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Upcoming Events

February 2: EDTU Meeting

March 2: EDTU Meeting

March 6: Start of WI early inland trout season

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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EDTU 2010 Group Fishing Trips



Tired of watching fishing shows, tying flies, talking about fishing, thinking about fishing...doing anything and everything all winter long EXCEPT actually fishing??? Well you're not alone, and your TU chapter has the cure!

Sign up online today for one of our group trips, and the little bit of winter we have left you can spend looking forward to excellent fishing, scenic getaways, and good company. There is something for everyone, from challenging spring creeks to Michigan brown trout trophy hunting. And the best part is that all the trips are within driving distance, very affordable, and completely organized.

Whether you've been going on these excursions for years, or if this is your very first time, all are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of this Chapter benefit!

Following is the basic information for each trip, along with a link to further details and signup on the EDTU website. We will continue to update you as the dates get closer, but don't hesitate to go ahead and reserve your space now!

2010 Spring Creek Trip

April 23-25, Westby, WI

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

2010 Sand County Trip

May 14-16, Wautoma, WI

Details and signup: <http://www.edtu.org/Event.asp?ArticleID=356>

2010 Au Sable Trip

June 9-13, Grayling, MI

Details and signup: <http://www.edtu.org/Event.asp?ArticleID=362>

Do You TUDARE?



In a world full of too many acronyms, here's one you should know: TUDARE. It stand for Trout Unlimited's



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Driftless Area Restoration Effort, an ambitious endeavor to restore and protect the coldwater streams and watersheds of the Driftless Area of Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota.

Led by Project Manager Jeff Hastings, TUDARE is founded on the work of TU volunteers in its quest to accomplish immediate restoration work, as well as long-term sustainable management. Along the way, the effort also manages to help the region capitalize on the economic opportunities that restored landscape offers, since community buy-in to these priorities is paramount.

To learn more about TUDARE and how you can get involved with preserving our precious resources in Southwest Wisconsin, visit www.tu.org/driftless

Fishing Story Contest Reminder

Hopefully everyone's been working on their contest entry during the cold, snowy winter days we've been enjoying. And as if bragging rights aren't enough incentive, we've just confirmed that the winner will also receive a \$100 gift certificate from Chicago Fly Fishing Outfitters (nice!).

Submission deadline is not until July 31, 2010, so you still have plenty of time to submit your entries to jeffrey.hoffmann@espn.com. Good luck!

Guides We Like



When you are in Colorado and need to find trout, you can't do better than guide Anthony Bartowski. Anthony guides out of the Flyfisher Fly Shop in Denver, but he is familiar with all of the surrounding waters and specializes in the Platte River Drainage. His passion for chasing trout started in Pennsylvania in the 1980s and has done nothing but grow exponentially for

close to thirty years now!

Named the 2009 Flyfisher Guide of the Year, this Guide We Like can be reached at 719-510-7331, or learn more about him at http://www.theflyfisher.com/guide_service/bartowski.cfm

Fishing Report

What can we say? It's winter in the Midwest. However, a few brave souls have ventured out the last few weeks to get their angling fixes, and our friends at Orvis Chicago (<http://www.orvis.com/chicago>) have compiled their findings to share with our chapter.

Wisconsin

Paradise Springs near Milwaukee continues to provide excellent still water trout fishing opportunities in a beautiful setting. Midday and early afternoons are providing the best sport with fish coming to midge patterns fished in the film in sizes 20-24. Long leaders and fine tippetts are a must for these well-pressured fish. Hone those skills for the upcoming Wisconsin Early Season opener.

Iowa

The brief warm-up at the end of January really got things going on the Iowa spring creeks with nice midge and baetis action for anglers to capitalize on. Things have slowed down a bit as of late, but conditions are still great for the intrepid angler looking to throw big streamer patterns or patiently nymph runs using attractor style patterns. Try a tandem set-up with an egg followed by a small pheasant tail. The visual cue provided by the egg often results in a nice fish taking the more realistic dropper.

Michigan

Michigan provides some of the best opportunities for winter fishing in our area. Larger rivers like the Pere Marquette, Muskegon and Manistee remain relatively free of ice, even during these freezing cold snaps. They also receive solid runs of Winter steelhead to keep anglers busy. Winter fishing on these rivers is a peaceful affair as pressure on these streams eases up. Walk/wade as well as boat trips abound.

February Meeting Details

The Elliott Donnelley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold our February meeting on Tuesday, February 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 Mat Wagner, owner of the Driftless Angler fly shop, presenting afterward.

Mat has been fly fishing and working in shops since he was 14. Born and raised in Michigan, he has fished and guided all over North America with time spent in Michigan, British Columbia, and Northern New Mexico. He currently lives in Wisconsin and is the proprietor of The Driftless Angler, a full service fly shop located on historic Main Street in Viroqua, Wisconsin, smack in the middle of the Driftless Area's thousands of miles of spring creek trout streams. With early inland trout season just a month away, his presentation couldn't be timelier!

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