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Upcoming Events

- July 6: EDTU Meeting (informal)
- August 3: EDTU Meeting (informal)
- Sept 7: EDTU Meeting

Formal meetings are generally the 1st Tuesday of the month thru June. They are held at Brehon Pub, 731 N. Wells Street, Chicago (Wells and Superior). Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person (Special prices for the Dec. Fundraiser).

RSVP to Tom Chmielewski at (312) 520-2539 or twchmielewski@c7mgt.com

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"Wa Wa Sum" Means Good Times!

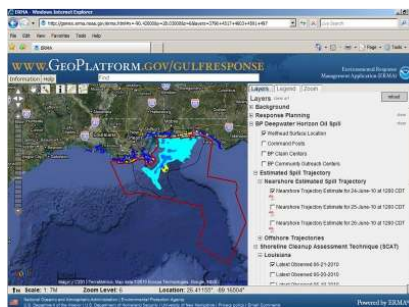


Well, not really (it means "plain view" for those keeping track), but it might as well! Over a dozen EDTU members spent four nights at the rustic, tradition-filled cabin on the banks of the Au Sable River near Grayling, MI this June to wrap up the third of our yearly Chapter trips.

The long weekend kicked off with an impromptu viewing party at Spike's Keg 'O' Nails bar and restaurant to see the **Blackhawks** win the Stanley Cup, and the trip only got better from there! The group held a celebration (complete with cake) to commemorate EDTU's 50th anniversary as a Trout Unlimited Chapter, listened to tales of the property's history from the local proprietor, and received an update from Michigan State students on aquatic insect studies going on in the area.

Oh yeah, and we fished, too! It was the time of year for night fishing in Michigan (spelled H-E-X), though some members had marginal success during the daytime on some of the smaller streams and tributaries. For the BIG fish stories, go talk to a few of the members who stumbled upon some early *Hexagenia* hatches. Some of what they tell you may even be true!

Tracking the Oil Spill



Not a pretty sight

projected trajectories, satellite images, fishery closures, cleanup efforts, etc.

The environmental disaster that has caused hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil to spill into the waters offshore of the Southern United States has had a tremendous impact on fishing, both commercial and recreational, in the region. The link below will take you to the government's Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA). From here you can view progress of the spill itself, as well as



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<http://gomex.erma.noaa.gov/erma.html>

Volunteers Needed

Help recruit new Trout Unlimited members by volunteering to assist instruction in basic fly casting, gear assembly, leader connection, knot tying and fly selection during this summer's Fly Fishing 101 program. The classes are aimed at beginners, and will be held every Saturday in July from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at participating Orvis stores and dealers.

All students receive a free one-year membership to TU, and all students and instructors will receive Orvis coupons. For details, please follow the link below:

www.tu.org/member-services/welcome-to-my-tu/tackle-box/fly-fishing-101

Beware Wild Parsnip



While bushwhacking your way to your secret Wisconsin fishing hole this summer, beware the seemingly innocent-looking *pastinaca sativa*, or Wild Parsnip plant. Easily identified by its yellow flowers and growing to over four-feet tall, juices from green leaves, stems and fruits of this plant can cause a chemical reaction called phytophotodermatitis. Put simply, if you get liquid from Wild Parsnip on your bare skin, and that skin is bathed in sunlight, it will HURT! (And don't think you are safe on a cloudy day, either, as it is the ultraviolet light that triggers the reaction, which can penetrate cloud cover.)

Once exposed, your skin will turn red and painful within 24 to 48 hours. In many cases, after the skin reddens, blisters appear, and the area that was burned takes on a dark red or brown discoloration that can last for as long as two years.

So be careful out there! Even on the hottest days, long-sleeve shirts are a good idea under your waders, and if you touch a plant, make absolutely sure you don't rub your face. More information can be found at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/fact/parsnip.htm>

Fishing Report

This month's fishing report courtesy of the guys at Orvis Chicago (<http://www.orvis.com/chicago>)

Wisconsin

Summer is upon us, which means that Driftless Area streams are getting very tight with overgrown brush and that the days are getting longer and hotter. Consider dividing your days on the water into morning and evening fishing sessions and, if you can, try to go out in cloudy, drizzly weather to reduce trout wariness. Fish terrestrials to capitalize on the dense canopy

now forming on most stream sections.

Don't ignore the mouse bite! Get out after a late dinner and head to a big bridge pool or your favorite deep water spot and start throwing some fur. Strip the mouse slowly and erratically, then hold on tight...

Michigan

July in Michigan is dominated by the *Hexagenia* hatch. Be sure to set aside a few emergers, spinners and adults for this kind of fishing. The best strategy is to hit the hatch as it ramps up or as it peters out because there will be fewer naturals on the water, and thus your fly will be easier for trout to pick out.

Night fishing with mouse patterns works in Michigan, too! Rivers like the Pere Marquette and the Au Sable provide solid night fishing using these methods. Consider a guided night float and get a crack at the largest resident trout of the year.

July also means the arrival of the first summer steelhead making their way into St. Joseph and its tributaries. From now until late August, these giant chrome fish will move in high water conditions after a good summer soaking. Fish for them using hex nymphs, egg patterns and bright marabou streamers and look for them near spring seeps as they seek out cold water in the heat of summer.

July Meeting Details

The Elliott Donnelley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold our July meeting on Tuesday, July 6 at Brehon Pub, 731 N. Wells Street (Wells and Superior). This will be an informal Summer meeting without a guest speaker. However, cocktails and dinner will be available. We will meet around 5:30 p.m.

Bring fish stories!

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