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## President's Message

**Picnic Time:** There will not be a regular meeting this month. Instead, join us for the annual picnic at Aspen Hall at the Shevlin kids fishing pond. See the full details in the newsletter. Note that the picnic is on **TUESDAY** August 15. To volunteer, please contact Herb Blank at [hblank@yahoo.com](mailto:hblank@yahoo.com). We will hold our usual monthly raffle and as well as a raffle for a custom made rod by Charlie Schillinsky. This is a great opportunity to meet each other in a social setting so we really hope that new members will attend. The Next Cast kids will be there as well.



**Next Cast:** Hats off to Karen Kreft who organized the Next Cast kids outing on East Lake. Seven of her best young fly fishers were paired up with Jerry Criss, John Kreft, Dan

Pebbles, Mike Tripp, Mike Telford, Scott Robertson and Tim Quinton who each took one of the boys out for a day of lake fishing. All caught fish, which is more than some of us can say.

**East Lake Outing:** Many thanks to Eric Steele for organizing the July East Lake outing. This has now become the signature COF outing for the year. Eric managed all the food and fed over 50 members with hotdogs one night and tri tip the second night.



Next Cast kids reeling them in at East Lake.

~ Lee Ann Ross

PHOTOS: RIVERKEEPER FLYES



An Active Member Club

## August Barbeque

Tuesday, August 15 | Serving starts at 6:30 pm | Arrive early to help set up and socialize.

**COF** Annual August Barbeque replaces the August general meeting. Bring the family and enjoy the evening at Aspen Hall in Shevlin Park. The kids might want to do some fishing in the pond or bring a rod and practice your casting skills. Enjoy a warm summer evening and share some fish stories.

**What to Bring:** Showcase your cooking skills! Bring a dish to share (side dish, dessert, salad or appetizer, NO chips), plus adult beverages, in moderation. The club will supply eating utensils, soft drinks, our famous tri-tip, burgers, chips and condiments.

**Where:** Aspen Hall is in Shevlin Park. From downtown drive west on Newport through all the traffic circles, Newport turns into Shevlin at Mt. Washington. Keep going another mile and a half, down the hill and cross Tumalo Creek at Shevlin Park. Aspen Hall is on the right, look for parking either on the Aspen Hall side or opposite.

*We need volunteers to set-up, cook and clean up afterwards. Call Herb Blank (541-312-2568) or e-mail [hblank@yahoo.com](mailto:hblank@yahoo.com) if you can help out or have questions. See you there!*

## OUTINGS

### Cottonwood Canyon Smallmouth Outing

#### August 5th-6th

Tim and Renee Schindele are hosting an outing to Cottonwood Canyon State Park ([http://oregon-stateparks.org/index.cfm?do=park-Page.dsp\\_parkPage&parkId=195](http://oregon-stateparks.org/index.cfm?do=park-Page.dsp_parkPage&parkId=195)) on the John Day River to wade fish for smallmouth bass. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6. This is tentative because it will depend on river conditions. If there is a thunderstorm somewhere in the drainage that drops a lot of rain just before the outing, the river can muddy up quickly. If that happens, it isn't worth trying to fish. There could also be a wildfire in the area that closes the park. I'll make the call if it is a GO or NO-GO a few days before. Cottonwood Canyon State Park Lone Tree Campground has pit toilets, but no electricity or RV dump station and no shade. There are 27 back-in camp sites in the campground with space for tents, truck/camper rigs and

## OUTINGS CALENDAR 2017

MONTH	DAY	DESTINATION	LEADER
August	5-6	John Day River/Cottonwood Canyon	Tim Schindele
August	10-13	Williamson River (FULL - WAITLIST AVAILABLE)	Yancy Lind
August	10th	Three Creeks Lake	Steve Armentrout
Sept/Oct	TBD	Owyhee River	Lee Ann Ross
Sept-Oct	29-1	Yakima River	Allen Caudle
October	TBD	Beavertail Steel Head	Robert Gentry
Oct/Nov	TBD	Eagle Lake	Charlie Schillinsky

*To sign up for an outing, please contact the outings leader directly with a cc: to the outings coordinator at [outings@coflyfishers.org](mailto:outings@coflyfishers.org). Email addresses and phone numbers are available on our website [coflyfishers.org](http://coflyfishers.org). Due to the nature of the water, some outings will have a limit on participation. Sign-ups will be taken on a first come, first served basis.*



*Two successful patterns.*

trailers, at \$10 per night, plus \$7 for an extra vehicle. The only meal provided will be Saturday supper but bring your own beverages. There are miles of river to wade from either bank, so there will be room for all. If you want to sign up for the outing or just want more information, email me at [tjsfishes@bendbroadband.com](mailto:tjsfishes@bendbroadband.com). I have an information sheet *Continued on page 3*

## OUTINGS

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prepared that I will email back to you. The photo shows two patterns that have been successful for us: one is a soft sheet foam body popper; the other is a bugger pattern.

~Tim Schindele

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## KOKANEE KARNIVAL

### 2017 Fall Streamside Program

#### First Call For Volunteers

**K**okanee Karnival will hold our Fall Streamside program on September 25 through 29, 2017. This year we will hold the Fall Streamside on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be no classes on Wednesday September 27. While September seems like a long way in the future, we need to start asking for volunteers to commit to help us. If you can volunteer please let us know. It helps us develop our volunteer schedule. Kokanee Karnival provides lunch for the volunteers. In the spring, we had a great early response by volunteers and that really helped make planning and the program a success.

There are 12 classes in the Comprehensive program this year comprised of 5th grade classes from the Bend LaPine and Redmond School Districts. Four classes will attend at Spring Creek and 10 will attend at Sheep Bridge or Browns Creek. We use Browns Creek if Wickiup water level makes Sheep Bridge unusable, and these 10 classes will also attend a program at the Fall River Hatchery.

Two classes a day will attend

Sheep Bridge/Browns Creek over the four days of the Fall Streamside. One class will attend Sheep Bridge/Browns Creek in the morning and the other class will be at the Fall River hatchery. After lunch the classes switch. We have three stations at Sheep Bridge/Browns Creek. The class is divided into three groups that rotate through the three stations. The students learn about the river habitat at the Comforts of Home station, entomology at the Natures Restaurant station and the Kokanee life cycle at the Incredible Journey station. We need a minimum of eight (8) volunteers each day at Sheep Bridge/Browns Creek to provide a leader and helper at each station, time keeper and rover to help out where needed.

Four classes attend Spring Creek, a tributary of the Metolius River near Camp Sherman. Each day a class is divided into 4 groups with about 6 students in a group. An instructor spends the day with one group. The students put on waders that we supply and get into the creek where they learn about the stream habitat including testing water quality, collect and identify macroinvertebrates as a part of the entomology study, learn about the Kokanee life cycle and observe spawning Kokanee, and learn about watersheds. We need a minimum of four (4) volunteers each day at Spring Creek. Teachers and parents put on waders serve as assistants. Spring Creek is a lot of fun for volunteers because they get to work with the students and get to know them. There is a video on our website [KokaneeKarnival.org](http://KokaneeKarnival.org) if you would like to see the Streamside program. Go to the "About" dropdown menu and to

the topic "Video: Students look at Fish Habitat".

New volunteers are welcome and will be teamed with a volunteer with experience at the streamside sites. New volunteers are not on their own. The programs we teach the students are not complicated and easy to learn. We also have outlines of the Fall Streamside and what we teach at each Sheep Bridge/Browns Creek station and at Spring Creek on our website [KokaneeKarnival.org](http://KokaneeKarnival.org) under the "Volunteers" drop down menu.

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*To volunteer for the program contact Frank Turek at [waldo1ft@msn.com](mailto:waldo1ft@msn.com) or 541-318-7507. You can also contact Jen Luke at [Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us](mailto:Jennifer.a.luke@state.or.us) or 541-388-6366.*

~Frank Turek

## CONSERVATION

### Update

#### Tui Chub Netting

COF has helped fund various ODFW tui chub removal projects in East, Lava, and Paulina Lakes over the years including current efforts that started in June. As of mid-July, 4,200 lbs. of chub have been removed from East, 3,500 lbs. from Paulina, and over 5,000 lbs. from Lava Lake. This is actually lower than expected. The belief is that the cold winter has kept the lakes cooler than normal which has delayed the chub from moving into the shallows to spawn where they are most easily netted. The chub that have been caught in East Lake include some of the biggest in ODFW memory, averaging 2.5 fish/lbs. compared to 15 fish/lbs. in Paulina Lake. See the photo with an unusually large 12" chub. The East Lake nets have also trapped some very good

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looking trout and some unhealthy looking ones.

### Helicopter Stocking

ODFW recently completed its latest round of stocking various high lakes with trout via helicopter. Time to go for a hike and change your scenery! See the complete stocking list at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/trout\\_stocking\\_schedules/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/trout_stocking_schedules/)

### OWRD IWRS

The Oregon Water Resources Department solicited comments on their latest Integrated Water Resources Strategy. See last month's newsletter for more on this. COF's board voted to send a letter critical of the draft IWRS. In part our letter read:

We are dismayed to once again see instream needs be given little serious consideration in the 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy. Once again, the strategy demonstrates a bias with clear targets set for municipal, agricultural, industrial, and similar consumptive uses but only glosses over recreational and wildlife needs. Even following the critical audit by Oregon's Secretary of State, WRD largely ignores current and well understood instream needs. By ignoring these, WRD is ignoring the enormous impact the tourism



Healthy trout.



12 in chub.



Unhealthy trout.

and recreation sector has on the economy of Central Oregon. It is past the time to study instream needs, it is time to meet them. **Volunteer Opportunity: Whychus Creek Sampling August 12** The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council's 9th annual Whychus Creek sampling day is August 12th. This is a great way to see Whychus Creek, learn about the macroinvertebrates who live there, help with the ongoing study of the creek, and

generally have a good time. Anyone and everyone is invited. The restoration of Whychus Creek is a success story due to the collaboration of government agencies and non-governmental organizations like the Deschutes Land Trust who buys the land, the Deschutes River Conservancy who brokers water rights, and the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council who manages the restoration work.

If you have not participated in one of these fun and informative events I highly encourage it. Sign up by contacting Lauren Mork, Monitoring Coordinator, [lmork@restorethedeschutes.org](mailto:lmork@restorethedeschutes.org), 541-382-6103 x39. Unfortunately this is the same time as my Williamson River outing so I can't make it this year.

### PGE Fisheries Workshop

The annual PGE Fisheries Workshop was held at the end of May. As I have previously reported, the lower Deschutes has been studied for decades by a number of entities who report findings at this meeting. As in the past, reports show that the river continues to be in good shape. It certainly has changed following the operation of the Selective Water Withdrawal facility, and there is controversy around this, but according to the continuing studies the river remains healthy and productive. Let me know if you would like to receive the longer summary of the meeting that I prepared for board member review.

While much of the meeting was updates of long running studies, the very last presentation at the meeting was something entirely new and potentially important. As you know, the water released from the Pelton Round Butte hydro project is a mix of top and bottom water blended

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to meet a temperature profile calculated to mimic what it would be if the dams were not in place. That calculation takes into account the temperature of the three main tributaries (Crooked, Deschutes, and Metolius) when they enter Lake Billy Chinook as well as the air temperature at the Bend-Redmond Airport. PGE/CTWS has been doing this but noticed that the actual release temps have been higher than predicted, causing the release of more bottom water than anticipated to cool it down.

An independent hydrology/geology consultant was hired to look into this. It was a fascinating presentation, but the bottom line is that Lake Billy Chinook is being fed by underground warm/hot springs. While we all think of local springs being cold, once you get close to LBC the geology changes and many springs are warm in the lower Metolius basin. The estimate is that this warm groundwater is adding 30% to the overall temperature of the lake.

Of course, this begs the question, if the withdrawal model takes air temp and tributary surface water temps into consideration, shouldn't it also input this large flow of warm water to mimic what would be the "natural" temperature profile? If so, then shouldn't the lower Deschutes be managed to be even warmer than it currently is? (Not that I want that.) PGE stated that they are now waiting for the results of the in-depth water quality study due in 2018. They will combine the results of that study with this groundwater study and propose release modifications as required. That should be interesting.

~Yancy Lind, Conservation Chair,  
conservation@coflyfishers.org

## NEXT CAST FLYFISHERS

### Update

June and July were full of activities!! As schools release and kids are ready to enjoy summer, Next Cast Flyfishers host a couple of camps and an outing for local youth.

First up is the 3-Day Fly Fishing Camp held each year at Shevlin Pond in late June. This camp has become very popular and fills up fast. Twelve young anglers arrived with various levels of experience

#### 3-Day Fish Camp



COF member Gary Davis helps land fish.



Collecting aquatic insects in Timalo Creek.



All the fly fishers ready to hit the pond.

PHOTOS: RIVERKEEPER FLYES

and learned how to fly fish. Including putting together rods and reels, stringing the rod, tying on tippet and tying on a fly. In

addition, we practice casting, learn to tie flies and actually fish in the pond. Everyone was successful!

Our COF volunteers, Dave Dunahay, Delores Marsh, Kari Schoessler, Eric Steele, Branson Broderick, Coe Williams, Mike Morsilli, Gary Davis, Greg Stumpf, Pete Martin, Ron Giaier, and John Kreft, provided the instruction and assistance to the kids.

Our volunteers put in many hours and bring lots of support and enthusiasm to the camp!! We are hopeful that a couple of these young anglers will continue fly fishing and possibly become members of Next Cast Flyfishing. See pictures (left): 3-Day Fish Camp.

Our next camp was the overnight outing to East Lake. This is our second year to collaborate with the COF outing to East Lake and invite our advanced Next Cast members.

Those Next Cast members who have participated in volunteer activities, conservation projects, classes, club meetings, and demonstrate continued interest in fly fishing are invited to join a small group for this outing. This year, seven members participated in the outing.

A unique and very special component of this outing is a mentor relationship we have developed between COF member "experts with boats" and the young anglers. The Next Cast members are paired up with COF members and given the opportunity to fish from a boat with very experienced anglers.

This year, with beautiful weather and very good fishing from the bank, we were also able to fish before and after the boat time. There were a lot of fish caught! And, many more hooked and not landed, and even more we

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missed!

Again, this is only possible because of all the volunteers and mentors. Each mentor was willing to give up personal fishing time and use of their boat and resources to help the kids get into fish. We really appreciate that!

The volunteer time did not stop with fishing. Our meals and camp support were also provided by the COF members.

Thank you to everyone that helped out with this outing: John Kreft, Eric Steele, Greg Stumpf, Sandy Stumpf, Dan Pebbles, Mike Tripp, Mike Telford, Jerry Criss, Tim Quinton, Scott Robertson, Sarah Robertson, and all the camp

cooks and servers!! See pictures (right): Next Cast at East Lake.

Next up: COF Annual BBQ, August 15,—Aspen Hall/Shevlin Pond. Check out details in the article on page 2. Next Cast members and their opportunity for young anglers to practice fishing in the pond!

Please remember you need to RSVP with a total attendance number so we can include you in our food counts. Also, if you plan to fish in the pond and need any assistance (rods and reels, flies, or help casting and fishing) please let me know so we can recruit some helpers and have the equipment available!

*The Next Cast Flyfishers program provides opportunities and coordinates activities for young fly anglers in the area. We offer fly fishing instruction through classroom activities, fly fishing summer camps, ongoing COF events, and individually through mentorship and teaching.*

*Providing these opportunities, young anglers will be exposed to fly fishing and increase their interest and level of involvement.*

*Please contact me directly if you have questions.*

~ Karen Kreft, [nextcast@coflyfishers.org](mailto:nextcast@coflyfishers.org),  
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## Next Cast at East Lake



Branson with East Lake Rainbow.



Evening Fishing.



James with East Lake Brown.



Next Cast Members Around Campfire.



Next Cast Flyfishers 2017—Celebrating with Cupcakes.

PHOTOS: RIVERKEEPER FLYES



CALLIBAETIS SPINNER

**A**fter watching Karen Kreft catch way too many fish off of the bank at the club outing using a spinner pattern, I got on the vise.

**Materials:**

**Hook:** Daiichi 1110 Sizes 14-16

**Thread:** 8/0 Uni-thread, Rusty Dun

**Tail:** Coq De Leon, Dark Pardo

**Body:** Super Fine Dry Fly, Callibaetis

**Wings:** EP Trigger Point Spinner Wings

**Thorax:** Natures Spirit Emergence, Callibaetis

**Tying Instructions:**

1. Start a thread base a little less than ¼ back from the eye of the hook (I use this as the ending point of the body) and wrap to the bend. Leave a long tag end to use for segmentation later.
2. Tie in 5 Dark Pardo fibers shank long or slightly more as the tail. Take a couple of thread wraps under the tail and pull the thread forward to splay the fibers.
3. Dub a VERY thin body, tapering it slightly as you

approach the body end point. Wrap the thread tag forward creating segmentation.

4. Figure eight the EP Trigger Point Spinner fibers. Sparse is good. Pull both wings back to the bend of the hook and cut. This helps get the wings even and in about the right proportions.
5. Dub a thin body of the Emergence dubbing and figure eight it around the wings to build a thorax.
6. Whip finish and fish it.

~Mike Telford

**August Raffle**

The rod for the August meeting/picnic will be one that should really interest the members who are mainly Stillwater fishers. It is a 9.5 foot 4 piece 6 weight. I like this rod so much I have made a couple for myself. It really reminds me of casting a Scott G3 rod except it has more power in the bottom half. I will have one of the rods I made for myself for test casting during the picnic.

~Charlie Schillinsky

**Interagency Federal Senior Pass Rising to \$80**

In order to meet requirements set by the National Park Service Centennial Act, HR 4680, passed by Congress in December 2016, the price of the America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass will increase from \$10 to \$80. The change will take effect August 28, 2017. Pass holders are given life-time access to more than 2,000 sites and parks.

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## OTHER NEWS

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has cost \$10 since 1994. Until August 28, U.S. citizens and permanent residents who are 62 years or older can purchase the lifetime Senior Pass for \$10. Previously purchased lifetime Golden Age or Senior Passes will be honored for the lifetime of the pass holder.

The Senior Pass can be used at sites managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The legislation requires that the price of the lifetime Senior Pass be the same as the Interagency Annual Pass, which is currently \$80. The legislation also introduces a

new annual Senior Pass that can be purchased for \$20. Seniors who purchase annual Senior Passes for four years can trade them in for a lifetime Senior Pass at no additional charge.

The Senior Pass covers all entrance fees and day use fees and may provide a 50% senior discounts for things such as campsites or tours. Children under 16 are always admitted free. Source: National Association of Forest Service Retirees

In Central Oregon passes should be available at these locations. Demand is high—call first. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/passes-permits/?cid=stelprdb5353054>

Note: If you are not yet 62 years of age remember this one—at \$80.00 it is still a great deal!

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Dave Scaddon Renegade 8' pontoon boat. Lightly used, good condition includes anchor system. Asking \$550. Contact Cliff Price, (541) 410-0670 or [csp955@yahoo.com](mailto:csp955@yahoo.com)

For Sale: Used Wachter net. \$25.00. Old Master series C&R model net with soft mesh bag, not sure what the wood is but suspect walnut. The finish has been worn off long ago, but the wood is still in excellent condition—just waiting for someone to refinish and land some fish! Dimensions: overall length—21.5", opening is 16" x 7". There's a lot of good Karma in this net! Tim Quinton, [cgtimq@gmail.com](mailto:cgtimq@gmail.com), 509-392-3516

For Sale: Two Scientific Anglers System 2 Large Arbor Spools—\$100 for the pair. Used, but in like-new condition. Spools are for the SA LA 8-9-10 reel. These spools retail for over twice as much as I'm asking. They aren't made anymore, so get 'em now if you need them for your reel! Tim Quinton, [cgtimq@gmail.com](mailto:cgtimq@gmail.com), 509-392-3516

For Sale: Two TFO BVK 10 ft, 4pc, 6 wt rods. \$150 each or both, \$300! This is half price. [casrods47@gmail.com](mailto:casrods47@gmail.com), 541-213-6121

*Members: Got a fishing related item to sell? Ads run one month then can be resubmitted if not sold to [classifieds@coflyfishers.org](mailto:classifieds@coflyfishers.org).*

## MEMBERSHIP

*Welcome New Member*

Elizabeth Churchill

Juliet Robertson

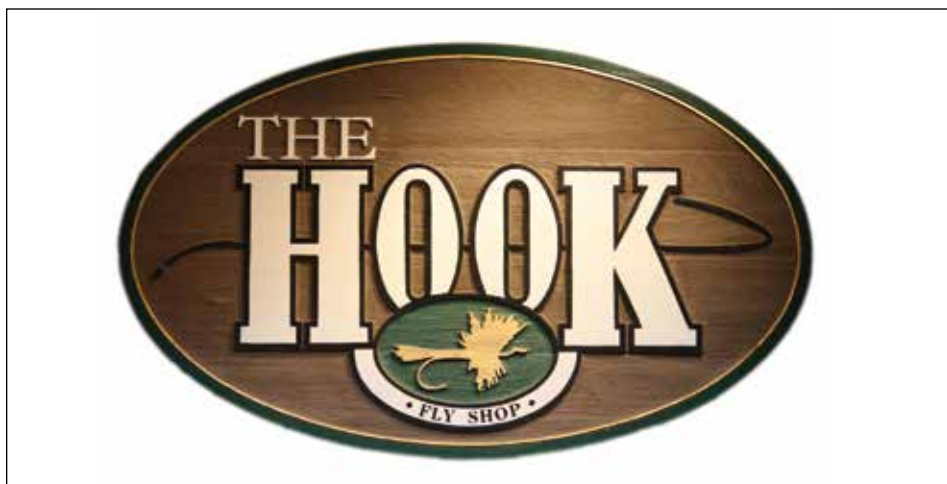
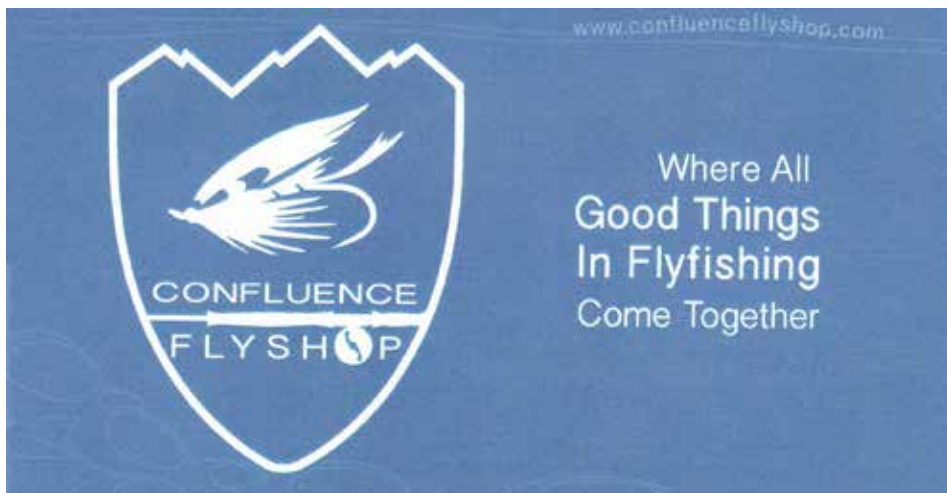
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~Sue Coyle, [membership@coflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@coflyfishers.org)





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## WILD WOMEN OF THE WATER

### The Wild Women of the Water Paddle their Pontoons on East Lake



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Ochoco National Forest Supervisors Office	3160 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, OR	541-416-6500
Crooked River National Grasslands, Ochoco National Forest	274 SW 4th Street Madras, OR 97741	541-416-6640
Deschutes National Forest Supervisors Office	63095 Deschutes Market Road Bend, OR 97701	541-383-5300
Lava Lands Visitor Center Welcome Station	58201 Highway 97 South Bend, OR 97707	541-593-2421
Crescent Ranger District	136471 Highway 97 North Crescent, OR 97733	541-433-3200
Sisters Ranger District	Pine Street and Highway 20 Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-7700
Paulina Visitor Center and Newberry Welcome Station		
Redmond Air Center	1740 Southeast Ochoco Way Redmond, OR 97756	541-504-7200

~Pete Martin

## OUTINGS

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### Three Creeks Lake Outing

I hope you have had a great summer thus far, lots of fish to be caught along with plenty of warm weather.

Betty Rentz and Steve Armentrout was scheduled to host the Three Creeks lake outing on August 17th, however Betty is having shoulder surgery and will be

unavailable to make the trip. Steve will still be hosting the outing with the exception the date has been changed to August 10th.

There will be a large horde of people in Deschutes and Jefferson counties to observe the solar eclipse, getting ahead of traffic and confusion might be helpful.

We plan on meeting at 9:00AM at the parking lot and small boat ramp on the West side of the lake.

No motors are allowed on the lake so plan on using float tubes,

kayaks or Pontoon boats. Fishing from shore is limited.

Wooly worms, small buggers, chronimid so and of course calibaetis are recommended.

To get there, go to Sisters, Oregon and turn left on to Elm Street in the center of town. Go 15 miles on pavement and then 3 miles on gravel. The gravel portion is rough, so go slow.

If you have any questions call Steve at 541-706-0193.

~Steve Armentrout

## UPSTREAM EVENTS August 2017 (Also see Outings Calendar on page 2)

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	CONTACT
6th	6:30 PM	COF Board Meeting	Environmental Center	-
15th	6:00 PM	COF Annual BBQ/Picnic	Aspen Hall, Shevlin Park	Herb Blank

## In the Future

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