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Upcoming Events

- March 2: EDTU Meeting
- March 6: Start of WI early inland trout season
- April 6: EDTU Meeting
- April 23-25: Spring Creek Trip

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@c7mgmt.com

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Asian Carp Update



The threat of an Asian carp invasion is looming over the Great Lakes, and Trout Unlimited has deemed the situation so critical that our organization has declared an Action Alert.

The Great Lakes are one of the world's freshwater treasures, but they are in imminent danger from invasion by Asian carp. Evidence of Asian carp has recently been identified in Lake Michigan and the Chicago canals that link the Mississippi River system to the Great Lakes. If these extremely

aggressive fish successfully colonize they could jeopardize ongoing restoration efforts and compromise sport and commercial fisheries valued at over \$7 billion annually. Asian carp are voracious feeders and can grow to exceed 100 pounds. Not only would they displace native and popular sport fish, but some of them jump when startled and could potentially injure boater and other recreationalists.

Visit TU's Online Action Center [here](#) to submit comments about the situation to the agencies involved and your congressional representatives so they know that TU expects decisive action and strong accountability.

New Wisconsin Stream Maps



New and improved Wisconsin trout stream maps, including 260 miles of "new" trout water, are now available on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources web site.

In addition, the 2010 Wisconsin Trout Fishing Regulations should be available at license-sales outlets in late February. Of note, barbless hooks will not be required during the Early Season this year.

You can find the new maps at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/species/trout/streammaps.html>

Escape This Year!

A former president of the Elliott Donnelley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, our good friend Paul Melchior has over 32 years of experience in planning



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fishing adventures to destinations in both the continental U.S. as well as a wide array of international fresh and saltwater fisheries. Located in Northbrook's Trout and Grouse fly shop, Paul Melchior's *Angling Escapes* has a number of escorted trips planned for 2010.

March 2010, Canto de Lluvia Lodge in Chile: Located on a 3000 acre private reserve, anglers have over four miles of the famed Simpson River right out the back door. Brown and rainbow trout will average an inviting 14 to 18", with daily chances for 20"+ fish, while the lodge offers modern, inviting accommodations and well-prepared meals. All this in a scenic, natural setting.

May 29 to June 5, 2010, Costa de Cocos Lodge in Mexico's Yucatan: Located on lightly fished Chetumal Bay, anglers will find bones and permit close at hand, plus tarpon, jacks and cudas. Packages include round trip land transfers from Cancun to the lodge, six days guided fishing, all meals and accommodations...even open bar!

August 1 to 8, 2010, Menominee River Smallmouth: Two consecutive four-night/three-day fishing outings to one of the best smallmouth bass fisheries anywhere. Packages include guided fishing, all meals and accommodations at the Four Season Resort in Pembine, WI.

For details about these and other escape opportunities, visit www.anglingescapes.com

Tuning Up for the Season



A few tips to ensure you are ready to hit the ground running when the big thaw finally appears, courtesy of Orvis Chicago (<http://www.orvis.com/chicago>). The following checklist may seem like simple common sense, but they are far too easy to overlook in our zeal to hit the water after a long winter couped up inside. So take some time to check all of your tackle before heading out this season -- you'll be glad you did!

The Basics

- Get your fly boxes in order and make sure you have flies for early season fishing.
- Take apart your favorite reels and rinse and wipe down the interior areas and around the drag. Make sure the reel is lubricated properly.
- Examine fly lines for cracking and for dirt. Apply line dressing to dirty, cracked lines or, better yet, replace them! Old fly line doesn't float or mend all that well and your on-the-water experience will be more productive and enjoyable with a new line.
- Patch and repair those leaky waders! Try rubber banding the top of them after inflating them with air. Take a spray bottle with a mixture of soapy water and spray the exterior. Pinhole leaks will bubble, showing you exactly where a patch is needed.
- Attend Orvis Chicago's 2010 Season Opener Kickoff on Saturday, February 27. There will be local fishing guides, scotch, cigars, sausage, cheese and a raffle to win a trip to the Mayfly Lodge! Check out details at <http://www.edtu.org/Article.asp?ArticleID=365>

Reminder: Spring Creek Trip

Don't forget to sign up for the EDTU 2010 Spring Creek Trip, April 23-25 in Westby, WI. Details and sign-up can be found at:

<http://www.edtu.org/Event.asp?ArticleID=360>

The Early Season is almost here!

March Meeting Details

The Elliott Donnelley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold our March meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at Brehon Pub, 731 N. Wells Street (Wells and Superior). This will be a formal meeting, including cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and guest speaker Tim Landwehr, owner and operator of Tight Lines Fly Fishing Co. in De Pere, WI, presenting afterward.

Tim has been featured on *ESPN Outdoors* and *OLN*, in *Fly Fisherman Magazine*, *Badger Sportsman*, and *Eastern Fly Fishing*, and he has hosted the *Midwest Sportsman* television program. He and his guides were featured in last Fall's 'Guides and Destinations' edition of *Gray's Sporting Journal*. Tim has had the privilege to fish with some of the greats of our sport and has even guided fly fishing legend Dave Whitlock on a number of occasions.

See you on the 2nd!

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