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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>** Saturday **Fishing with Aidan Morgan**  
Contact Aidan for time and place of meeting for the day out on one of the rivers in Connecticut

**Mar.21<sup>st</sup>** Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15.  
**Chapter Meeting:** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.  
**Maine Lakewood Camp.**

**Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>** Friday **Farmington Valley TU** Banquet  
Chowder pot Hartford

**Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>** Saturday **Fishing with Aidan Morgan**  
Contact Aidan for time and place of meeting for the day out on one of the rivers in Connecticut

**Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>** Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15.  
**Chapter Meeting:** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.  
**Land Lock Salmon @ Grand lake Stream.**

**Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday **HCTU Exhibit Vinal Tech Health and Wellness Fair**

**May. 11<sup>th</sup>** Saturday 8:30am-2:00pm **YED (Youth Education Day)** Chatfield Hollow Park Killingworth **Free Fishing Day** (more details coming soon)

**May. 11<sup>th</sup>** Saturday **Fishing with Aidan Morgan**  
Contact Aidan, fishing the Salmon River for the afternoon after the **YED**

**May. 16<sup>th</sup>** Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15.  
**Chapter Meeting:** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club. John Springer covers **Great Fishing out West** or group fishing outdoors.

**May,20<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>** Monday-Thursday **Group trip Fishing the Delaware** Contact Bill Glueck for details.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** Saturday **Boy Scout Jamboree** Hebron fair grounds.

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## Speaker Highlights:

If you missed the  
Last meeting, you missed *Something*



### February Speaker: Ben Bilello

Our February program was Ben Bilello's presentation on "Traditional Methods for Brood stock Atlantic Salmon".

. Ben Bilello  
ben@benbilello.com  
www.benbilello.com/salmonflies



Sunray shadow variants

### March Speaker :

### Maine Lakewoods Camp:

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The Richardson Lakes area has always been known for its excellent fishing on the Rapid River. It is also known as the region Louise Dickinson Rich made famous in her book *We Took to the Woods*, and is the site where American fly tying legend Carrie Stevens created the famous Grey Ghost and other original streamer flies.





# Youth Education Day



11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**HAMMONASSET CHAPTER**  
**TROUT UNLIMITED**



## YOUTH EDUCATION DAY

**SATURDAY May 11, 2013**

**8:30am - 1:00pm**

*Rain or Shine*

***IF YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO TEACH A CHILD  
ABOUT FLYFISHING AND COLD WATER CONSERVATION  
THEN YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!***

- FLY TYING
- FLY CASTING
- RIVER ECOLOGY & ENTOMOLOGY
- ASSIST WITH A TROUT STOCKING
- FREE PICNIC LUNCH
- FISHING FOR TROUT IN STOCKED POND
- CONNECTICUT FREE FISHING DAY
- FREE RAFFLES & PRIZES
- AND MUCH MORE ...



To register for this FREE event just email RON GRAZIANI at [rongraz70@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rongraz70@sbcglobal.net) to reserve your child's spot. Please be 100% sure that you can attend this event prior to registering.

Space is limited to 36 children that must be at least 8 years of age to participate.

Don't be late and miss out on this great day of learning and fun.

This event will be held at Chatfield Hollow State Park, on Route 80 in Killingworth, CT. The day will start promptly at 8:30. Children should wear old sneakers for wet wading and bring a pair of dry socks and sneakers for afterwards. Parents are required to stay for the entire event with their children and are encouraged to fish with their children as part of "CT Free Fishing Day". Bait, hooks & rods will be supplied to those who need them.



# HCTU News



## Kensington Hatchery

on the state budget chopping block

This year's proposed budget calls for the removal of \$147,910 specified as the amount necessary to operate the Kensington Hatchery!

The following are impacts of the loss of this hatchery:

- Kensington production could not be moved to DEEP's other two hatcheries which were used to capacity.
- Trout in the Classroom program in over 100 tanks about 90 schools may be lost due to the need for chilled water (only available at Kensington) during egg development.
- Kensington has the only source of disease free seeforellen brown trout eggs which are the only trout on the current Trout in the Classroom hatching schedule.
- It is not clear what will happen to the TIC program since eggs from other species of trout available in the system do not develop at the appropriate time.
- The programs loss will affect over 10,000 kids each year
- The Salmon-in-Schools program, sponsored by the Connecticut River Salmon Association, would be terminated after this school year which would affect another 80-90 schools.
- Up to 7000 Atlantic Salmon fishing trips in Connecticut will be lost with the end of the brood stocking program. All salmon broodstock will be gone.
- The unique Seeforellen Brown trout will be lost to Connecticut anglers.
- Valuable genetic traits defining Connecticut River salmon will be lost forever.

How can you help?

Email or call your legislative members and the members of the Appropriations Subcommittee.

A full list with contact information is attached.

If we have parents contacting their legislators, they will see that this is more than a special interest item for sportsmen, but has an impact on education!

Thanks for your time everyone!

## YED news:

We are happy to announce that Lori Martin will be heading up the Entomology section of the event on May 11<sup>th</sup>. A rod will be included in the raffle.

**Delaware-Catskill-Beaverkill** fishing trip will be May 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Monday-Thursday. 2 people to a room, each cost \$60 a night. Contact Bill Glueck for information.

**TU Regional Meeting** will be held in the New York Catskills this summer.

**HCTU Youth Coordinator Jesse Gardziel** is starting a small youth chapter at his school "The Sound School" a regional vocational aquaculture school located in New Haven. Monthly meeting include fly tying and community service hours.

**Fishing with Aidan Morgan**, join us for monthly fishing on some of the better rivers across the state; from the Farmington to the Salmon or any river that you enjoy. Held on Saturdays: Mar.16<sup>th</sup> Apr.13<sup>th</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## James Prosek Brown trout Print

In 2008 the Hamonasset Chapter commissioned James Prosek to paint a Farm River brown trout to raise awareness of our fish passage project on the Farm River. The project is moving forward to the fundraising stage. We need to raise money this year for construction in 2014 and we have fewer than 20 prints remaining. A raffle will be held In April. Tickets are just \$5 limited to 50 tickets.

**Get yours at the meeting or contact Kevin.**



## HCTU Fishing with Aidan



It was a chilly start, but the fishing is heating up. Stocking on the salmon River took place last week.

The temperature was in the 30s and ice formed in the guides most of the morning, the water was cold and high but the fish were eager and helpful.

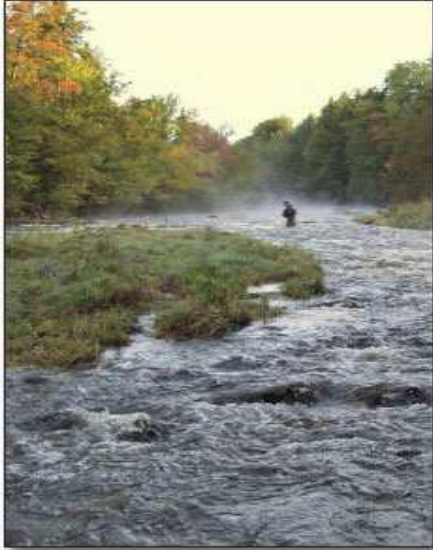
High hook for the day out on the Salmon River with Aidan Morgan was Wayne Gustafson. Wayne caught and released 18 trout on Saturdays outing. Well done, and to everyone there it was worth the early chill for all the eager fish.



Kevin also caught a handful after Wayne shared his hot fly. It was a size 10 or 12 bead head Prince Nymph. Aidan also caught a few and took some nice pictures.

We hope to see more folks at the next outing.



## Farmington Valley Banquet




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## Directions to our meeting place:

**Where:** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club, 411 North Branford Road Wallingford, CT 06492

**When:** Third Thursday of the month, From September through May at 6:30 PM.

### Coming from the I-91

From I-91 South take exit 15, Turn LEFT onto CT-68 East / Barnes Rd (1.7 Miles)  
Turn RIGHT onto N BRANFORD RD. (0.6 Miles) Turn Right into Driveway at 411 North Branford Rd.

### Coming from the Shoreline through Route 17 in Durham

Follow Route 17 to junction with CT-68, Turn onto CT-68 West, follow CT-68 (3.5 Miles)  
Turn LEFT onto N BRANFORD RD. (0.6 Miles) Turn RIGHT into Driveway at 411 North Branford Rd.