



GARY BORGER CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

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This Month's Meeting:

August 14th 7 pm
Libertyville Civic Center

*Planning for the Paradise Springs
Project*

Speaker: [Ben Heussner](#)

[Libertyville Civic Center](#)

Ben Heussner of the Wisconsin DNR will be joining us to discuss our upcoming workday at Paradise Springs Creek on August 23rd, 2008.

**RSVP to me and more information at
www.garyborgertu.org**

August Work Day

The Gary Borger chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting a workday August 23rd, to build "Lunker Structures" for our project on Paradise Springs Creek. With help from our friends at Southeast Wisconsin chapter of Trout Unlimited, and the good people of the Waukesha County Fisheries Department. This should be a really fun workday, and improve a great cold water stream within easy driving distance of most of our members.

We will be building these "mini lunkers" at the Fisheries Operations Shop on Hwy 59 between Eagle and Palmyra from 8:00-noon. Look for a sign that says "Fisheries Operations". We will have all the tools, materials, and the plans to make the "mini lunkers". Workers will need to bring their own work clothes, work footwear, eye protection, ear protection, and gloves that can deflect splinters from rough hewn oak boards. Lunkers will be stored on site for later placement in the stream.

If there are enough workers there is another step towards restoration of the stream that needs done, because Ben Heussner the Waukesha County Fisheries Biologist also has the stuff to spray some Reed Canary Grass that is currently choking off the creek.

At noon there will be a good old workday feed for all that helped. There will of course be brats, but also some Chicago style flare mixed in. So, come out and join the fun with GBTU on our first sponsored workday in quite some time, as we put in the groundwork for our future work on Paradise Springs Creek. Please let us know if you would like to help out, so we can have enough food for everyone.

Please RSVP to:

Matt Jennings

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Mention you saw it in "The Tippet" and help our chapter!

Giving and Getting Back

Hello Fellow GBTU Members,
I'm writing this month to talk about what giving and getting back. I've only been an active member of GBTU for less than a year, but I never realized how much I would get from my membership. The little bit that I've contributed to helping conserve our cold water environment has been repaid many times over in the many benefits that I have realized.

Like many members of Trout Unlimited I paid my annual dues to the national chapter for years and never participated in the local chapter. I now realize how much I was missing. In the last year I have had the opportunity to see and learn from great speakers. I have learned how our cold water streams can be conserved and improved and have gained greater insight into the myriad of threats that imperil these precious resources. I've learned new fishing techniques and identified new areas to fish. I've met many wonderful people who share a common passion and gained a new perspective on our environment through both our chapter activities and our cooperation with other organizations.

For instance, this last weekend I returned to fish a creek that I had worked on to clear non-native plants during the previous winter. I was amazed at how wild and natural the creek appeared and could see how our efforts had created space for the native grasses to return. This creek is a fragile jewel and seeing it in this nearly pristine state filled me with a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment even though my contribution was only a small one. I would never have had this experience if it had not been for my involvement with my local chapter and our cooperation with the Southeast Wisconsin chapter.

I hope each of you can have a similar experience. The first step is as simple as attending one of our monthly meetings or calling/e-mailing myself or one of our board members. (Our next meeting is 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 14 at the Libertyville Civic Center). I urge you to become active in your chapter, not only for what you can give, but for what you can get back too.

Glenn Davis
New Member Committee
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Illinois TU Council Youth Camp Report

As some of you know I was a mentor at the Illinois Trout Unlimited Youth Camp in June. This was Illinois Trout Unlimited's first youth camp and it was very successful. I just want to say how much fun it was to be with the campers. The programs, hydrology, morphology, hydraulics, electro survey, microinvertebrates, entomology, and the emplacement of woody debris habitat structure, were very interesting and well done, although the lectures may have been long at times. The individuals putting on the programs were professors and professionals in their subject matter.

All the campers (11 kids) received a fly fishing outfit, rod, reel, and line, a belly pack for flies and etc, a T-shirt and a cap; and other items to keep. Judging from the emails that were received, the kids enjoyed the week of daily programs and fishing. All the kids caught one or more fish. The kids did a great job in catching the fish even though it was not that easy.

The time and effort put into the camp was well worth it. The Gary Borger membership should be pleased in being part of the first youth camp of the Illinois Council through their donations and help. I am looking forward to next year's camp and hoping I am able to participate in it again.

Darwin Adams

V.P. Gary Borger TU

GBTU Hats are in!

We have our club's new caps. Darwin will bring some to the June dinner for sale. The prices are \$20 for the regular bill cap and \$22 for the long bill cap. If you purchase one of each at the same time, the cost will be \$40. The members who have seen the caps are raving about them.....

From The editor

The Tippet would like to thank our chapter Secretary, *Joan Butzow*. Joan has arranged for our chapter to sponsor a "*Trout In The Classroom*" project this fall at Lake Forest High School. The Tippet will report in more detail next month but here is the basic scoop:

We have a Trout in the Classroom ready to go into Lake Forest High School and it will be monitored by Jim Sullivan, Science Instructional Director. It will begin in Mid October and run through March or April. We are obtaining the eggs from the Jake Wolf Hatchery in Topeka, IL which would welcome a field trip for either the kids or our Chapter. All of this was put together by the Gary Borger Chapter, specifically Joan Butzow, Dean Lippold and Matt Jennings. We will put information on the website and in the Tippet regarding donations for future Trout in the Classroom programs to be put in other schools.

Good job folks!

As always, your editor is looking for member's photos, stories, chapter activity reports, and fly tying recipes to include in The Tippet. Send all information, comments and suggestions to:

The Tippet
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Save The Date

August 14th – GBTU Monthly Meeting

August 23rd – Paradise Springs Work Day

September 11th – GBTU Monthly Meeting

Hope our members can have good showings at these events; lot's to do with the Gary Borger Chapter! Outings and special events to be added soon!

Please visit our website www.garyborgertu.org and sign up for our email distribution list

“The most indispensable item in any fisherman’s equipment is his hat. This ancient relic, with its battered crown and well-frayed band, preserves not only the memory of every trout he caught, but also the smell.”

**Corey Ford
Tomorrow’s The Day (1952)**

GBTU Works with Scouts

June 25th, 2008

GBTU worked with local Cub Scout pack 31 this Saturday to promote catch and release fishing. The pack fished in Shiloh Park in Sion, IL for bass and bluegill. Almost every kid in the group caught fish, and some of the older kids gave fishing on the fly a try. Members Tony Pearlstein, Darwin Adams, Michael Rasmussen, and Matt Jennings helped to organize the event. A good time was had by all in attendance, and some very important lessons about catch and release and environmental stewardship were learned. If you would like to get involved in working with the scouts and TU contact Matt Jennings on our Contact Us section at www.garyborgertu.org

News FromTU National

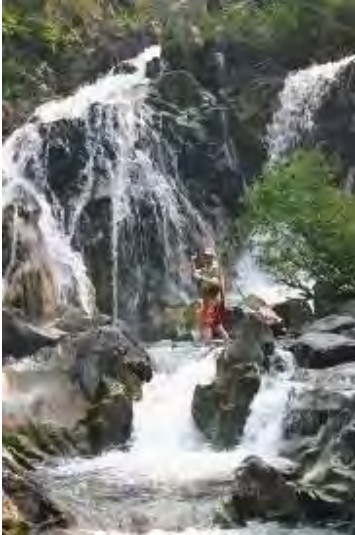
Making Memories: Photo Contest 2008

Pull out your rods and cameras; TU's summer photo contest has started. Enter your best photos of your kids, families, fishing buddies, or anyone enjoying our rivers, lakes, and streams. You'll have the chance to win one of three great prize packages, all of which include a one-year TU membership. Check back soon to see if your photo is posted as one of our "Favorites of the Week." »[2008 Photo Contest](#)

New report looks at climate change and trout

Trout in Trouble, a new report from TU and the Natural Resources Defense Council looks at the impacts of global warming on trout in the interior West. The report shows how global warming is the single greatest threat to the survival of trout in the West. It also highlights specific rivers throughout the West where trout are likely to be hardest hit by global warming. »[Press release](#) »[Full report \(3.8 MB\)](#)

Chapter Photos



Matt Jennings in Ca.



Matt again in Ca. – what a trip!



Having fun at the Chapter BBQ



Mon, Dean, and Randy on the Mekan at the GBTU summer trip



Randy and Darwin working the Mekan

“To me, bream on a fly rod are as pretty fishing as a man can want, but there are times when they aren’t worth working for.”

**John Graves
Goodbye To A River (1960)**

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