

The Evergreen Trout

May/June/July, 2015

CHILDREN'S FISHING CLINIC SCHEDULED AT BUCHANAN PONDS, by Len Wheaton

Evergreen Trout Unlimited and the Evergreen Park and Recreation District have scheduled the annual Children's Fishing Clinic at Buchanan Ponds for Saturday May 16, 2015. We ask that volunteers arrive at the Buchanan Recreation Center by 7:45 AM. The event lasts until 2 PM.

This event was first conceived by Len Wheaton and John Ellis about 11 years ago. In the first 10 years of the event, ETU has taught about 200 children at this annual day of fun. The event is made possible by our host—the Evergreen Park and Recreation District—and all the men and women of ETU who unselfishly donate their time and energy.

We have built our one-day event around a collection of various

activities. We start in the morning with a brief film on stillwater fishing and insects that become trout food



Photo by Ron Belak

and continue with morning demonstrations on knot and fly tying. John Ellis collects some live insects from the pond and explains their significance. The morning is rounded out by a long session of fly casting and fishing on the ponds and followed by a picnic lunch, generally orchestrated

by Steve and Randi Murray. Afternoon activities consist of additional fishing or fly tying.

We invite boys and girls age 7 to 14 to participate, and we limit the number to about two dozen so that we can provide adequate instruction. We give the children a whole box of flies and often allow them to keep the spinning rods and reels, which are generally donated by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. We also have some fly rods on hand for some of the older youngsters to try.

We need all the help we can get so please save the day. It is because of us conducting this event that ETU volunteers receive 6 free days of fishing each month during the season. Hope to see you on the 16th.

PETER PAUWELS TO HOST MAY 20 CHAPTER MEETING ON HANDICAP FISHING

On Wednesday evening May 20, Peter Pauwels will give a presentation on adaptive fishing for people with disabilities. He will discuss accessible venues, adaptable fishing rods and modified boats. Peter will talk about all types of fishing, including the use of bait, lures and flies. Peter, a life-long fly fisherman and boat builder, has been a volunteer with Craig Children's Hospital for over 25 years. He has also volunteered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Rocky Mountain Arsenal and has engineered and originated rehabilitation fishing and shooting systems. Please join us at BeauJo's in downtown Evergreen at 6:30 PM for dinner and libations. The program starts after a short business meeting at 7 PM.



JUNE CHAPTER MEETING TO FEATURE FREE FISHING AT BUCHANAN PONDS

On June 17, Evergreen Park and Recreation District will host ETU for a free evening of fishing at Buchanan Ponds. Register at the front desk of

the Buchanan Recreation Center as early as 3 PM. Start fishing and then break for a picnic dinner at about 5 PM. I know you will miss Beau Jo's

pizza, but ETU will provide sandwiches, chips and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or desert to share with fellow anglers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the third Wednesday of each month except July and December at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen. Join us for dinner and chapter business at 6:30 PM and a program at 7 PM.

May 1, 2 and 3: Free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for ETU members on the list of qualified volunteers in the last issue of this newsletter (see our Web site). Jim Wilborn (303-670-3306, jwilborn@hotmail.com) maintains this list so contact him for discrepancies.

May 12, 2015: ETU Board Meeting at the Tuscany Tavern at 5:30 PM. Contact Terry Walters at 720-224-5423 or twaltershome@msn.com.

May 15 and 17, 2015: More free fishing at Buchanan Ponds. See activity on 16th below.

May 16, 2015: Children's Fishing Clinic at Buchanan Ponds. 7:45 AM to 2 PM at Buchanan Recreation Center. Contact Len Wheaton at 303-674-4243 or John Ellis at 303-674-1017 or jellis@enb.com for more information. See article on p. 1.

May 20, 2015: ETU chapter meeting at Beau Jo's in downtown Evergreen, 6:30 PM. Peter Pauwels will talk on handicap fishing programs and equipment. See middle of p. 1.

May 23, 2015: Pine Valley Outdoor Skills Day from 9 AM to 2 PM. Contact Terry Walters at 720-224-5423, twaltershome@msn.com for more information.

June 5, 6 and 7: More free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for ETU members on the list.

June 9, 2015: ETU Board Meeting at the Tuscany Tavern at 5:30 PM. Contact Terry Walters at 720-224-5423 or twaltershome@msn.com.

June 17, 2015: ETU chapter meeting at Buchanan Ponds. Free fishing starting at 3 PM and picnic at about 5 PM. See bottom of p. 1. Bring a side dish or desert.

June 19, 20 and 21, 2015: More free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for ETU volunteers.

June 27 and 28, 2015: Children's fishing clinic at Camp Comfort. Contact Brian Reese at 303-674-0883 or breece13@msn.com for details and location of Easter Seals Camp.

June 28, 2015: Evergreen Lake Outdoor Skills Day from 9 AM to 2 PM. Contact Mike McGinnis at 303-670-0554, or_mossyshoal@aol.com for more information.

July 3, 4 and 5, 2015. More free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for ETU volunteers. If you'll fish on July 4, you must get a wrist band on the 3rd because the rec center is closed the 4th.

July, 24, 25 and 26, 2015: More free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for ETU volunteers. Please note that this is a departure from our normal schedule because of Fly Fishing Team USA using Buchanan Ponds for a regional competition on the third weekend of July.

July 25 and 26, 2015: Children's fishing clinic at Camp Comfort. Contact Brian Reese at 303-674-0883 or breece13@msn.com for details and location of Easter Seals Camp.

NOTE: THERE IS NO BOARD MEETING OR CHAPTER MEETING IN JULY. WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY VISITED TRAPPERS LAKE INSTEAD FOR SOME FINE DRY FLY FISHING for cutthroat trout. We will probably visit Trappers at the end of June, but the trip highly depends on the timing of ice out and the general advancement of the season. For more information, contact Ron Belak AFTER JUNE 1 at 303-674-2239 or ronbelak@msn.com. We generally stay in the nearby campground but accommodations are available at Trappers Lake Lodge (www.trapperslake.com). For information on fishing Trappers Lake, visit www.coloradofishing.net/ft_belak.htm. This last link takes you to the Colorado Fishing Network—a fine source of information on Colorado fishing.