

The Fish Tale

June 2026 Newsletter

Gunnison Gorge Anglers

Colorado Trout Unlimited
Fly Fishers International



President's Message

Dear Gunnison Gorge Anglers Members, Volunteers, and Friends,

A major goal of GGA is to educate youth about river conservation and get kids outside, away from the distractions of cell phones, social media, and video games. We approached this goal by providing kids of all ages with hands-on and field-based opportunities to learn about river conservation and fly fishing. One such program is known as Trout in the Classroom. TIC is not just about raising trout in a classroom aquarium, it's also about teaching kids about water quality, local ecology, and the importance of healthy rivers. I hope you will take the time to read the attached article by Jim Frazier, science instructor at Paonia elementary and middle school which shows how Jim has fully integrated TIC into the 7th grade science curriculum.

On a related note, I'm excited to announce that Audrey Kenney will be joining the GGA staff as its Youth Education Coordinator. Audrey is currently the Western Colorado TIC coordinator for Colorado Trout Unlimited and will be pursuing a Master of Environmental Management degree at Western Colorado University in Gunnison. She brings a ton of energy and over 4 years of experience to help GGA design and deliver youth education programs focused on river conservation, fly fishing, and environmental stewardship.

Upcoming events: This month GGA will be participating in or sponsoring several events:

- **Delta Outdoor Heritage and Safety Day Festival.** Join board member Abel Sanchez and other GGA volunteers on Saturday, June 6th at confluence park in Delta, CO. Bring the kids and fishing poles; Abel and his friends will be running a fishing Derby from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. GGA will also be having fly tying demos and fly casting from 10 to 1 PM. Come by and have lots of fun.
- **Fishing outing to East Portal:** On Thursday, June 11 from 4 pm-dark, join board member Claire Barker to fish for large rainbow trout at the East Portal of the Gunnison River. The East Portal is a 40-minute drive from Montrose and located in Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided. Fee required for park entry, click [here](#) to learn more and register for this free event.

Whether you are a member of the Gunnison Gorge Anglers or not, you're welcome to attend or participate in any of these events!

If you are interested in becoming a GGA volunteer, please let me know. Click [here](#) to join GGA.

Enjoy the summer and I hope you make time to get out on a river or lake near you.

Yours in conservation,

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- Flies & Lies is on summer break, returning in September or October
- **Troutapalooza and International Fly Fishing Film Festival - September 23rd** at the Sheridan Opera House in Telluride

Projects and Current Events

We are getting merch! Stay tuned to see our cool new hats, tshirts, and sunhoodies.

The Troutapalooza online auction wrapped up on May 20th and was a huge success. Thanks to John Duncan, the team at Telluride Angler, and support from the fly fishing and conservation community we raised over \$29,000! John's contributions are the reason for this success. Troutapalooza is GGA's main fundraising event and has had major contributions to the Telluride Valley Floor Project and restoration and reclamation on the San Miguel River. Read about the project [here](#). Troutapalooza funds additional conservation, like our Billy Creek Project, and it supports our fun events like the Holiday Party and fishing outings.

Want to host a fishing outing? Let us know! Send us an email to gunnisongorgeanglersctu@gmail.com with Fishing Outing in the subject line. The chapter will accommodate snacks, beverages, and some flies. You are not expected to teach fly fishing or guide, just explain how you like to fish that water and have fun.

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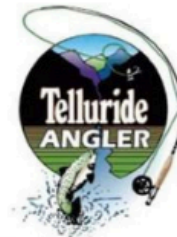
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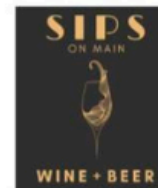
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