



The Arkansas Trout

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CHECK-OUT OUR IMPROVED WEBSITE!!!!

You'll want to check the website often to keep up with current postings to our calendar of events and other interesting "stuff": arkansaschaptertu.org. Also, you can email us at webmail@arkansaschaptertu.org.

TIME TO STEP-UP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you're the type of individual that would like to step forward and join other dedicated and personable folks in advancing the mission of Trout Unlimited at the local level, now is the time to respond. Through normal turnover required by our by-laws, effective in October, openings will exist in Board/Officer positions. Although October seems a bit far-off, we are asking that interested individuals get in touch with us as soon as possible in order to be included on the ballot for our annual business meeting. Be the first to sign up for this very rewarding opportunity by contacting Bruce Ritter, President of Arkansas Chapter @ 479-521-7222 or webmail@arkansaschaptertu.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

CHAPTER MEETING, FEB. 4th

Bill Elder will present a program on saltwater fly-fishing

RIM SHOALS WEEK-END

Two scheduled outings for the upcoming year:

Friday, February 29 - Sunday, March 2, 2008 (SEE APPLICATION IN THIS ISSUE!!!)

Friday, October 17 - Sunday October 19, 2008

The always popular week-end with your friends from T.U. for great fishing, fellowship, fun, food. The monster breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings and the incredible steak dinner on Saturday night are worth the price of admission - not to mention the best fishing, tall tales around the campfire, and just hanging out with friends.

ANNUAL BANQUET 2008

Friday, March 7, 2008

Our annual fund-raising banquet. Dinner (catered by Spring Street Grill), raffles, silent and live auctions. This is the BIG annual event that raises the bulk of the funds necessary to underwrite our important projects. Less than two months away - save the date now and watch for announcements in the very near future!!!



\$5,000 Donation to Friends of the Norfolk Federal Fish Hatchery
 President Bruce Ritter presents chapter contribution to Dennis McCarty, Treasurer of the Friends Group. Funds will be matched by other groups and will be used for enhancement and extension of the handicapped and youth access to Dry Run Creek.



Wayne Patton briefs attendees at our November chapter meeting about “Healing Waters” which is a program to teach fly-fishing and fly-tying to wounded veterans. Our chapter will be actively involved in this program.



AGFC employees speak to November Chapter Meeting
 Ron Moore, District biologist, Tom Laird, Centerton hatchery manager, and Brian McKenzie, area enforcement supervisor address the members on the topic of impact of population growth on their AFGC roles.

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2008 Annual Winter Outing at Rim Shoals
Arkansas Chapter Trout Unlimited
Friday February 29 - Sunday March 2, 2008



It's time to make your reservations! Reservations are first come, first serve so don't delay! There are a limited number of private bedrooms for couples – the remainder is bunkhouse style. The cost for the weekend is \$150 per person – a bargain when you include the excellent breakfasts and dinner Gary & Paula and crew always prepare for us. Included in the cost is:

- Two night's lodging
- Hearty breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings
- Lunches (you're on your own)
- Steak dinner on Saturday night
- River taxi service to take you to the better wading locations at Rim Shoals
- A boat and motor also will be available

There is a riverside pavilion for our use. Boat rentals, guides, fly shop, and other supplies are available on the premises for an additional cost.

Visit www.rimshoals.com for a look at the accommodations and for information about points of interest in the surrounding Mountain Home area.

If you have questions or need further information, contact **Bruce Ritter** at (479) 521-7222(home), (479) 409-4529 (cell) or by email at iritterbunch@aol.com

**RESERVATION FORM
WINTER OUTING AT RIM SHOALS
Friday, February 29 – Sunday, March 2, 2008**

- Yes, I plan to attend the 2008 Winter Outing at Rim Shoals Trout Dock

Name: _____

Spouse or guest: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email (optional): _____

- I plan to stay both nights.
- I plan to attend only the dinner on Saturday night (cost \$30.00).
- I have some special needs related to meals or lodging as follows:

Enclosed is my check for _____ people:

- \$150.00 per person for both nights and meals
- \$ 30.00 per person for the Saturday night dinner only

Checks should be payable to Arkansas Chapter Trout Unlimited and should be mailed with this reservation form to:

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!!

Tommie R. Cook, Jr.; Huntsville

Andy Commer; Fayetteville

Larkus Pesnell; Fayetteville



Remember to check our new website early and often as we move to reduce mailing costs and to expedite information to our members. Our intention is to post timely information regarding meetings, functions, and to provide current updates as they occur.

www.arkansaschaptertu.org

email: webmail@arkansaschaptertu.org

Chapter meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, but are subject to change due to holidays, etc. Stay posted by checking our chapter website or calling one of the board members - info is on page 3. Unless posted otherwise, we meet at AQ Chicken House in Springdale. Arrive around 6:30 if you want to order dinner and/or enjoy a nice visit with other members. We usually start the meeting around 7:15. We have excellent programs lined up for this upcoming year, to include some special surprises that you will be hearing about later!