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Rocky River Companion Angler Program

Through this program RRTU members have the opportunity to learn more about places to fish as well as gain skills and experience with some of our most experienced member anglers within our Trout Unlimited Chapter.

Our experienced anglers within the chapter volunteer to sponsor angling trips to take recipients that are willing to make a donation to the chapter. Since the chapter is not providing the service, the donation to the chapter is fully tax deductible for the recipient. The companion trip is considered an in kind gift to the chapter therefore the associated costs are also deductible for the sponsor. This program will raise conservation funds for the chapter ongoing as well as serve members to be more actively involved.

The process begins with a sponsor, willing to provide a trip. The trip is defined based on the RRTU Companion Angler Program Guidelines and announced to the membership along with a suggested donation. The first member to step forward pledging the donation will be awarded the trip or should the trip be auctioned, the highest bidder will be awarded the trip. The sponsor offering the trip confirms the donation payment with the Chapter Treasurer and arranges a mutual time for the trip. Based on the specifics of the trip, the trip is completed – a win, win for the member, the donor and the chapter.

What a great excuse to find more time to go fishing as well as raise funds for conservation!

Thank you for being a donor or a participant.

Tom Adams, President
Rocky River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Attachment (RRTU Companion Angler Program Guidelines)

**Rocky River Trout Unlimited Companion Angler Program:
Companion Request/Coordination Form**

Companion or Trip Donor information:

_____	Name
_____	Phone
_____	E-mail Address

- 1) Number 1-recipient only 2-may invite a guest
- 2) Focus skills development new waters both
- 3) Location mutual selection, OR
 specifically (describe; drive time, etc.)

- 4) Date Weekday(s) Weekend(s)
 mutual selection (good for 1 year), OR
 specifically _____ (alternate date) _____
- 5) Provisions by sponsor
 transportation (recipient is encouraged to help with the increasing cost of gas)
 food and beverage provided OR bring your own
 lunch
 snack
 equipment provided (for beginners)
 flies
 rod and reel
 vest and tools
 wading gear

Chapter Offering Method:

First come, First serve OR Auction OR Raffle

Suggested Donation:

\$50 or \$60 \$70 \$80 \$90 \$100 Other _____

Please make donation payable to: Rocky River Trout Unlimited
c/o Joe Harris, Treasurer
(see Contact Us for mailing information)

*RRTU coordinates matching a donor with a companion.
The companion provides the service to the requestor as a donation to RRTU.*