



The Tippet

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GBTU JUNE PICNIC

Bring the Family to **GBTU's June 9th Picnic!** Bring the new rod you won at Flapjacks, kid's fishing gear, balls, Frisbees, scooters, or even a boat or canoe! This year's picnic will be back at the **Century Park, Boat Dock Pavilion in Vernon Hills** between Little and Big Bear Lakes. The pavilion is off Lakeview Parkway just north of Route 60, turn where the sign says Century Park next to the Lakeview Presbyterian Church.

We will gather **at 6:00 p.m. and food will be served at 6:30.** The chapter will provide Hot Dogs, Burgers, Brats, Sodas, Waters, and all utensils. We are asking attendees to bring their favorite sides or deserts: last name beginning with A to M - a side dish, last name beginning with N to Z - brings a desert. Remember, no alcohol is allowed in Vernon Hills Parks.

This year there will be a fishing contest for the kids with prizes for the winner and runner up. The contest will be for most fish caught from 7:00-7:30. We will also have a casting distance contest for GBTU members. GBTU will provide the rod. Year-long Bragging Rights will go to the winner! So, come out and enjoy a nice evening with friends and family! This will be our last membership meeting until September. Let's kick off the summer right!

RAVINES CLEAN UP IN HIGHLAND PARK

Gary Borger TU and the Parks Department of Highland Park are throwing a workday and you are encouraged to attend!!! The workday is being held on Saturday June 18th at 9:00 a.m. at Moraine Park, 2501 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035. This event coincides with TU National's Spring Stream Clean-Up Day. Let's show how many people we can turnout for a workday in our own backyard. We really need a big group of volunteers for this one as we are expecting quite a few people from the community to come out and help. This will be a great opportunity to show what TU is about to the people of Illinois. Volunteers will be cleaning up the ravine with TU members and under guidance of Parks Staff. The Park District of Highland

Park will be donating a large dumpster for debris removal. So, let's fill it up! Another large group will be led over to Millard Park to do in-stream work to include rock and woody debris removal, plantings, bank stabilization, and other habitat enhancement. This project has garnered great amounts of press and support for our cause! Let's really make this a showcase that will be widely copied throughout Great Lakes Watersheds. All workers should bring water resistant boots or waders, work gloves, and eye protection such as glasses.

At Noon GBTU will be hosting a burger and brat cookout for all workers, at Moraine Park. This should be a great workday! Come out and Support TU in Illinois!!!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The past 9 months have set the stage for a banner year for Gary Borger TU! Last week I reviewed with the Board of directors the progress that we've made in this short time, and I'm pleased to report that we are well on the way to achieving nearly all of the goals we set out in October. Much of this work has been accomplished by a small group of individuals that has worked tirelessly to grow our membership, deliver educational programs to both the community and the Chapter, restore Highland Park ravines, communicate effectively through various channels, and to deliver another highly successful Flapjacks for Fisheries fundraiser. Less obvious, but no less important, have been the myriad efforts in the background to do things like review our risk exposure and insurance coverage, establish a Chapter PO Box, review our bylaws, secure raffle licenses, obtain tax exempt certificates, etc.

While this week's Chapter picnic marks the start of our off season there is still much to do! There are two key opportunities open now for those who may be interested in taking a leadership role within the Chapter. First, with our focus for the Fall being Conservation, we are now actively seeking a new Conservation Director to pick up the reins and lead our

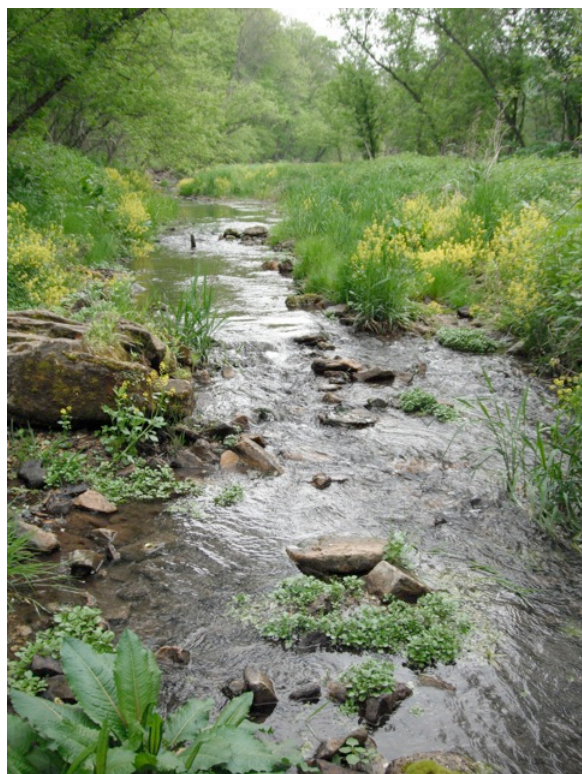
planning and implementation in the coming years. Second, so that Fung Chin can concentrate his efforts on our very successful and growing Trout in the Classroom Program, we are looking for a new Activities and Outings Director. Finally, we have several other newly created committee positions and other opportunities to get more involved. If you are interested in taking on a larger role, please contact me. See you at the picnic on Thursday!
Scott Foster

OUTINGS

Wrap up of May Outing

S.W. Wisconsin Driftless Area

In spite of the pending weather, the May outing to the Driftless area turned out 10 GBTU members camping at the West Fork Sportsman Club. Fishing was very productive and new waters were explored.



Wisconsin Spring Creek

A highlight on Saturday, after a solid day of fishing, the Wisconsin DNR demonstrated an electro shocking at the club for about 150 yards on the West For branch. The effort yielded a surprising amount of brown trout of various sizes. The assessment was the overall health of the stream was very good. A fundraiser for TUDARE and other stream restoration projects was held in the evening with a pig roast. To that end, the

GBTU chapter donated an LL Bean travel rod to the silent auction.

Upcoming Colorado Trip Aug. 4-8th

An upcoming trip to Colorado is planned for the Rocky Mountain National Park fishing for rainbows, browns, brooks, and greenback cutthroats. A variety of waters include the Big Thompson River, tailwaters and canyon, Alpine streams, lakes, and ponds.

Space is limited to 5 for an accommodation of a private cabin located on the grounds of the YMCA of the Rockies. Additional events include the Colorado Conclave 2011 in nearby Lyons on Sunday, Aug. 7th featuring fishing private waters, bamboo rod-makers and vendors. Anyone interested, please contact Fung by June 24.

BEAR CREEK WORKDAY JUNE 11

The Aldo Leopold TU Chapter will be hosting a multi-chapter lunger structure building workday at the Bear Creek Restoration Project site in Plain, WI on June 11. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend. The project is located on the Fargen property along Highway 130 about 2.5 miles north of Bear Valley in far western Sauk County. Work begins at 9 a.m., and food and drink will be provided for all volunteers. The LUNKERS, which stand for Little Underwater Neighborhood Keepers Encompassing Rheotaxic Salmonids, were originally designed by recently retired DNR biologist Dave Vetrano. With help from other TU chapters from Illinois and Wisconsin, the goal is to build about 50 of the wooden structures. This summer they will be placed into the stream during the restoration project to stabilize stream banks and provide underwater cover for trout and other animals.

Bring eye protection, hearing protection, and gloves. Upon arrival, check in with Todd Franklin (Aldo Leopold Chapter) or Henry Koltz (SEWTU) to sign in

JULY 23RD GARY BORGER SKILLS DAY

Ever want to learn that new knot or have someone help you with improving your roll cast? Then plan on attending GBTU's first Skills Day. The day is a great opportunity for you to get that help you need or to introduce a novice to the enjoyment of fly fishing along with the basics they need to continue with the sport. Bring you, a family member or friend that would like to learn about fly fishing for a morning of fun.

The Skills Day will be on Saturday July 23rd from 9:00 AM until 12:00 am at Vernon Hills Century Park Boat Dock. At the end of the program there will be a picnic lunch of brats, hot dogs, chips, sides and cookies

provided by the chapter. Bring your own favorite choice of beverage.

Schedule:

- 9:00 – 9:30 Gear Basics
- 9:30 - 10:10 Casting 101
- 10:20 – 10:50 Knots from Line to Fly
- 10:50 – 11:40 Catching, landing & releasing a fish
- 11:40 -12:00 Q & A
- 12:00 - ? Picnic Lunch

Put the day on your calendar now and plan on coming out either to learn or to help others. If you plan on attending please let Barry Coddens (bac248@northwestern.edu) know so that we can plan accordingly.

APRIL - MAY EVENTS	DATES
GBTU Board Meeting	Thursday, June 2
Boy Scout Merit Badge	Saturday, June 4
Chapter Picnic	Thursday, June 9
Bear Creek Workday	Saturday, June 11
TU National Stream Clean Up Day – Highland Park Ravines	Saturday, June 18
Ravines Monitoring	Saturday, July 16
GBTU Flyfishing Skills Day	Saturday, July 23

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