



Activities Heat Up

Ice Out—Tips and Tricks

The next installment in our spring Ice Out series is Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 until 8:00 at The Barrel in Estes Park. Ice Outs are informal get togethers that are largely social and just for fun. We do try to impart some useful information, though, so this month some of our members will offer tips and tricks for taking our local trout: flies, rigging, techniques.

Join us! Come sip a cold one and listen in at The Barrel, 6:30 P.M. this Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

March 20

Ice Out
6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Tips and Tricks
The Barrel
251 Moraine Avenue
Estes Park

April 17

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6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
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Polar Bear Plungers Put Trout in Estes Park Classrooms

It was 36 degrees, the temperature was dropping, and it was snowing hard. But on March 2d, 60 people plunged through a 7 by 12 foot hole cut through 16 inches of ice into the frigid water at Trout Haven Resorts.

Community members—including Mayor Todd Jirsa, Estes Park Elementary School Principal John Bryant, Alpine Anglers President Mike Larned, local business teams, and a number of third graders—took the plunge to raise \$5300 to bring TU's Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program to Estes Park Elementary School.

[Read more](#) to learn about TIC and how it will benefit our community.



Alpine Anglers President Mike Larned prepares for plunge.

April 27

River Cleanup
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Lake Estes Marina
Watch for details.

June 10

Big T Viewing Pier Dedication
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Big Thompson Viewing Pier
(Hwy 34, MM 72)
Dedication at 11:00. Come at
10:00 to help plant grass and
willows.

**Third Wednesday of every
month—Feb through October**

Check the [Calendar of Events on our Web site](#) for details as they firm up.

River Cleanup—Need Your Help

If you've been down along the Big Thompson below Estes, you've seen it: litter and debris. It's time for the spring cleanup.

Put April 27th, 9:00 until noon, on your calendar now:. It's a community event with dozens of people spreading out to spruce up the area around Lake Estes. Alpine Anglers traditionally takes on the river below town. Just a few hours of your time can make a difference in our community and on one of our main waterways.

Watch our [Web site events calendar](#) for specifics as things firm up.

Anglers Team with EPWC on Field Trip

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is underway at Estes Park Elementary. Aquariums are in place. Trout eggs have been deposited. While they're developing, it's time to get the kids out to see a real stream and understand how healthy riparian environments make healthy homes for trout.

Estes Valley Watershed Coalition will host a Pre-Earth Day Celebration for TIC students. They'll see the effects of the 2013 flood on one of our streams, and they'll learn how our community is coming together to restore streams to once again support thriving populations of wild trout.

The event is April 15th. If you can help herd a group of third graders, email us at alpineanglerstu@gmail.com.



Anglers Hear Trout in Classroom Plans

On Wednesday evening, February 20th, we gathered at The Barrel in Estes Park for the February Ice Out. A social period allowed for some fly fishing camaraderie. Then Joe Bottoms told us about Alpine Anglers' program to bring the Trout Unlimited Trout in the Classroom program to Estes Park schools.

Joe is a fisheries biologist and an employee of Trout Haven in Estes Park.

Working with Alpine Anglers, Estes Park Schools, Trout Haven, and USFWS's Chris Kennedy, Joe has been instrumental in bringing Trout in the Classroom to our school. Read about the program and the Polar Bear Plunge fund raiser on [our Web site](#).

[Reported by Lynn Williams]

Larned Connects with Dry-Dropper-Anchor

"Sitting on an ice shelf on the bank, contemplating what to try next..." That's the way Mike Larned starts his recent fishing report. We've all been there. Read [his blog](#) to learn what he did and how it led to a successful day afield. THEN come to the March Ice Out to see the demo.

Share your report. Send us a photo and a short writeup, and we'll post it on our [Web site](#).