

# Tight Lines

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## *Casting to the Future at Grand Lake Stream*

*Submitted by Ben Hunsberger*

With good weather and beautiful foliage of early October, MMBTU volunteers and seven anxious youngsters headed up to Grand Lake Stream to try to catch land-locked salmon. This was the culminating activity for this year's Casting To The Future program, which involved 12 teenagers learning to cast and tie flies last May at the Bath YMCA.

Our home for Columbus Day weekend was once again Canal Side Cabins, whose generous proprietors offer comfortable cabins on one of the prettiest streams in the state. John and Mary Arcaro are long-time supporters of MMBTU's CTF program, and this year was no

different. They make a vital gift of reduced pricing for our trip, as well as great encouragement and support of the kids and our volunteer team.

The kids arrived Friday night after dark, and were quickly shown their rooms and given wading gear to try on. Saturday morning started with a great breakfast by

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## FLY of the MONTH: "Incredible Edible Egg" (aka Glo Bug)

*Submitted by Dave Martel*

**Hook:** Tiemco 2457; or any heavy curved-nymph scud hook

**Size:** 10; 12; or 14

**Thread:** GSP (Gel-spun polyethylene)

**Tail:** None

**Wing:** None

**Body:** 2 inch-long pieces of pink glo-bug yarn topped with a small piece of orange glo-bug yarn.

As it's now getting into fall the Salmonids are getting a bit "randy"...and spawning. The eggs are washing out of the redds; and the Big Browns are lined up to gobble those excess eggs. Fish one or two of these below an indicator.....and hang on.

Start your (tough) GSP thread in the center of the hook. Cut two one-inch pieces of pink "Glo Bug" yarn.

Lash one piece tightly to the hook.....lash a second piece on top of the first and then lash a \*small\* piece of orange glo-bug yarn on top of the two pink pieces. Tie off your thread. Pull up sharply on all three pieces of yarn. Take curved-blade scissors (make sure they're \*sharp\*) and cut in a "half-moon" pattern. Release the yarn and it should pop into an egg shape. If it doesn't, manipulate the yarn into a ball. Tie on...and fish. Enjoy.



# CTTF Program

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our cook and kitchen coordinator, Susan Bean, and by 8:30 kids were in waders and ready to go. The morning was devoted to casting tune-ups, and the all-important wading safety program. We also involved our adult chaperones in the wading safety program, most of whom were surprised at how easy it is to be fooled by the clear water of GLS. Knee-deep was plenty deep enough in most cases.

Then Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday, we fished. Or rather, the kids fished as our dedicated stream buddies coached. Even though the fish were not very cooperative, the kids were amazed at the ability to watch fish, and in some cases, to see their own flies pass by the fish. The kids who did hook up were impressed with the speed and acrobatic jumps that these salmon can turn on in a flash. Our tireless team of volunteers included Tom Jewett, Peter Smith, Dick Soucy, Orman Hines, and myself.

The kids were all smiles as they departed on Monday morning. Even those who didn't catch a fish had a great time. It's hard not to in such a beautiful place with a nice group of people! If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with, drop a note to Peter Smith ([ssflies@hotmail.com](mailto:ssflies@hotmail.com)) or me ([huns@gwi.net](mailto:huns@gwi.net)). We already have some kids who are looking forward to next year's program!

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## About Merrymeeting Bay Trout Unlimited

Merrymeeting Bay TU Chapter 329 serves a membership of 200+ in the mid-coast area of Maine. For more information e-mail: [info@mmbtu.org](mailto:info@mmbtu.org) visit the web site, <http://www.mmbtu.org>, or mail PO Box 191, Richmond, ME 04357.

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### Events: 2007-08 MMBTU Year

The general membership and the general public are welcome at all meetings including Directors' Meetings. General Membership Meetings are held at Graziano's Restaurant, Lisbon, Maine on the second Tuesday, unless otherwise noted. Phone: 353-4335, 6-9pm.

#### **November 13: 2006-07 Youth Programs**

**Wrap-Up** *CTTF, Boy Scouts, Trout Camp*  
and **Learn to Tie - BWO & BWO Parachute**

#### **December 11: Christmas Party**

**January 8: Statewide Stream Project/  
Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture** - *Merry  
Gallagher Fisheries Biologist* and **Learn to Tie - TBA**

**February 12: Canada/Alaska Slide Show**  
and **Learn to Tie - TBA**

**March 11: Fisheries Biologist** *TBA* and **Learn  
to Tie - TBA**

**April 26: Annual Banquet & Fundraising  
Auction** *Knights of Columbus Hall, Brunswick*

**June 18-20: Club Trip to GLS**

## Youth Programs Wrap-Up

plus

### Learn to Tie

Blue Wing Olive  
and

Blue Wing Olive Parachute

all equipment & materials supplied  
courtesy of MMBTU

New  
This  
Month!



**Tuesday, November 13, 2007**

**Graziano's, Lisbon - Dinner @ 6pm, Program @ 7pm**

**Directors' Meetings:** November 27, December 18, January 29,  
February 26, March 25, April 18, May 27  
**Come, get involved, help out, support the cause, have fun!**