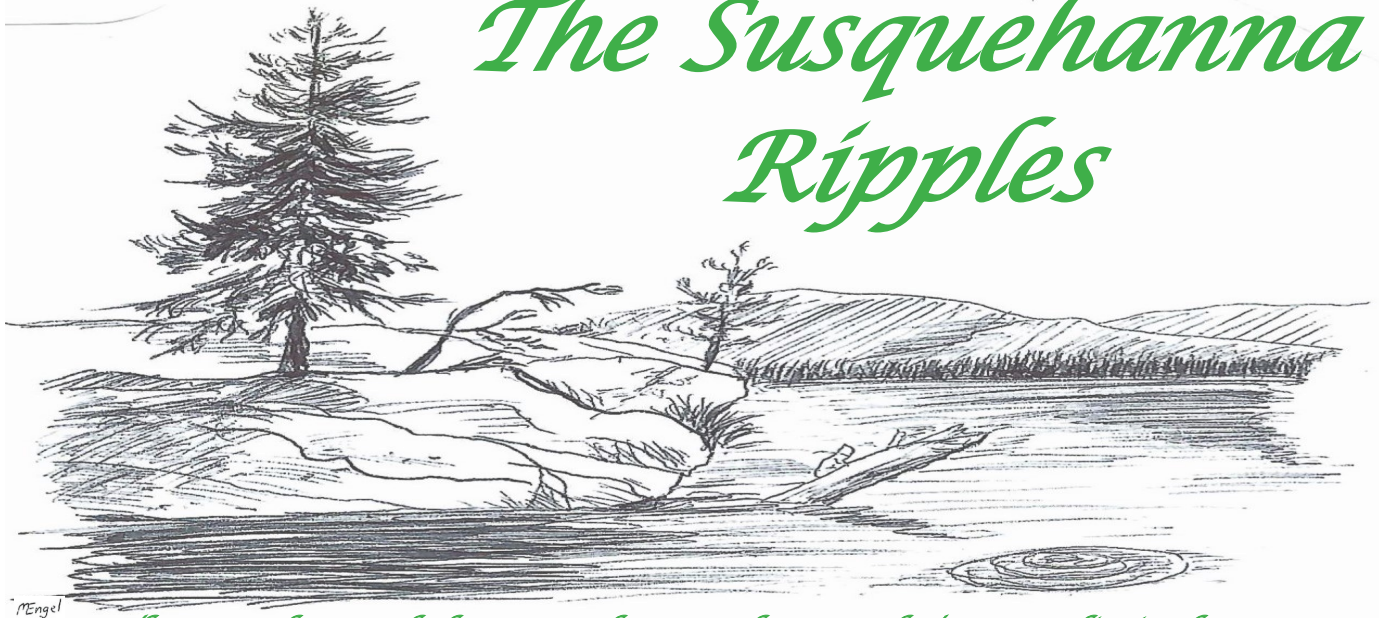


The Susquehanna Ripples



The Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

Chapter Leadership Changes

The election of Officers was held at the annual meeting in November and the following were elected:

President: Walt Nicholson
Vice President: Jim Latini
Secretary: Kevin McJunkin
Treasurer: Bob Baker

Directors (3 year term)
Steve Martin
Joe Radley

Director (1 year term)
Gary Hockenberry

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Dave Wonderlich who chose not to seek another term as Director. Dave served for the last 3 years and was a valuable member of the team. We wish him well in the future and look forward to his continued input and advice.

At the same time, the Chapter would like to welcome Steve Martin and Gary Hockenberry as Directors. Steve has been a long time member of the Chapter and a regular attendee of our meetings.

Earlier in 2022, Gary accepted the position of Adult Leader for the Youth Committee and wanted to become more involved in the Chapter. We thank Steve and Gary for their willingness to serve and to guide the Chapter in the future.

President Walt Nicholson appointed Dave Walters as the Chairman for the Conservation / Legislative Committee. Dave has been a member for several years and brings a wealth of knowledge to this position and we look forward to working with him.

Steve Szoke was appointed Chapter Adviser. Steve

has devoted his life to conservation and has an extensive understanding of the issues facing our waterways. We look forward to continuing to work with Steve.

Program on Gas Development Issues Management on State Game Lands in the Loyalsock Creek Watershed to be hosted by Susquehanna Trout Unlimited, Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association and Lycoming College Clean Water Institute

Michael DiMatteo, Chief, Oil/Gas Minerals Div. of the PA Game Commission will lead an information forum on issues related to management of natural gas leasing and development as well as legacy mineral extraction activities in State Game Lands in the Loyalsock Creek watershed. The program will focus on discussion of policies and methods to reduce negative impacts of natural resource extraction activities on landscapes, wildlife and aquatic resources. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please see our website at <https://susquehannatu.com/>.

When: January 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Where: Heim Science Building, Room G-09 on the Lycoming College Campus; enter through the Lynn Science Bldg. and take elevator to the ground floor; parking at lot on corner of Washington Blvd. & Mulberry St.; campus map available at <https://www.lycoming.edu/admissions/pdfs/lycoming-college-printable-map-2020.pdf>



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Board of Directors

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Bill Worobec (2023)
Dave Craig (2024)
John Kolb (2024)
Steve Martin (2025)
Joe Radley (2025)

Director Emeritus and Advisor

Bill O'Connor

Chapter Advisor

Steve Szoke

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Upcoming Events

November 1 - April 30, 2023
Mandatory cold weather life jacket requirement

January 1, 2023 - February 20, 2023

Extended Season: Stocked trout waters

January 7, 8, 20-2023

Capital City Bassmasters 4th Annual Fishing Show in Marysville, PA
<https://capitalcitybass.com>

January 11, 2023

Chapter Meeting

January 26—29, 2023

Early Bird Sports Expo
Bloomsburg Fair Grounds

January 27-29, 2023

The Fly Fishing Show, Edison NJ

February 4-12, 2023

The Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg (<https://www.greatamericanoutdoorshow>)

February 8, 2023

Chapter Meeting

February 23-24, 2023

PA Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Spring Meeting, Lock Haven University
<https://pa.fisheries.org/events/2023-spring-technical-meeting/>

February 26, 2023

Penn's Woods West Chapter of TU's annual Cabin Fever
<https://pwwtu.org/cabin-fever-23/>

March 4-5, 2023

The Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster, PA

March 8, 2023

Chapter Meeting

March 14, 2023

Chapters 59th Birthday

March 25, 2023

Statewide Mentored Youth Day

April 1, 2023

State wide opening of Trout

April 12, 2023

Chapter Meeting

If you have an event you would like us to post on our event calendar (newsletter and webpage), please send the information to us and we will share it. It must be pertinent to our mission and to our membership.

Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are free and open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted). Meetings are held at the **Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W 4th St, Williamsport, PA 17701**, in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted). Parking is at the rear of the Church and enter off of Campbell Street.

No meetings are held in May, June, July, August or December

Our Official Newsletter

The **Susquehanna Ripples** is the official newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It is published 8 times a year: January, February, March, April, June/July, September, October, and November. Please consider submitting something of interest to our readers; a story, stream report, recipe, photograph, gear review, etc. Submissions received will be placed in the next available issue. All submissions can be sent to susquehannatu@gmail.com / boblaker@comcast.net.



Photo from the Sun Gazette
December 14, 2022

Bob Spencer
May 12, 1955 - December 6, 2022

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of good friend Bob Spencer. Bob had served as Director for the Chapter until he resigned in early 2022 and was a very dedicated part of our family.

During his time with Trout Unlimited, Bob served in many capacities:

- * President
- * Vice President
- * Director
- * Fly Tying Instructor
- * Rod Building Instructor
- * Assisted with the Service Partnership Program / Project Healing Waters
- * Editor of the Susquehanna Ripples with his son Eric
- * Trout Kickoff Chairman for several years and before that served as Chairman for several committees
- * Heavily involved with the Fly Fishing Club and Trout in the Class-

room programs at Montgomery High School where he taught fly tying, rod building, gave casting instruction and assisted with the TIC's trout release each spring

- * He was an Order of the Tie recipient
- * Active member of the Black Hole Creek Watershed Association

Bob believed in education and would always be one of the first to volunteer his time teaching fly tying, rod building or casting. He loved working with kids as is evidenced by his work with the Montgomery High School Clubs and the cub scouts and boy scouts. He made the time to help anyone who needed it and would work with them until they had a firm understanding of what was being taught.

He was an avid fisherman and his knowledge of the streams and tributaries in Eastern Lycoming County and Sullivan County was unmatched. He would share many of his favorite spots in the tributaries of Loyalsock Creek in Sullivan County knowing that few would venture to them because it required wading through the creek then hiking up the mountain for some distance to get to that perfect spot.

This knowledge and love for the outdoors led him to be an active member of the Black Hole Watershed Association where he continued his work to preserve our watersheds and waterways.

Bob will be missed by all and the Chapter extends our deepest condolences to his wife Karen, son Eric, and the entire Spencer family.

Beginners Fly Tying Class to be Held

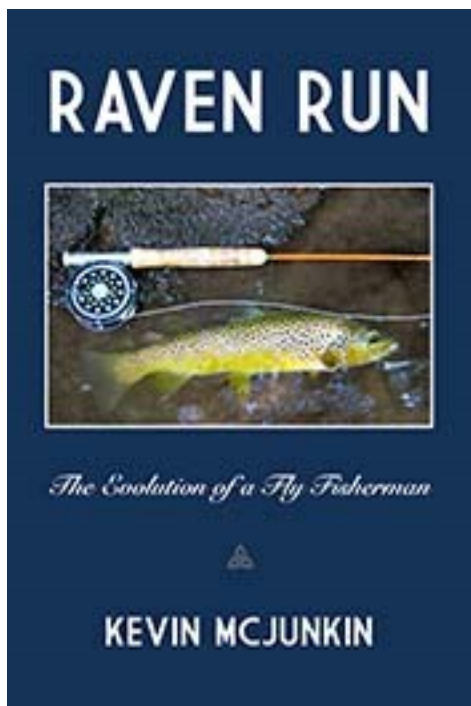
This year, the Chapter will be holding a Beginners Only fly tying class. The class's will be held on Tuesday evenings starting on January 31, 2022 and running through March 7, 2022. There is a fee of \$10 for adults to cover the cost of materials and children are free but must be accompanied by an adult.

The class's will be held weekly from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Covenant Central Presbyterian Church (807 W 4th Street, Williamsport). Parking and the entrance is at the rear of the Church off of Campbell Street.

The course will include an instruction manual and tools and materials needed to tie your flies during each session. Again this is a beginners only course. Class size is limited to 20 students and is first come, first served. Previous year's classes have filled up fast and have been a big success. You can register by contacting Walt Nicholson at walt.nicholson10@gmail.com or by calling him at 570-447-3600 or by sending an email to susquehanna-tu@gmail.com. Please list the names of everyone you would like to register, and their contact information.

We are in need of instructors and helpers for this class. You do not have to be an expert tyer to help. If you can help in any way, please let us know. The more help that we have, the more successful we will be in putting on a great program.

ABOUT THE BOOK



RAVEN RUN: THE EVOLUTION OF A FLY FISHERMAN

KEVIN MCJUNKIN

BOOK DETAILS

9" x 6" Softcover • 150 Total Pages • Black and White Images \$19.95

Also available in a Hardcover Limited Edition with full color images. Limited to 100 signed and numbered copies. \$49.95

Raven Run is the memoir of a fly fisherman who got off to a late start. In my early 20s I got hooked ass over teakettle when I witnessed a wild rainbow rocket from under a boulder through three feet of clear water to smash my brother's dry fly. I have been trying to make up for lost time ever since. I learned how to fly fish on rugged North Carolina and Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains trout streams and expanded my horizons with trips out to the famed rivers of the west, where I learned lessons about big trout, trespassing, and the grace of fly-fishing. I moved to Pennsylvania in 1989, where I befriended men like Jim Latini and Bob Rinn, who helped connect me to the historical and cultural heritage of the northcentral Pennsylvania region. This book covers my misadventures as well as successes. Sometimes I even fish for other species besides trout, although I buy my catfish fillets shrink-wrapped. I write about the ethics of fly-fishing, my spiritual connections to nature, and environmental concerns for the future. But I always come back to Raven Run, a familiar yet dynamic local small stream that became my Pennsylvania home waters. Even if you are a novice at fly angling, my hope is that there will be something in these pages that speaks to you.

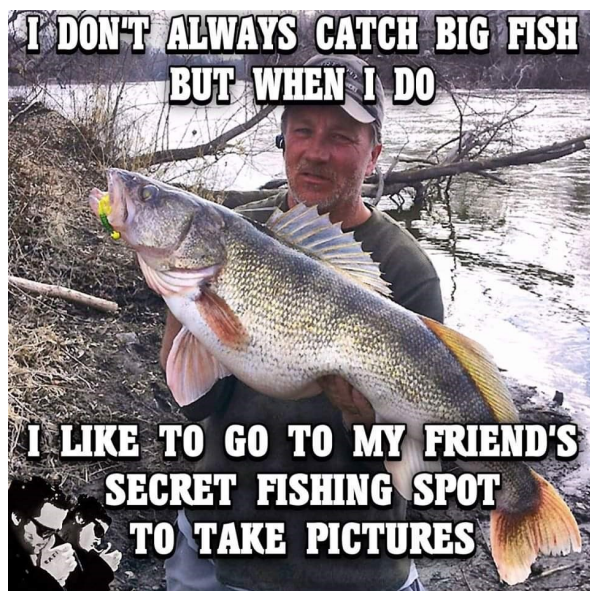
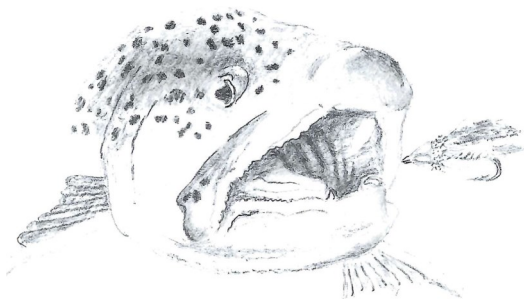
Now available from the publisher, Whitefish Press (whitefishpress.com) or contact the author at kevinmcjunkin@comcast.net

Donations Received

Jim Furey \$100.00 and a pair of waders

The family of Norman H. Tooren

Large collection of rods and fishing gear to be used for the Service Partnership and First Responders



2022 in Review

Bob Baker and Walt Nicholson

At the Chapter's annual meeting in November, President Walt Nicholson gave yearly state of our Chapter address where he reviewed the many activities and events that we were involved in. For those that were not able to be at that meeting, we have included the 2022 review here for you.

Chapter Meetings

- ♦ January – no meeting, cancelled due to COVID
- ♦ February – John Zaktansky, the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper will describe the issues facing our home river watershed's quality and aquatic life and the programs
- ♦ March - PA Fish & Boat Commission's Chief of Fisheries Management, David Nihart spoke on the population dynamics of trout in wild trout streams and described the Commission's plans to monitor and protect the wild trout streams and resources throughout the state
- ♦ April - by Matt Long, District Manager of the Lycoming County Conservation District, and Billy Clees, Coordinator of the County's Cleanwater Action Plan (CAP), to describe the efforts being made to accomplish Lycoming County's pollution reduction goals under the PADEP and US EPA Chesapeake Bay Program.
- ♦ September – Joint meeting and picnic with the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association. Heard presentations from Bobby Hughes and Tom Clark about the status of AMD on the upper Loyalsock Creek Watershed
- ♦ President Walt Nicholson and Treasurer Bob Baker attended the PATU annual meeting in Bellefonte
- ♦ October – PFBC forum on the proposed legislation regarding fish health and stocking in PA waters. Lycoming College's Clean Water Institute hosted and co sponsored the meeting.
- ♦ November – Ashley Wilmont of the US Women's Fly Fishing Team spoke of her experiences with the team and recent competition in Norway.

Engagement

- ♦ Table in downtown Williamsport's First Saturday event in the spring
- ♦ Co sponsor the fishing tackle loaner program with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy
- ♦ Table at the Kettle Creek Music Festival
- ♦ Table at World's End Day event with the Friends of World's End
- ♦ Table at PA Woods and Wilds at the Lycoming County Fair Grounds sponsored by the East Lycoming Education Foundation
- ♦ Participated in the Family Fishing event at Rose Valley Lake with the PFBC and Northcentral Pa Conservancy
- ♦ Assisted the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association with the Cane Pole Derby at Rose Valley Lake
- ♦ Participated in TIC release with Montgomery High School on White Deer Hole Creek
- ♦ Presented fly fishing and aquatic entomology sessions in conjunction with Wyalusing School District TIC release on Schrader Creek.
- ♦ Conducted "Velcro fishing pond" sessions at Montoursville Elementary School outdoor day
- ♦ Assisted with numerous class's at the Waterdale Environmental Center for School Kids

Conservations activities

- ♦ Monitored and commented on the PFBC proposed legislation on stocking of fish and fish health
- ♦ Continued to monitor the ATV connector trail pilot program
- ♦ Monitored and addressed concerns over water pollution from PGE on the Loyalsock Creek
- ♦ Continued to meet and tour AMD sites on the Upper Loyalsock Creek Watershed
- ♦ Attended Pine Creek Watershed Council meeting to report on Fisher Mine tours, finding, and recommendations for comments to PA Game Commission on proposed new coal mining lease. Submitted comments to PGC from Susquehanna Chapter TU.
- ♦ The Chapter provided a letter of support for Lycoming College Clean Water Institute's grant application for a riparian buffer for the Field Station on Loyalsock Creek.
- ♦ Discussed the permit and construction of the Renovo Energy Center
- ♦ Had regular discussions with the PFBC Executive Director and Commissioners on issues and concerns
- ♦ Provided letters of support to PFBC on issue of not stocking in Class A Trout Water
- ♦ Provided letters of support to PFBC for redesignation of various waters to Class A and Wild Trout Waters

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2022 in Review continued

Fundraising

- ◆ Inventoried over 270 books and hundreds editions of fishing magazines received from the James V. Brown Library and from donations
- ◆ Collected, inventoried, and organized the large collection of fly tying materials from Bill O'Connor's collection
- ◆ Continued to receive donations of fishing gear and fly tying supplies throughout the year. All inventoried and organized

Service Partnership

- ◆ Active program that taught rod building, fly tying, casting instruction and on stream fishing
- ◆ A great deal of time has been spent making contacts and speaking with others about the our program and recruiting members

Chapter Leadership

- ◆ Conservation / Legislative Committee formed with Dave Walters accepting the position of Chair
- ◆ Youth Committee was reactivated with Gary Hockenberry accepting the position of Adult leader with Carter Hockenberry, Samantha Harvey and Wes Harvey all accepting positions as youth co chairs
- ◆ Steve Szoke has been appointed and accepted the position of Chapter Advisor
- ◆ The annual election was held in November and Walt Nicholson was re elected as President, Jim Latini as Vice President, Kevin McJunkin as Secretary and Bob Baker as Treasurer. Joe Radley was elected to another term as Director and we welcomed Steve Martin and Gary Hockenberry as Directors.

Youth Outreach

- ◆ Contact was made with the schools in region and assistance offered to their fishing programs
- ◆ Materials and tools were loaned to Montgomery High School for fly tying

Susquehanna Ripples

- ◆ Published 8 issues of the newsletter
- ◆ Won the Samuel Slaymaker award for the Best Chapter Newsletter in the Pennsylvania Council. The best of 49 Chapters. We won this award in 2020 as well.

Membership

- ◆ As of December 31, 2022, our membership stands at 283 members
- ◆ We gained 60 new members from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Social Media

Web page and Facebook – regularly updated with information that affects our members and our region.

We said goodbye to our friends who passed away

- ◆ Harold (Lanny) Lutz
- ◆ Robert Hitzeman
- ◆ John Mosher
- ◆ Bob Spencer

Welcome New Members

James Avallone

Megan Kirk

Harry Neve

Charles Barnes

The Knowlden family

Hunter Shoemaker

Alex Brown

Charles F. Knowlden III

Greggory Smith

John Bruno

Amanda Knowlden

Robert Stiber

Thomas Chapman

Brinley Knowlden

Bill Yetsko

Donna Gavitt

Adelyn Knowlden

Charles Knowlden

The Knowlden Family

Jesse Knowlden

Alison Knowlden

Betty and Alfred Green

Protecting Clean Water Together: Love It Or Hate It, Snow Cover Matters

By Carol Hillestad for [Brodhead Watershed Association](#), Monroe County

When you were a kid itching to build a snowman, you probably longed for snow days. As a grownup wielding a shovel, probably not so much.

But snow cover is the largest single component of the “cryosphere” —that’s the 50-cent word for everywhere on Earth where water is solid. So in addition to snow, that means floating ice, glaciers, icecaps, ice sheets, and ground that is frozen, whether just sometimes or always, like permafrost.

It overlies so much ground, in fact, that snow cover controls Earth’s patterns of heating and cooling more than any other surface feature on the planet.

Just think how you have to squint when you’re in the snow on a sunny day. That’s the snow cover reflecting back into the atmosphere as much as 90 percent of the sun’s energy — instead of its being absorbed into the ground as heat.

That buildup of snow eventually melts, of course, recharging the groundwater that feeds wells, reservoirs, and the rivers that agriculture and civilization depend on.

How we plow and shovel, and where we dump the snow, can determine whether that melting water headed to your well is clean — or polluted with salt, sand, oil and gasoline, or just plain dirt.

Keeping the gunk out of wetlands, water supply areas, creeks and other waterbodies takes planning.

How does your township or borough manage plowing and salting? Does the road crew pile accumulated snow in unpaved places away from waterbodies so it can gradually sink into the soil as it melts?

Are there ways to use less salt to keep roadways — and drinking water — safe after a winter storm?

If we allow pollutants to build up over the winter, they’ll contaminate creeks all spring and summer long.

Talk to your local officials, and show your support for the best winter storm management practices.

Then make the best of winter yourself — go out and play in the snow!

Did you know?

Almost all the world’s snow cover is in the Northern Hemisphere, where we live. The Southern Hemisphere is also cold, but according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, “snow cover can only be measured over land areas, and not the ocean surface” — and most of the Southern Hemisphere is covered by ocean.

According to the National Snow and Ice Data Center, “changes in climate can affect how much snow falls... Between 1966 and 2010, the amount of snow that covered land and sea ice each year decreased over many Northern Hemisphere regions, especially during the spring snowmelt season.”

Above article was posted on the PA Environment Digest Blog on Sunday January 1, 2023

[PA Environment Digest Blog \(paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com\)](#)



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Since 1964, the core mission of our Chapter is to work to make positive contributions to the protection, conservation and restoration of our Coldwater fisheries and their watersheds of North Central Pennsylvania

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

TU does not make email addresses available to outside parties, for any reason, ever.
Please help us conserve resources by providing your email address.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:



Trout Unlimited
PO Box 98166
Washington, DC 20090

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Members Only \$17.50 | <input type="checkbox"/> TU Teen (\$14) (13 - 18 y/o) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (Renewal) \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (\$1500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$55) | <input type="checkbox"/> TU Business (\$295) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Explorer (\$12)
12 years old and under | |

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover
Make checks payable to Trout Unlimited

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

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