

# THE LEADER



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***Our next meeting is:  
Thursday, January 18  
Elks Lodge, 130 South Second Street  
(upstairs - next to bar)***

## **January Meeting: Fishing the Amazon**

Sweetwater Travel will give a presentation on fishing the Amazon River region for Peacock Bass and other exotic fish species. Livingston based Sweetwater Travel has hosted fishing trips to exotic destinations for many years. There will be free food and a raffle for many great prizes. The meeting will be Thursday, January 18 and will start at 6:30 p.m.. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Livingston Elks Lodge-130 S. Second St., Livingston, MT.

## **Calendar of Events**

- January 18 – General Meeting: Fishing the Amazon
- February 15 – General Meeting
- March 15 – General Meeting
- March 17 – Beaver Dam Piping
- April 14 – Yellowstone River Clean-Up
- April 19 – General Meeting
- May 17 – General Meeting
- Mid-June – TU Kid's Camp @ Georgetown Lake
- July 21 – First Cast at Livingston Summerfest

## **President's Message**

I hope everyone had a good new year. With this new year our chapter has a new board member, Kerry Fee. Kerry has been a TU member for years but only recently joined our chapter when he and his wife moved to Livingston. Kerry has already presented some new ideas to improve the chapter. We are grateful for time he is volunteering. The last two board meetings have been intense and quite productive. The board has been making decisions to build our membership and volunteer base, so we can tackle bigger projects to greatly improve the Yellowstone watershed.

Sincerely,

Tom Mason  
President  
Joe Brooks TU Chapter 25

## **Projects for 2007**

Beaver Dam Piping on Fleshman Creek – Mid-March:

Since we finished our habitat project on Fleshman Creek years ago, beavers have continued to build dams threatening the ability of fish to spawn in the creek. We have piped two dams so far to allow fish passage. We need 3 to 4 volunteers to complete this task which usually takes 1 to 2 days. If you would like to participate, contact Tom Mason.

Annual River Clean-Up – April 14:

The board has developed a plan to advertise heavily and to approach businesses for sponsorship of this event. Sweetwater Fishing Company has volunteered to host the event at their location just south of town. We need multiple volunteers to approach businesses and organizations throughout the area. We will of course also need clean up volunteers. At the February general meeting we will hand out fliers to pass on to friends and business for sponsorship or clean up assistance. To participate, please contact a board member or attend meetings for more information.

First Cast Program at the Livingston Summerfest – July 21:

The chapter has reserved a spot at the Summerfest for this program. We have a booth located in an area with plenty of room to practice casting. Now we just need volunteers to man the booth. Volunteers don't need to be particularly experienced at fly casting or fly tying. Remember, you will be teaching children that have never done this before. If you are interested in participating, contact any board member.