



# Hiawatha *Hot Line*

TROUT UNLIMITED



December 2006

*"...to conserve, protect, and restore Southeast Minnesota's trout fisheries and their watersheds"*

## Hiawatha Needs Your Help

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The annual HTU Holiday Potluck is happening this coming Monday! Bring a dish to the Izaak Walton Cabin and spend an evening with us. There will be 9 feet of Sub to enjoy and whatever everyone decides to bring. Along with food, there will be many angler-friendly prizes raffled off, as usual. We hope you can bring your family and spend the evening with us. The evening gets underway at 7pm and directions to the cabin can be found on the right side of this newsletter.

On a business note, Hiawatha is gearing up for another busy, productive year and it needs your help. We'll begin planning for the banquet in January and we need volunteers for that along with the need to fill spots on the board of directors.

Arguably, there is no Trout Unlimited Chapter in the country that is doing more ambitious, hands-on work year-in and year-out than the Hiawatha Chapter. The biggest challenge we're currently facing as a chapter is getting volunteers into leadership roles on the Board of Directors. **We need your help!** You don't have to be an expert angler, and you don't need to know the ins and outs of Habitat Improvement (that's what Tom is for). You just have to be willing to stand-up for the coldwater resource, get your hands dirty, and give some of your time to keep this chapter plugging along at the pace that it's going and accelerate into the future. If you are interested in helping out or have any questions about volunteering, please contact Randy Brock at [randy@mntu.org](mailto:randy@mntu.org), Gary Sobotta at [gnsksob@charter.net](mailto:gnsksob@charter.net), or Frank Angelotti at [fangelotti@mntu.org](mailto:fangelotti@mntu.org) **Currently we need at least 4 individuals to fill spots on the HTU Board.**

## Upcoming Meetings

### **December 4th, 7pm:**

Annual HTU Holiday Party.

### **January 8th:**

To Be Announced

### **February 5th:**

To Be Announced

*All HTU Meetings are held at the Izaak Walton Cabin in NE Rochester and begin at 7pm. Check the map below for directions*

Monthly Meeting Location



[www.mntu.org](http://www.mntu.org)

## 2007 Restoration Project

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Holding with its strong tradition, the Hiawatha Chapter is planning to do another stream restoration project on Trout Run Creek in 2007. The project will be approximately 3,000 feet in length and will start at the Lohman Bridge (first bridge upstream from Bucksnot Dam) and go downstream past the brand new log cabin several hundred feet.

This project will improve overhead cover habitat for all sizes of trout and increase the population of large trout. Other benefits will include improved natural reproduction of brown trout and invertebrate habitat throughout the restored reach.

This will be another cooperative effort with the Minnesota DNR, TUDARE, Minnesota Trout Association, Twin Cities TU, Win-Cres TU and landowners along the stream. More details will follow as they become available.

## Hiawatha TU on the web

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Be sure to check out the latest news on the Hiawatha Chapter and other Minnesota TU information at

**[www.mntu.org](http://www.mntu.org)**

Stop by the message board to talk fishing or offer up any questions or concerns you have about local TU. MNTU.org is maintained by Hiawatha TU.

## 2007 Conservation Banquet, April 21st

Planning of the HTU Conservation banquet will begin in January. Volunteering on the banquet committee is a great opportunity for you to get to meet some of the board members of HTU and to give back to our coldwater resources.

Contact any Hiawatha Chapter board member if you are able to help us organize the Spring Conservation banquet.

## Hiawatha TU Board

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