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Trout Unlimited Kicks Off Autumn Meeting Schedule with September 21 “Fall Fling” Event in Naperville

The Oak Brook Trout Unlimited autumn membership meeting schedule kicks off with a September 21 “Fall Fling” event featuring a grilled dinner at the White Eagle Homeowner’s Clubhouse in Naperville from 5:30 to 7 p.m. preceding our guest speaker. A special “Trout Unlimited Women’s Initiative program” will be part of the event.

The conservation group’s fall slate of speakers is as diverse as their background and locations featuring an author and Trout Unlimited member from Michigan, a Wisconsin Driftless Area guide and fly tier, and a noted Great Lakes biologist from Chicago’s Shedd Aquarium. Additional details on each event including meeting time and location follow and also can be found on the Oak Brook Trout Unlimited website: obtu.org.

Wednesday, September 21, “Fall Fling” 7-9 p.m. at the White Eagle Clubhouse, 4265 White Eagle Drive in Naperville

Speaker: Aquatic biologist, fly fisher and author Ann Miller on “Understanding Hatches: The Key to Better Fly Fishing.”

In her book “Upper Midwest Hatch Guide,” Ann discusses the naturals and their behaviors then provides matching fly patterns and fishing techniques. Fly tying is a combination of art and science; fly tiers understand the biology and behavior of an insect, and then imitate it artistically. Color, size, silhouette, and behavior of an artificial are essential, which is why it’s important to have some knowledge of the local insects. Mayflies, stoneflies, caddisflies, lesser insects, and crustaceans of the upper Midwest are covered in Ann Miller’s book. Learning to identify insects can be daunting for anyone, but doing so will pay off for you with more fish.

The special event starts at 5:30 p.m. with a free grilled brat dinner for members and guests including the general public. Fly casting tips will be provided by Jen Ripple, Editor-in-Chief of Dun Magazine and the Executive Editor of Tight Loop Magazine. When not on the water fishing, Jen spends her time empowering women in fly fishing by teaching fly casting clinics, speaking nationwide and devoting her time to conservation efforts.

Wednesday, October 19, 7-9 p.m. at the Oak Brook Recreation Center Canterbury Room

Speaker: Guide and author Rich Osthoff on “Driftless Nymphing Techniques”

Rich is an author, guide, and fly tier based in Wisconsin’s Driftless Area. In his presentation, Rich makes extensive use of videos to demonstrate effective Driftless Area small stream nymphing tactics. The proof of his techniques is clearly evident by the results he achieves on video. Among numerous credits, he has authored 3 books: *Active Nymphing--Aggressive Strategies for Casting, Rigging, and Moving the Nymph*, *No Hatch To Match--Aggressive Strategies For Fly-fishing Between Hatches*, and *Fly-Fishing The Rocky Mountain Backcountry* based on Rich’s 20 years of backpacking and fly fishing out west.

Wednesday, November 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Oak Brook Recreation Center Central Park West Building

Speaker: Dr. Phil Willink, a senior research biologist at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, will speak on Lake Michigan’s aquatic ecosystems including invasive species and current conservation initiatives impacting endangered species. Dr. Willink will also review current research projects.



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Dr. Phil Willink joined the Shedd Aquarium in 2012 as senior research biologist for the aquarium's Daniel P. Haerther Center for Conservation and Research, leading Shedd's efforts to develop a comprehensive evaluation of the state's list of threatened and endangered species through on-the-ground population assessments. Dr. Willink has more than 20 years of experience in research, teaching and global expeditions studying fish biodiversity as well as endangered and invasive species. His work includes studies on the Great Lakes, examining the genetics of invasive species and the impact of development and invasive species on native fish populations, as well as a project to publish a field guide of Chicago lakefront fishes. Dr. Willink holds a doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Michigan.

About Oak Brook Trout Unlimited

Oak Brook Trout Unlimited is dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in the Midwest. The Oak Brook Chapter is comprised of over 1,200 members from Chicago's western and south suburbs and downstate Illinois and is part of the national Trout Unlimited organization (www.tu.org). Oak Brook Trout Unlimited fulfills its mission through advocacy and education efforts regarding the impact of pollution and soil erosion on water-based ecosystems, and by engaging volunteers in hands-on projects to improve and rehabilitate coldwater river systems. For more information about Oak Brook Trout Unlimited, visit www.obtu.org.



Aquatic biologist, fly fisher and author Ann Miller will be the featured speaker at Oak Brook Trout Unlimited's September 21 meeting at 7 p.m. at Naperville's White Eagle Homeowners Clubhouse.



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