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June Meeting:

Thursday, June 10th at 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Century Park – Boat Dock Pavilion
Vernon Hills, IL

The second annual GBTU family picnic will be held on June 10th at Century Park in Vernon Hills. We will have burgers, brats, and dogs on the grill to celebrate another great year for GBTU. In addition to the food and activities, we will be awarding several members special recognition for their contributions over the last year.

This is a free event and families are encouraged to attend. Please bring balls, Frisbees, and fishing rods as this is right on the water. This will be our last meeting of the year until September 9th when we'll start-up our regular meeting schedule again. The meeting will be from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Boat Dock Pavilion at Century Park in Vernon Hills.

Directions: From Hwy 60 (Town Line Road), turn North on Hawthorn Parkway and the parking lot will be the first left turn after the basketball court.
http://maps.google.com/maps?oe=utf-8&client=firefox-a&ie=UTF8&q=century+park+vernon+hills&fb=1&gl=us&hq=century+park&hnear=Vernon+Hills,+IL&hl=en&view=map&cid=11541979977404753136&iwloc=A&ed=0CBkQpQY&sa=X&ei=QAoLTNT_LZ-2NPnusbQQ

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HIGHLAND PARK RAVINE CLEAN UP

Fifteen hearty members of GBTU and the Illinois Council of TU worked to clean up the Highland Park ravine below Moraine Park on June 5. The group removed trash and rubbish, including a bicycle, lawn mower, television, computer and drain tiles from the ravine floor. The work was followed by the traditional

brat fest. Many thanks to the work crew for their support in the ongoing HP Ravine project._



(Note: Dates on pictures in error)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The days are warm, the fish are willing, and life is full to the top...this could only mean that it is summer. I dream of fishing, but that's about as close to the handle of a fly rod as I've been in a while. Still fish are on my mind, as we work on the ravines, and plan workdays at Paradise Springs and other sites. We continue to pursue our mission to educate the public about trout and the environment through our numerous programs, including:

- Our first ever Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge Classes
- Our participation and support of the Illinois Council Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing School
- Our trout in the classroom programs
- Speakers programs at chapter meetings
- And our promotion of TU at local outdoor trade shows and events.

A few years ago we had very few programs in operation. Since then, a new group of people have become active in GBTU and our circumstances have dramatically improved in a small amount of time. This week I was completing the Chapter Effectiveness Index for our chapter and I was amazed that we are now getting the maximum score possible in almost every category. By next year, we should achieve the highest ranking possible across every measured segment. The Chapter Effectiveness Index is designed so the leadership of each chapter can evaluate its performance and identify opportunities for improvement.

Thank You to all the active people of this chapter, our many supporters from other TU chapters, our local business supporters and many others for helping us rebuild GBTU into the viable and growing organization it is today. Thank You for persevering through setbacks along the way. Thank You for sharing your time, your hearts, and you minds for the realization of our mission. I hope all of you will keep up the good work and will remain committed as we pursue our mission to conserve, protect and restore our coldwater fisheries.

Let's keep working and having fun. I will be proud to honor those who have given great service to GBTU with awards mightily earned at the June Picnic. Here's to all the great GBTU Fish Warriors!!!

See you there, Matt Jennings
President Gary Borger TU

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM WRAP UP

With the successful conclusion to the 2009-2010 program at the Hubbard Woods elementary school, the tank and equipment have been cleaned, inventoried and stored away for the season. All of the journals, artwork, and sculpture were returned to each student that documented their work throughout the year.

GBTU is pleased to announce that the Trout in the Classroom program will be renewed at the Hubbard Woods School for the 2010-2011 season. Teacher Todd Burleson will be expanding the program to encompass the entire elementary school this fall, based on the curriculum that he developed this past year. Improvements to next year's program are already being underway.

Additionally, a second school will be added to the GBTU program in the late fall. Preliminary discussions are underway with another school in the area. Even though this is early in the process, GBTU needs to gauge the interest and commitment prior to making a final decision. Additional tanks and filters have been collected and donated to the program for next year's school year.

The program will need volunteers to assist with the care and feeding during the upcoming season in the fall. Please consider assisting the program if you have an interest.

CHAPTER OUTINGS UPDATE

As reported by Scott Foster

The May 21st trip to Avalanche located in Southwest Wisconsin featured the reappearance of the venerable VW bus- affectionately known as the "Magic Bus".



Mark Wortsmann and Mark Mellicker enjoy a break in the "Magic Bus"

6 members and 1 guest camped out for the weekend at the Sportsman campground that was nearly filled to capacity. Jim and Nancy Bailey stopped by to visit both on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Fishing was good and everyone caught fish despite the hot weather. A number of new streams were tried out using caddis, sulphurs, and streamers flies.



A Lovely Southwestern Wisconsin Brookie

The June chapter outing has been cancelled due to the workday being postponed. Additional trips will be organized in the late summer and early fall. Enjoy the summer and let us hear about your trips.

GBTU WORKDAYS FOR 2010

Please set your calendar now and join GBTU, SEWTU, Fox Valley TU and other chapters at some or all of the following workdays:

April 17th - Milwaukee River Cleanup

May 8th - Fox Valley TU in central Wisconsin

June 26th – Elk Creek workday delayed (unable to source rock for stream in time for the workday)

July TBD - Paradise Springs

August - Open

September TBD - Aldo Leopold TU, Baer Creek

October TBD - Genesee Creek

November - No workdays in November

December TBD - Rosenow Creek in Waukesha County

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