

MID MISSOURI chapter **Trout Unlimited**



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MID-MISSOURI CHAPTER BANQUET SET

February 27 is the date of our annual banquet to help kick off the new year. The banquet will be held at the Alexander's Steak House beginning at 6:00 pm, with a happy hour with drink specials for TU members from 4:30 to 6:00. The cost will be \$12.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a "steak for two; you are encouraged to bring a friend, another family member, kids (they are usually cheaper), or anyone else whom you think will enjoy the evening. If they decide they would like to become a member of TU and the Chapter, so much the better!

This year our banquet will feature a slide show from Jim Rathert, Missouri Department of Conservation called "Outdoor Missouri," as well as a drawing for door prizes. Door prize tickets will be a dollar each with proceeds going to the Chapter treasury to help defray the costs of projects like the Spring Creek.

A reservation form is included below for you to use to reserve as many seats as you want. Please fill it out and send it to Ed Sullivan at the address on the form, or call him at 474-6647 after 10:30 pm during the week or anytime weekends. We will sell you tickets in advance or at the door; but, the reservation helps us work out the necessary arrangements with the restaurant.

This year we will be joined by several members of other chapters as February 27 is also the meeting date for the Ozark Council here in Columbia. We should have a good crowd for this one, so get your reservation in early and make sure you have a space.

SPRING CREEK PROJECT UPDATE

In March '87 80 TU and Federation of Flyfishermen members planted 2,500 cottonwood cuttings amid good fellowship and with great expectations. Although the trees suffered from the weather the fellowship of that day has taken root and grown. This March 12-13 the second tree plant on Spring Creek is planned. Your help is vital to the success of this project. Your chapter board urges you to mark your calendar and join your fellow members in planting trees, fellowship, and the future of good fishing.

Beginning at 9:00 am, the three state TU chapters and the FFF will meet streamside to plant approximately 2,500 tree seedlings and cuttings. If time and manpower permit, a stretch of old fencing along the riparian zone will be removed. We'll plan to work until dark '30 or so; if all planting is not done, we'll meet again at 9:00 on Sunday the 13th to finish.

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BANQUET RESERVATION MID-MISSOURI CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED February 27, 1988

Please reserve ___ seats at the banquet for me. I will pay you \$12.00 per person or \$20.00 per couple. If something comes up and I have to cancel, I will call you at 474-6647 before February 25, 1988.

signed: _____

[please print name]

Mail to: Ed Sullivan, 2714 Squire Circle, Columbia, MO 65202

Plan to dress for the weather. Rain (short of a monsoon) should not cancel the event. Rain before, during and after will only benefit the trees. Sturdy shoes, gloves, and hat will protect your moving parts. Among the tools and implements that will assist our efforts are: gas-powered weed eaters; gallon metal pail(s); garden trowel(s); wire cutters; small crow bar; folding lawn chair (for lunch); and a cooler/thermos of juice/coffee/etc.. A light breakfast and chili lunch will be provided Saturday. If you're interested in assisting George Donovan with the chili, let him or one of the officers know.

As last year the Forest Service will provide streamside privies, planting bars, seedlings and a finger pointed to where to plant.

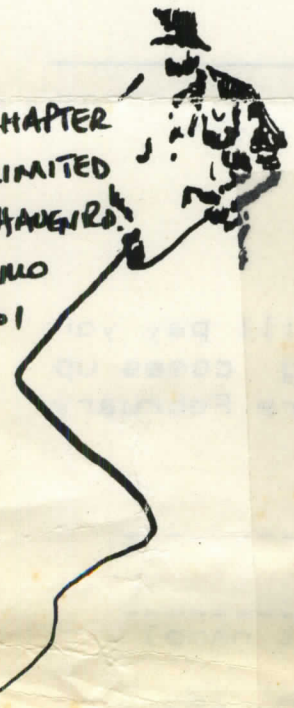
Should a monsoon occur, the alternate date will be March 26-27. Motels in Rolla rent for \$22.00 on up for those planning to stay over in the area.

***** NEWS YOU CAN USE *****

The Conservation Federation of Missouri is sponsoring a Missouri Conference on Rivers and Streams on February 5 & 6 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Registration is \$5.00; luncheon is \$10.00, and the banquet Friday night is \$20.00. The program will consist of a series of workshops to present problems and discuss management techniques that should be of interest to TU members. You can register on site if you wish, or you can obtain advance registration forms from the local District Conservation office. The monthly Chapter meeting for February (February 2, 7:00 pm at Ellis Fischel's Seventh Floor Conference Room) will consist of a fly tying video and fly tying demonstrations. Bring you tying tools and material and get a head start on your tying needs for the new season. Remember, it's just around the corner! April 10, 1988 has been set as the date for A Day with Wildlife to be held at the American Legion Hall. We will have a table there. Chapter President Garry Teeple will have a list to sign up chapter members who would be willing to work a few hours that day at our March meeting. Last, but not least, please be ready to pay your Chapter dues for 1988 (\$8.00 just like last year) in February. The Chapter Board wants all to know that they will not receive any more newsletters until their dues are received. We (supposedly) have 51 members now, but the bank account doesn't show it. So, if you wish to keep in touch with what is happening in your Chapter and area, please get your dues in as soon as possible. You can bring your money to the monthly meeting, the annual banquet, or send them to George E. Donovan, Jr., Box 384, Columbia, MO 65205, Mid-Missouri Chapter Treasurer. Just do it now while you are thinking about it! \$ \$ \$ \$ Last November a request for funding from TU National for the Spring Creek tree plant and riparian zone repair was submitted. At that time the Chapter committed \$380.00 to the project. Your support of the Monthly raffles has netted \$83.00 to date. Your continued support is necessary to make our goal. Bring any white elephants, extra materials, a dozen flies, etc. to contribute and join in the fun!

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