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USA Youth Team on top of Vail Mountain, winners of the 2015 **World Youth Fly Fishing Championships** Reported by Mike Kruse, Assistant Sector Judge. For more details visit [wyffc2015.com](http://wyffc2015.com)

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### Notice: eNewsletter Editor Wanted

**A volunteer to assemble our Newsletter on ConstantContact is needed. No special computer skills or article writing required. If you can help, we can train. Contact Michael Riley at [rileym@missouri.edu](mailto:rileym@missouri.edu) or 573-808-4828 or Scott Gerlt at [gerlts@missouri.edu](mailto:gerlts@missouri.edu) or 573-256-9521.**

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### Meetings and Events

**Tuesday September 1, 7:00pm at Jack's, MMTU Monthly Meeting.** Jeff Trigg will speak on **Ozark Smallies**.

**Tuesday October 6, 7:00pm at Jack's, MMTU Monthly Meeting.** MDC photographer **Nappadol Paothong** will discuss outdoor photography.

**Friday October 16, 6:00pm. The Gateway Chapter of Trout Unlimited** cordially invites you to its first annual fundraising dinner at Tapawingo National Golf Club in Sunset Hills, Missouri. For details see [Gateway TU - Fundraising-Dinner](#)

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### **President's Corner by Scott Gerlt**

Welcome back from summer. I hope you were able to enjoy some great fishing. I was able to find new smallmouth/largemouth stream that produced some great results.

Several MMTU members participated in Trout Fest over the summer. The event took place June 6th and 7th at Bennett Spring and was hosted by the Conservation Federation. The activities coincided with free fishing days that see high attendance at the park. Tagged fish were released and, if caught, could be brought in for a prize. Fly tying demonstrations were ongoing and the event had many speakers, including Mark Van Patten, Jim Rogers, Brandon Butler, Jim Washabaugh and Scott Pauley. On the evening of the first night, A River Runs Through It was shown.

Ryan Verkamp and I coordinated the casting contest, sponsored by 3 Creeks Group and Jim Rogers. The event had around 20 participants. Over \$1,600 worth of prizes were given away, including a 4 wt Sage Method and 4 wt Sage Accel. 3 Creeks brought their Sage/Redington/Rio trailer full of merchandise for park patrons to demo.

Overall, it was a great event that helped create interest in conservation and trout. It will likely be hosted again next year. If you are available, feel free to volunteer or stop by.

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### **Account of Mountain Lion Attack by Mike Kruse**

During the period July 21-23, 2015, I was camped along Deep Creek in the White River National Forest, approximately 2 miles up the Coffee Pot Rd. from the Colorado River Road. I used this campsite as a base camp for fishing on Deep Creek and several sections of the nearby Colorado River. On July 22, I fished the stretch of Deep Creek just above my campsite and after locating a good pool holding a large fish, returned to the same spot on July 23, approximately 3:20 p.m. I walked the road to the pool and down the steep embankment to the creek approximately 20-30 feet below, and began fishing. I fished for approximately 10 minutes when, with absolutely no warning, I felt my back being jabbed with a number of very sharp objects. I immediately reacted with a loud yell, threw my arms up, spun around and got a brief look at the rear half of the body and tail of what appeared to be a juvenile mountain lion. I immediately began shouting, screaming, waving my arms and throwing rocks to discourage the animal. It never

reappeared, and after perhaps two minutes, I scrambled back up the embankment to the road.



**Shirt worn by Kruse**

Upon returning to my camp, I cleaned the larger wounds in my back and arm, changed clothes, and drove to the Gypsum Urgent Care Clinic for further treatment and to report the incident. I was treated by Dr. Kampa who advised me on wound treatment. After consulting with the DOW, he told me that a single mountain lion in Colorado had tested positive for rabies. He indicated that wounds from scratches were probably not a rabies risk, but a bite could be and that it was impossible to rule out a bite had occurred. We took photos of my wounds and I texted them to Daniel at the local Animal Services clinic. He concurred that wounds to my back appeared to be scratches but wounds to the left arm could have possibly been a bite. A few minutes later, I received a call from Dan Cacho of the DOW who listened to my story and indicated that another DOW employee was on his way to the clinic to speak with me. Shortly thereafter, DOW District Wildlife Manager Bill Andree arrived to hear the account of what happened, inspect my wounds, and get the exact location of the incident. Bill and I drove to the attack site where trackers and dogs were already searching the area. As soon as I pinpointed the exact site of the attack, the dogs found the scent and within 10 minutes or so, had the animal treed where it was dispatched, transported to Dan Cacho's state vehicle and transported for testing.

I must say that the Colorado Division of Wildlife's response, was very quick, well-organized and exceptionally effective. All staff involved in administering and delivering this kind of service on behalf of the wildlife and people of Colorado should be commended for their excellent work.

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### **Wyoming CuttSlam by Jeff Witten**

Do you prefer exclusive fishing lodges, guides that all know the same hot-spots? Five course, gourmet meals and cushy beds? I don't either. Streamside

Adventures and the "Norm experience" is 100 times more value for the money than big name lodges offer, and the value goes well beyond catching fish.



**Jeff and Norm over morning coffee**

Norm Crisp of Streamside Adventures donated the CuttSlam trip to Wyoming for our Chapter's 2015 Banquet. Mike Riley and I apologize for out bidding the second place bidder. What a trip!

Trout fishing to me isn't numbers, it's a holistic experience. We visited beautiful, diverse streams without seeing another guide and very, very few other anglers. We fished in places I would have never found on our own. Norm's Fishery Biology background, Hydrology expertise and world-wide travels provides a very unique experience and he shares his knowledge willingly. He is also a fantastic backwoods chef. With Norm, you are not a client, you're a friend. He knows how to provide just the right kind of advice, not too much, just enough. Enough to get the results you want.

We did the CuttSlam in Wyoming, the State of WY provides a certificate upon picture proof you caught all four sub-species of Cutthroat Trout. This is a wet-wading trip in water not requiring waders. Majestic mountain range vistas with valleys flowing streams full of fish. And, it is all dry fly fishing, you witness the thrill of the take. Tent camping kept us close to the water, we had everything we needed and no bugs. All fishing took place at about 8,000 feet above where Bonefish live. Cool nights, warm days. I like WY better than CO or MT but maybe that's just me.

Get a friend, go with Norm, it's a bucket list experience. Thanks to Streamside Adventures for the generous donation.



**Jeff with Yellowstone Cutt**

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## Meeting Place

Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, except for July and August. The regular meeting place, except June, is in the Wine Room at Jack's Gourmet Restaurant, located on East Business Loop I70, across from the east tide Westlakes Hardware in Columbia, MO.

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