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◆ *Newsletter of the William B. Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited* ◆

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## Meanders

A few thoughts from  
the president

**J**ust when we think the winter doldrums are going to get us, things around the Mershon chapter start to heat up. It's not quite time to dig out and organize our gear, but it won't be long now, and we have a lot of news and activities to share with you.

First off, when you see past president Chris Radke, give him a pat on the back for being awarded the "Order of the Caddis Award" for outstanding volunteer of the year serving the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited. Congratulations, Chris!



*Robb Smith, chapter president*

Next, the Mershon chapter wants to thank Kelly Neuman for providing us with a great Walleye Dinner program on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Kelly is one of the foremost fly fishing guides in northern Michigan, and his pictures are proof enough of his abilities. Catching a 27-lb. lake run brown trout on a fly rod in January (and releasing it) just proves that hard work and perseverance pays off with trophy fish. Thanks again to Kelly for sharing his experiences and outstanding photography with the Mershon chapter.

In case any of you have not come to a Walleye Dinner lately, we are once again meeting at the American Legion Post 439 in Saginaw. After several years of cooking our own fish at Pulaski Hall, it seemed that it was time to give our dedicated crew a break and let them enjoy the winter gatherings as much as we all do. The Mershon chapter would especially like to thank Dave Case, Judy McCann, Bob and Jane Spence, Jo Neuhalfen, Alan Larsen and many others for their dedication to provide us with great food for our fish dinners. Our dinner on March 5<sup>th</sup> will be held in conjunction with the Leon P. Martuch Chapter from Midland and features Michigan DNR fisheries biologists Kathrin Schrouder and Steven Sendek.

We are also getting ready for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet. We are trying out a new location at the Four Points by Sheraton Saginaw in hopes of attracting more attendees. There will also be a program this year presented by guide Todd Fuller of Lovells, featuring the history and fishing associated with the North Branch of the Au Sable

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# 44th Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet

Wednesday, April 25

by Chrissy Smith,  
banquet coordinator

**B**rrrrrr . . . is spring really  
around the corner?

Five degrees . . . -15 degrees  
wind-chill factor . . . 8 inches of  
snow on the ground . . . a coating  
of packed snow and ice on the  
driveway . . . good grief! Who  
could possibly be thinking about  
wading in the Au Sable and  
casting a few dry flies?

Probably everyone who is reading  
this newsletter! You are exactly  
who we want to get excited about  
this spring's Annual Fundraising  
Banquet. It's the big Mershon  
kickoff to flyfishing season—held  
on the Wednesday before the  
opener! It's a perfect opportunity  
for you to get together with your  
fishing buddies after these long,  
cold winter months. A great time  
to share stories and plan weekend  
trips up north.

It's a celebration, and we want  
you to be a part of it! We have  
moved the banquet to an exciting  
new location—the Four Points  
Hotel by Sheraton on  
Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw,  
centrally located in the Tri-City  
area with easy access for  
everyone off I-675. The meal  
promises to be outstanding, with  
Damon's doing the catering!  
And we have asked guide Todd  
Fuller of Fuller's North Branch  
Outing Club to share with us a  
short history of the North Branch  
of the Au Sable River.

We'll have a large selection of  
outstanding prizes for you to bid  
on—prizes that have been  
carefully selected to appeal to  
anglers and non-anglers, men  
and women. Our two headliner  
raffle items are an Orvis  
Superfine Trout Bum 7' 9", 5-  
weight, 4-piece fly rod with  
CFOIII disc drag fly reel and a  
Ruger Red Label 20-gauge over  
and under shotgun—beautiful  
items that will draw a  
tremendous amount of interest!

Ensuring the future of our cold-  
water resources is a  
responsibility we in Trout  
Unlimited take very seriously.

Because we know you share this  
commitment, we hope you will  
accept our invitation to share in  
this celebration. The banquet will  
only be a success if you are there.  
Please save the date now—  
Wednesday, April 25—and plan to  
bring your spouse, a friend, or a  
new fisherman. Look for your  
invitation in the mail later this  
month. Join us in this evening of  
fun, camaraderie and fundraising.  
Together, we can ensure a brighter  
future for our favorite sport!

If you have any questions,  
suggestions, or donations for the  
banquet, please contact any  
board member or myself at  
989-893-3792 or  
[christinevhsmith@gmail.com](mailto:christinevhsmith@gmail.com). ♦

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## Calendar of Events

WALLEYE DINNERS  
**Monday, March 5, 2007**  
**5 p.m.**  
*American Legion Post  
5190 Weiss St. in Saginaw*

2007 SPRING BANQUET  
**Wednesday, April 25, 2007**  
*Four Points by Sheraton Hotel  
Tittabawassee Rd., Saginaw, MI*  
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MERSHON BIG FLY BARBEQUE  
**Saturday, June 23, 2007**  
*Canoe Harbor, east of Grayling*

MERSHON BOARD MEETINGS  
**Wednesday, April 4, 2007**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 2007**  
**5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
*Gander Mountain, Saginaw*

**WILLIAM B. MERSHON CHAPTER  
44th ANNUAL  
SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUET**



**Wednesday, April 25, 2007**

**Starts at 5:00 pm • New Location!**

**Four Points Hotel by Sheraton on Tittabawassee Rd., Saginaw**

**For Tickets Contact - Robb or Chrissy Smith - (989) 893-3792**

**PACKAGES AVAILABLE**

**Please join us for hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and delicious entrees, prepared by Damon's. Come eat, drink and enjoy a few good fish stories with your friends!**

**RAFFLES**

***Orvis Superfine "Trout Bum" – Fly Rod and Reel Outfit***

7' 9" for 5-weight, 4-piece fly rod, Orvis CFO III Battenkill fly reel, Wonderline Generation 3 fly line, backing, custom aluminum rod tube and reel case.

**Donated by Little Forks Outfitters**

**Raffle Tickets – \$5.00 each**

***Ruger – Red Label 20-Gauge***

***Over and Under Shotgun***

Featuring: 26" barrels, polished stainless steel receiver, blued barrels and walnut stock, 3 choke tubes and wrench.

**Raffle Tickets – \$10.00 each**

**A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold**

***All proceeds designated for the protection and preservation of the Coldwater Fisheries of the AuSable and Rifle Rivers.***

## “Order of the Caddis” award given to Chris Radke

by Robb Smith,  
chapter president

Past Mershon chapter president Christopher J. Radke has been honored with the “Order of the Caddis” award bestowed on him by the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited. Chris received the award on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the MCTU winter meeting held on the campus of Michigan State University.

This honor is given to a Trout Unlimited member who has exhibited outstanding

volunteerism in the betterment of the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited. MCTU president Pat Kochanny presented the award to Chris and commented by saying that:

The Caddis Award is much like a “hall of fame” of Michigan TU Members. You can only receive the award once, and you are a member of the order for life. The official title is “The Order of the Caddis.” The order allows one member per year to be inducted. Past members include Dave Cozad, Al Pienkowski, Art Neumann, and George Griffith. Chris has shown through his hard work and dedication of service towards making MCTU and the local chapter better that he is worthy of the award.

I nominated Chris for the award myself. He worked very hard on the financial problems that we had these past two years. Chris continues to be very helpful and supportive to the council.

Anyone who knows Chris understands his devotion to the purpose and function of MCTU. Chris has persevered through difficult situations to completely restructure the financial organization and credibility of MCTU. This process has been tedious and has consumed untold personal time on Chris’s part. Thanks to Chris, there is light at the end of the tunnel, and MCTU will be better and stronger for his efforts. ♦

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River to go along with the fund raising festivities of the evening. For more details, please see the Spring Banquet article by Chrissy Smith.

I would like to thank all of you who responded to my last article about the trash problems along our trout streams. Many good ideas have been generated and our board will strive to push this issue forward. This is an area where we can all make a difference, and we don’t have to get permission to do it! One of the most interesting responses was provided by long time member Martin Daenzer and is

reprinted in this issue of the Muddler. Please read it, enjoy the passion of the writer for the resource, and practice his suggestions to help preserve our resource.

If you get a chance to visit our website [www.mershon-tu.org](http://www.mershon-tu.org), you will be able to review a letter we sent to the Chief of the DNR Fisheries Division, Kelley Smith, with regard to the upcoming regulation changes that will be proposed for the reach below Mio Dam. The Mershon chapter board of directors and myself asked that the reach regulations be placed in a classification of catch-and-release, flies-only fishing or, in any case, that the stretch

classification would be upgraded from its present status.

A response from Kelley Smith has been received and is also posted on the website for your review. If I am reading his letter correctly, a decision on this reach will be forthcoming between now and the 2008 season, and the Mio reach will become a part of the standardized classification system adopted in 2000. The question now becomes which class the Mio reach will become. Chief Smith’s letter doesn’t leave us with any specific direction as to the

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**D**ear Robb,  
I read with much interest your Meanders column in the October Muddler. Litter on our/"my" rivers is a pet peeve for me. Litter will ruin my day when fishing, hunting, or just driving down a woods road. A cold rainy day, or a fishless day isn't near as disappointing as a litter-filled day.

You're so right when you say "after 25 years of cleaning up other people's messes" that more needs to be done.

Whenever I meet anyone from the DNR while I'm fishing or hunting, I always bring up the subject of litter. I usually get the same less-than-enthusiastic reaction—it's not a high priority on their list. They would rather write a ticket for some small technical fish and game law violation than go after the slobs destroying the places we love. I'm usually told to find a name and address in a trash site and then contact them.

To add to your list of things to do to stop some of this littering, I'd like to add a higher bottle deposit. Ten cents is nothing to the slobs that pitch their beer cans in the woods. As for people caught dumping truckloads in the woods, I'd like to see more than a couple hundred dollar fine and ordering to clean up what they dumped. They should be ordered to clean up miles of woods and waters and given a few weeks to do it. If they don't, they should pay higher fines, jail time, and confiscation of their vehicle.

All this probably will never happen because politicians and lay enforcement don't give it high priority or have the will or money to make it happen. So, it all comes down to us again.

I'd like to make a suggestion to keep our rivers clean, and it works every time and costs nothing—that every fisherman picks up the litter in the area they fish. I do this every time I fish. My landing net is my trash bag. Whatever stretch of river I fish in any given day is "my river."

I refuse to look at litter while I'm fishing. I've done this since 1976.

Sometimes I will take along a mesh bag and fill it up. Sometimes when a canoe comes down the river with people in it I know appreciate the river, I'll ask if they would mind taking the trash I've picked up and taking it with them to a trash barrel at their landing. I've never been turned down. And maybe they'll catch on and pick up some along the way.

What disturbs me is when I never see other fishermen carrying out trash. It's so easy. If all fishermen did this, we wouldn't be looking at it every time we go fishing. We wouldn't have boatloads of trash to clean up in September.

My suggestion to all trout, and especially fly, fishermen is—don't be too proud to stoop down and pick up what a River Pig threw into your river. If you're too proud to do that, then you really have no pride at all.

Yours,  
Martin Daenzer

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DNR's choice of classification, so I would suggest to all of you who are concerned to continue writing letters and e-mails stating your position and concerns. Please take the time to communicate your viewpoint. If we lose this wonderful reach to open fishing, we will never get it

back, and a precious piece of our fly-fishing tradition will be diminished tremendously!

There will be several "opportunities" this summer to preserve, protect, and restore some of your favorite locations along the Rifle and Au Sable Rivers. The Rifle River Watershed Restoration Committee and Huron Pines are spearheading many projects that the Mershon chapter is tracking

and will be involved with when they happen. Please let any board members know if you have an interest in joining us for a project day. We will be having notifications in the Muddler, on the website, and by mail. These are grassroots projects and give everyone a chance to make a difference. See you at the banquet!

Your president,  
Robb Smith

## Mershon Chapter Awards Committee seeks member input

**A**rt Neumann has often said that we contribute to Trout Unlimited by volunteering our Time, our Talent, and our Treasure. T.U., and especially the William B. Mershon chapter, is a grassroots organization that works because we are blessed with a membership that contributes these 3 T's in abundance. We work for coldwater conservation not to hear praise nor for plaques to hang on our walls, but rather because we love trout, rivers, and the environs in which they flourish.

Even though Mershon chapter members don't seek (or expect) recognition for their trout-saving work, it's still darn nice to get a pat on the back once in a while. For that reason, your board of directors in 1999 formed a committee to develop an awards program. That committee decided to recognize individuals for their contributions by creating four awards, which are named after Mershon chapter members. What follows is a

description of each of the four awards and the criteria used to select the recipients.

The **Art Neumann General Membership Award** is given to a member not currently serving on the board of directors, and who has given exemplary service to the Mershon Chapter. Art Neumann, of course, is an original "Founding Fathers" of Trout Unlimited. He was one of the men who met at George Griffith's Au Sable River home in 1959 and helped to begin T.U.

The **Harold Kleinert Volunteer of the Year Award** is given to a member who has shown outstanding service to the chapter during that particular year. Harold Kleinert has been a decades-long leader in the Mershon chapter. In the early 1980's, Harold spearheaded the efforts on conservation work on the Rifle River watershed that continues to this day.

The **Howard Woolever Extended Service Award** is presented to a member for many years of service to the chapter. The late Howard Woolever was a banker in Saginaw and served for many years as Mershon chapter treasurer. Howard set a standard of excellence in that demanding job of treasurer and financial guardian.

The **Reverend Bruce Hatch Resource Professional Award** is presented to a person who works in the field of natural resources conservation. The late Bruce Hatch was a Methodist Minister and served the chapter for several years as a director and vice president.

Now, here is the part where all of you as Mershon chapter members come in. The awards committee can very much use your help. Following is a 2007 nomination form. This form lists each award and the past recipients. Your nominations will be very appreciated by the awards committee. We are always looking for deserving members to recognize, and you might certainly bring someone to our attention that we might otherwise overlook. You can mail your nominations to the address on the bottom of the form or contact one of the awards committee members (Craig Bublitz, Joe Bula, and Carl Hubinger). Please take a few minutes and give these nominations some thought. The Mershon Chapter Awards are presented each year during our Spring Fundraising Banquet in April. ♦



*Mershon Chapter*  
**2007 Nomination Form**

**The Art Neumann General Membership Award**

*The Art Neumann General Membership Award is given to a member not currently serving on the Board of Directors.*

1999	Bill Adams	<b>2007 Nomination</b> _____
2001	Jim Comment	
2003	Tom Miller	
2004	Martin Daenzer	
2006	Mark Fitch	

**The Harold Kleinert Volunteer of the Year Award**

*The Harold Kleinert Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a member who has shown outstanding service during that year.*

1999	Mark Neumeier	<b>2007 Nomination</b> _____
2002	Robb Smith	
2003	Bob Spence	
2004	The Sohn Family	
2005	Mike Meyer	

**The Howard Woolever Extended Service Award**

*The Howard Woolever Extended Service Award is given to a member for many years of service to the Mershon Chapter.*

1999	Jac Ford	<b>2007 Nomination</b> _____
2000	Harold Kleinert	
2002	Judy McCann	
2003	Howard Johnson	
2004	Art Neumann	
2006	Bo Brines	

**The Rev. Bruce Hatch Resource Professional Award**

*The Reverend Bruce Hatch Resource Professional Award is given to a natural resources professional who has been an outstanding friend of Trout Unlimited.*

2001	Steve Sendek	<b>2007 Nomination</b> _____
2002	Kelly Smith	
2003	Rich Bowman	
2004	Rusty Gates	
2005	Jim Hergott	

Thank you. Your nominations are greatly appreciated.

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# Rifle River Watershed Restoration Committee boasts many accomplishments

by Jim Hergott,  
USDA/NRCS RC&D Coordinator  
for Saginaw Bay RC&D

The Rifle River Watershed Restoration Committee was organized in 1994 after the release of the Streambank Erosion survey and includes local landowners, units of government from the local, state and federal level, non profits and others who have an interest in the Rifle River. The survey, completed by Trout Unlimited and Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, identified over 350 sites on the main channel and west branch of the Rifle which were/are contributing large amounts of sediment and

nutrient into the river and ultimately Saginaw Bay. While the committee has focused in large part on streambank erosion, heightened awareness has led to many projects which are positively impacting the Rifle River Watershed.

In 2006 alone, nine streambank sites, including two recreational access sites, were worked on to reduce sediment input into the river, and several river clean ups were held. Projects completed in 2006 had a cost of \$60,000 and included partners from Trout Unlimited, landowners donating material, USDA's Fish and Wildlife Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service, local Conservation Districts, local units of government, Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources, and probably a few others I have forgotten.

Since Trout Unlimited began to focus on the Rifle in the 1980's, many projects have been completed. While not inclusive, projects have included a

diversion around Mill Pond and an outlet pipe installed in DeVoe Lake to put cool water into the river. In the late 1990's, development of a management plan evaluated land use, surveyed impacts of road crossing, incorporated streambank erosion information, incorporated a watershed assessment, and led to long term plans (20+ years) to address agricultural erosion, streambank stabilization, road stream crossing, develop an information education campaign, and evaluate storm water issues in West Branch, to name a few.

Over the past 12 years streambank stabilization has occurred on approximately 140 of the 354 sites in the inventory and many minor sites. The 130 sites fully documented at this time include 90 sites protected by tree revetments, 28 by rock rip rap, and 12 by other methods, including luncker structures. These stabilized stream banks cover over 20,000 feet and enhance over 25 miles of the river. Agricultural erosion control including fencing livestock out of the river, stabilizing livestock crossing areas, installing windbreaks, filter strips, cover crops and conservation tillage have all been part of improving the river. Non-agricultural projects dealing with storm water and road stream crossings are also improving the river health. This time frame has seen over 1.7 million dollars in grants, donated material, and volunteer time to help improve water quality. To become part of this movement, please contact your local conservation district.

WILLIAM B. MERSHON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

*All Board meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month (unless noted) at 5:30 p.m. at Gander Mountain, 2270 Tittabawassee Road, Saginaw, Michigan.*

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

*(board meetings are not held during the summer months)*

**We welcome you to attend any of the board meetings. Your input is an invaluable resource in our efforts to serve the resources we enjoy.**

**WILLIAM B. MERSHON CHAPTER  
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2006-2007**

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# William B. Mershon

1856–1943

**W**illiam B. Mershon was the last of the real Saginaw timber titans when he died in 1943 at the age of 87 after an eventful and productive life.

A sportsman who ranged the country on his frequent hunting and fishing expeditions, he had his own private railroad coach which became headquarters for him and his companions.

He was one of Michigan's early conservationists, having watched first hand the indiscriminate plunder of Michigan's wild-life and, in his earlier years, having participated in some of it himself. But he realized before most of his contemporaries the need for conservation.

He wrote two books. One was on the history of the passenger pigeon in Michigan, considered a conservation textbook of its kind. The other, widely read by outdoorsmen, was titled "Recollections of My 50 Years of Hunting and Fishing."

He took an active part in Saginaw civic affairs. He served two years as an alderman and was mayor of the consolidated Saginaws in 1894–95. He was a member of the city parks and cemeteries commission five years and also of the citizen's

water committee, one of the groups which fought for pure water in Saginaw. He also served on the state forestry commission and the state tax commission.

He was one of the founders of the Saginaw Welfare League, forerunner of the Community Chest and for many years was an honorary director.

He was a founder of the Saginaw Country Club, the former Saginaw Canoe Club and the Saginaw Club.

Although he favored no particular organization, he gave liberally to charity.

One of the favorite projects of his later years was the impressive Lumbermen's Memorial which graces a high bank on a bend in the Au Sable River in the Tawas area. The idea was his. He spent many hours in handling the details and accomplishing his plan for a monument typical of the lumbering industry in Michigan.

Scion of one of early Saginaw's most prominent and influential families, Mershon was born in 1856, eldest son of Augustus Hull Mershon. His grandfather, E. J. Mershon, came to Saginaw from Rochester, N. Y. In company with Jesse Hoyt, E. J. Mershon built the first planing mill in the Saginaw Valley. It was in East Saginaw on what now is S. Franklin Street.

William B. Mershon graduated from Saginaw High School, then went into the family lumber business at 17.

After the business was transferred to the west side of the Saginaw River, near Carrollton, young Mershon added a salt block to the mill, which became the nation's largest manufacturer of knock-down wooden boxes.

In 1900, when the lumber industry was gasping its last in the Saginaw region, he became interested in lumbering elsewhere. He operated in timber in the Upper Peninsula, Arizona and Idaho.

While in business in Arizona, he became associated with the copper mining industry and became a director of Calumet & Arizona Copper Co., which later merged with Phelps Dodge Corp. For years he was a director of the profitable Phelps Dodge concern.

For more than half a century, Mershon's stately mansion on the northwest corner of Houghton and Michigan was a Saginaw showplace typifying the grace and grandeur of its era.

Mershon built it in 1889. The property took in eight square blocks. The home was razed several years ago to provide more parking for St. Luke's Hospital, which also occupies what used to be part of the Mershon grounds.

The three-story Mershon home had 15 rooms and five fireplaces. It was built of the finest lumber and other materials available.

Its beautiful oak, maple and cork pine came from Saginaw County woodlands. Mershon personally selected it.

The mansion had a commanding front staircase of red oak with ornately carved stair railings and newel posts. The spacious dining room was adorned with white oak walls and beams.

Upstairs rooms featured the use of bird's eye maple or sycamore.

A main feature of the home was its refrigerator locker room. Originally this was built in the basement in a time when ice to preserve and keep foods cold was cut in the winter from the frozen Saginaw River. This room later was moved to quarters near the kitchen.

It had many large food locker compartments as

well as a walk-in refrigerator. The food lockers teemed with table delicacies. They might include a side or two of beef and Mershon's copious trophies of field and stream—venison, pheasant, partridge, grouse, duck, geese or wild turkey and, among fish, salmon and trout especially.

Mershon considered himself something of an authority on the preparation of food and its cooking. He personally supervised the aging of his beef. He was said to be able to tell to a day how long a piece of beef was aged.

He was pleased to serve his gourmet meals with bottles of fine wine from his cellar.

He liked to entertain and invitations to his parties and

dinners were coveted and sometimes boasted about.

During his earlier life he was a Saginaw social leader. He liked gracious living and fine foods but was known by his friends as a temperate man. For many years one of his great enjoyments was his annual birthday party, with its haunch of venison and delectable accompaniments in the presence of good friends.

He and his wife, the former Catherine Calista Johnson, had three sons.

It was for his wife that he built the picturesque home which was one of the most splendid on the bygone Saginaw scene. ◆

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WILLIAM B. MERSHON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

1ST ANNUAL  
**BIG FLY BARBEQUE**

**Saturday, June 23, 2007, starting at 2 p.m.**

*Canoe Harbor, east of Grayling at the Mason Tract, just off M-72*

**Hot dogs and burgers supplied ~ Bring something to pass ~ B.Y.O.B.**

Come and enjoy a fun afternoon of eating, swapping fish stories, and just generally having a good time hanging out with the best people around—trout fishermen and women.

We'll eat, drink, and probably fish a bit. If we're lucky, the Hex will be out and there will be great night fishing for all to enjoy. Meet new people, fish new waters, and maybe learn a few new techniques.

Canoe Harbor is conveniently located near the Holy Waters, the South Branch, and not too far from the fabled North Branch and Mio. Camping is available at Canoe Harbor.

There will be **NO WORK** or projects involved with this event—just good times and camaraderie.

***For RSVP's or more information, contact Josh Butzin at 989-798-6263 or [jmbutzin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmbutzin@sbcglobal.net)***

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



**YES!** Please begin my one-year introductory membership in Trout Unlimited at the rate I have checked at right. I understand my dues payment entitles me to all regular membership benefits, including a TU decal, personal membership card and quarterly issues of *Trout* magazine with *Action Line*.

Please check membership category:

- New member membership (\$17.50)
- Regular membership (\$35) /  3 years (\$90)
- Family membership (\$50) /  3 years (\$100)
- Sponsoring contributor (\$100)\*
- Conservator contributor (250)\*
- Individual Life (\$1,000) (*No further dues*)\*
- Family Life (\$1,100) (*Husband and Wife*)\*
- Senior (62 and over) membership (\$20)
- Full-time Student/Youth (under 18) (\$20)
- Business membership (\$200)

*All contributions over \$12 are tax deductible.*

*\*Note: special benefits provided for these membership categories.*

*\*\*Make checks payable to: TROUT UNLIMITED*

*Clip and mail this application to join TU today!*

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
020 Mershon  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Michigan Council - Code 5449  
Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed\*\*  Please bill me \_\_\_\_\_

Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **TROUT UNLIMITED, PO BOX 1335, MERRIFIELD, VA 22116**

*(Please remember that board members can help you sign up new members at the membership rate of \$17.50 and that all of this money comes back to the Mershon chapter if the membership application references our chapter #20.)*

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