travis Youngblood, Broadlands, VA
Brian Compton, Leesburg, VA
Mary Beth Harney, Arlington, VA
Lynn Waclawski, Vienna, VA
Jake Waltrich, Herndon, VA
Connor Flynn, Sterling, VA
Vanessa Brown, Alexandria, VA

TRIP 1

Rappahannock River

VIRGINIA

SMALLMOUTH TRIP

When: September 1, 2018
Depart: 8 a.m.
Return: Whenever
Meet: Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

Water levels permitting, this trip will be to the Rock Wall

Parking Area in the Phelps Wildlife Management Area, Rappahannock River. Bring plenty of water as it's about a 20-minute hike in.

The quarry will be smallmouth bass. Wet wading is recommended as it will keep you a lot cooler and temps will be in the 80's. All



Rappahannock sites require cautious wading due to irregular bottoms as well as silt and algae. You can almost always get away

with a short fly rod, but when there is room to cast (and mend line) a longer rod is a significant advantage. I like a long, 6-weight rod. A heavy rod allows you to toss heavy streamers and sinking leaders. Stay flexible, however, and carry a floating leader. In low water, top water bugs such as a Parachute Madam X work well as well as nymph imitations, my favorite being a Zug Bug.

As always, check for email updates or call me the day before if you have questions.

– George Paine

SEPTEMBER FLY OF THE MONTH DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

White Wulff



Developed by **Lee Wulff**, the White Wulff is a great fly for the White Fly hatch in September. Once you've learned this fly you can tie most hair wing fly

patterns.

RECIPE

Hook: Standard Dry fly # 8-14
Thread: White 8/0, 6/0
Body: White yarn or dubbing
Tail: White calf tail or body hair, body hair is straighter
Hackle: Silver badger or white hackle
Wing: White calf tail, same as tail

FISHING TIPS

When the White Fly hatch is

really on, about dusk, you don't need much technique; the trout will leap out of the water within an arm's length in an attempt to catch this fly. The White Fly is the Trident Missile hatch of mayfly hatches; the nymph rises rapidly to the surface, the fly bursts out at the surface and immediately flies away.

Just plop the fly down on the water; if you don't get an immediate strike cast in the direction of any of the surrounding rises.

The take will be very active, trout will be jumping into the air

to catch a hatching fly; just lift your rod to set the hook, reel in the trout, release and cast again as soon as you can as you only have about 30 minutes to catch as many trout as you can before the hatch ends, in near total darkness.

Once it gets dark and the hatch is over you can hear trout sipping fallen spinners. If you enjoy fishing in the dark just cast in the direction of the sipping sound and let your fly drift with the current. Keep your line taught as the take will be light.

RFK, Jr. to Address Potomac Riverkeeper Network Gala

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., President of Waterkeeper Alliance, the largest and fastest growing nonprofit solely focused on clean water, will be the keynote speaker at the 2018 Law & Water Gala, Thursday, November 1, 2018, at The Hamilton Live, in Washington, D.C.

Now in its fourth year, the Law & Water Gala, sponsored by the Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRKN), provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people who protect our

waterways and the law that creates the armor our rivers need, said Nancy Stoner, President of PRKN, announcing the Gala.

Supporting the Law & Water Gala ensures that PRKN's efforts to protect the public's right to clean water in the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers continues.

For more information, contact:

Jennifer Galloway at (571) 305-1599 or jennifer@prknetwork.org.

May Fly Project Sponsoring October Fundraiser

Please join us for the Inaugural 2-Fly event called "Foster the Rise" sponsored by The May Fly Project at the Rose River Farm October 28th. It is an event to raise money to continue to mentor foster children through fly-fishing. The entry fee is \$500 per team of two anglers. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams as well as the biggest fish and smallest fish.

The youth are our future and what better way to support them than getting involved and enter

this event. Any questions, please contact Mollie Simpkins at mollie@themayflyproject.com. Hope to see you there!



Sharing Our Passion at the 2018 Tri-State Camp

By Mason Kasprowicz

As we rolled up the familiar gravel road to the Poplar Lodge at the Graves Mountain Lodge complex in Syria, Va., in June, Palmer and I were having trouble containing our excitement. We were returning to the TU Tri-State Camp with the ideas of counselors' privilege and delicious food in our minds. More importantly though, passing on our passion for fly fishing and conservation to others was what drove us to become counselors, and the same is true for the rest of the volunteers.

When we arrived, we decorated the camp building with loads of banners and posters to give the campers a grand welcome the next day. As we sat down that night to fill our fly boxes up for the days to come, we thought of the old saying, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

On Sunday afternoon, the campers arrived eager to go fishing as soon as possible. Even before the icebreaker activities began the campers had already become friends since they all shared enthusiasm for the same passion. After the wake-up call Monday morning the first full day of camp began. During breakfast, the campers were introduced to the hearty, homemade food that they would be having the rest of the week. A single plate of those scrambled eggs would give the campers enough energy for the week. Afterwards, we went back to the lodge for casting instruction, where we handed out brand-new Orvis Encounter rods and reels.

Once the kids were given a demo, they went out to practice on the expansive lawn behind the lodge, and the counselors were able to rotate around and give one-on-one casting clinics. As the week progressed, the campers evolved from doing simple false casts to double-hauling and even



Palmer and Mason Kasprowicz at TU's Tri-State Camp at Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, Va., in June.

bow-and-arrow casts in some cases.

Before lunch, we went inside to start our fly tying class with a veteran fly tyer. The campers started out tying the Green Weenie, but by the end they could tie the Elkhair Caddis with their eyes closed thanks to more one-on-one coaching. In fact, the campers enjoyed tying flies so much that we kept the fly tying room open until curfew.

In the early afternoon, we often had engaging guest speakers come to educate the campers on various topics, such as environmental advocacy and forest conservation. Other times, hands-on activities were the focus. One day, the campers were able to help professional biologists electrofish a stream in order to survey the species in it, including freshwater eels. Another afternoon, to help give the campers a better

understanding of the anatomy of a trout, they were able to perform dissections. At evening we would head over to a nearby pond full of massive panfish and bass to give the kids an opportunity to apply all of the knowledge they had accumulated during the day. There is nothing more exciting than seeing a camper catch his or her first fish on a fly rod.

The culmination of all the campers' hard work and learning came over the last two days of camp where we ventured up to the Rapidan River in search of wild Brook Trout. We split off into small groups and were given a rendezvous time. Once we were on the stream we taught the campers how to read the water and look for rises. They also worked on managing their drifts and approaches to avoid spooking the trout. When the campers had their first strikes, their faces lit up, and they put the fly back in the water as soon as they could, not wanting to leave the pool until they landed that trout. Then, after a bit of hook-setting practice, the campers started catching their quarry. When the campers finally were able to see the trout in the net, they were astounded by their intense colors and could not wait to catch more. At the picnic dinner the last night, the campers were sharing their fish stories and passing pictures around all out of the excitement of catching their first Brook Trout on a fly rod.

For many years, NVATU has supported the Tri-State Camp financially and with volunteers. Twenty-four slots are available each year at this unique camp, so if you know any teens (ages 13-17) who have a passion for fishing and conservation or who would like to become more involved in those areas, please consider visiting www.tucamp.org to learn more. This year's dates were Sunday, June 24 to Friday, June 29, and the 2019 dates should be similar.

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CONSERVATION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

4: Chapter meeting
6: FWAM Trip to White Oak Creek (VA)
11: Board meeting
27: FWAM Trip to Morgan Run (MD)
28: Foster the Rise fundraiser, Rose River Farm, Va.

NOVEMBER

1: Chapter meeting
3: FWAM Trip to Rose

River (VA)
8: Board meeting
24: FWAM Trip to Gunpowder River (MD)

DECEMBER

1: FWAM Trip to Stony Creek (VA)
6: Chapter meeting
13: Board meeting

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