

Little River Chapter Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the Fourth Thursday April the 28, at 7:00 P.M. at Monte Vista Baptist Church at 1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd. in Maryville. The church has an entrance on the opposite side of Hwy 129 between the Bi-Lo and the Co-op Gas station.

Program

Jonathan Overly from the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition will give a talk on alternatives fuel source Vehicle. If you are like me and paying \$40 plus for a fill up and fed up with all the pollution caused by automobile. You will be interested in this program. Please visited their web site www.etcfc.org

Stream work

April 23: LRTU Townsend Clean-Up
May 21 – 22: Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample

Troutfest Meeting

Thursday April, the 28, at 6:00 P.M. Before the regular meeting. This meeting is for a Troutfest update; Its crunch time, and all coordinators need to be there to give updates, so we give extra help where needed. All Board Members and Troutfest coordinators need to attend.

Fishing Picks

By: Ian Rutter

This is the time of year we've all been waiting for. If you haven't been out on the water you need to check your priorities. All of the mountain streams are fishing excellent since the temperatures have stabilized to a warm sping climate.

Hatches aren't as prolific as they were earlier in the season, but the fishing is good all day long now rather than just the afternoon. There is a variety of insect activity with a number of mayflies, caddis, and stoneflies all hatching. The best hatches to watch for are Hendricksons and March Browns. The March Browns are very large and show up intermittently all day. Hendricksons are about #14 and seem to show up early in the evening or late afternoon. It won't be long before we see flights of little yellow stoneflies in the evening. They usually start by the end of the month but peak in May.

The tailwaters have been fishing good as well. The Clinch has had manageable schedules and the fish have been eating midges. The zebra midge seems to be the new most popular pattern on the Clinch. Keep some pheasant tail nymphs on hand because it won't be long before the sulphurs show up. None have been sighted yet, but they start turning up

by the end of the month and the first few weeks of May can be great. It's been hit or miss the past few years, but the hatch still comes off. The Hiwassee has a constant schedule of one generator. This makes for some good wading and great fishing. Look for cream and green caddis, blue wing olives, and Hendricksons. Most beadhead nymphs will fool fish but they can be more selective with dry flies. Caddis are hatching on the Holston and dry fly fishing has been excellent in the late morning and afternoon.

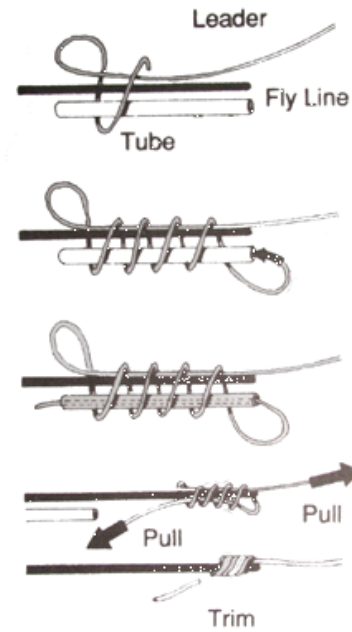
Troutfest

Troutfest is less then two months away and there is still a lot to be done. Everyones help is needed. Steve Best's phone number is 983-6494 and Mike Stiehl's phone number is 681-1605, they are working on Auctions items if you can help out please do. We still have room for more Food and Craft vendors, and also looking for musician to play each day, so if you know anyone please let us know.

Thanks
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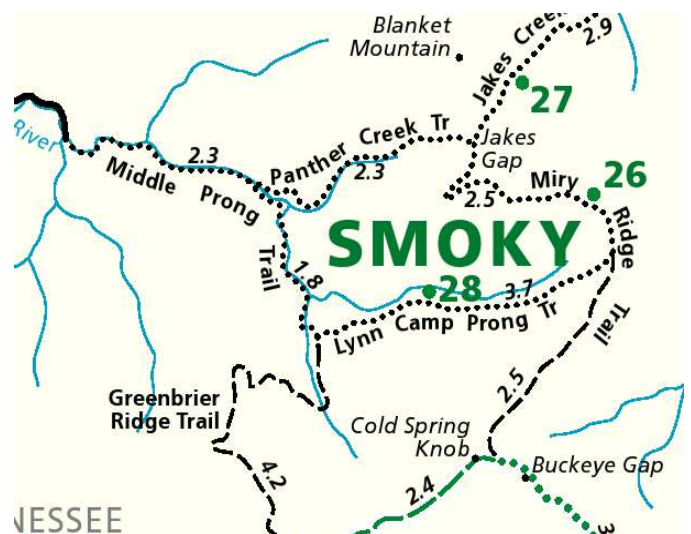
Tube/Nail Knot

This knot take practice but it is one of the best knots for attaching a leader to the the end of your fly line. It can also be used for attaching fly line to backing on your fly reel. Practice the knot at home before trying to do it stream side. Little River Outfitter's has a couple of really nice tools that you can attach to your fishing vest.



Brook trout workday

August 5-7: Indian Flats Prong Preliminary Work Weekend. We will be needing several crews to help move Brook trout from Indian Flats Prong to Lynn Camp Prong. This is beginning of the Indian Flats Prong Brook trout restoration project every bodies participation is needed. It's about 4 miles from the parking lot to the fork of Indian Flats Prong and Lynn Camp Prong. Help is needed on shocking crews and the fish hauler to help move as many Brook trout as possible. Sign up forms will be at the next meeting.



Hatch Chart for April

Cream Caddis

Size: 12-14

Best fishing time: Middle of the day

Suggested patterns: Elk Hair Caddis (Dark Cream), Dark Cream Caddis pupa

March Brown

Size: 12-14

Best fishing time: Mid morning to early evening

Suggested patterns: March Brown 10-14 March Brown nymph, Dark Hare's Ear Nymph Pheasant Tail Nymph

Yellow Stone

Size: 14-16

Best fishing time: Mid morning to early evening

Suggested patterns: Sundance Special or Elk Hair Caddis (yellow); Yellow Stone Nymph

Grey Fox

Size: Drys 14 Nymphs 12-14

Best fishing time: Mid morning to late evening

Suggested patterns: Grey Fox, Hare's Ear Nymph or Red Fox Squirrel Nymph

Light Cahill

Size: Drys 12-14

Nymphs 10-12

Best fishing time: Early morning to late evening

Suggested patterns: Light Cahill, Light Cahill Nymph

Giant Black Stone

Size: 2-6

Best fishing time: Early morning

Suggested patterns: Black Stone Nymph

Grey-Brown & Green Caddis

Size: 14-16

Best fishing time: Early morning to late evening

Suggested patterns: Dark Elk Hair Caddis (Caddis Green), Grey-Brown & Green Caddis. pupa

Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis

Size: 12-14

Best fishing time: Mid morning to late evening

Suggested patterns: Mottled Turkey or Dark Elk Hair Caddis (Yellow- Brown) Speckled Gray-Brown & Yellow-Brown. pupa

Midge

Size: 20-24

Best fishing time: Early morning to late evening

Suggested patterns: Brown, Cream, or Gray Midge, 18-20 Griffith's Gnat, 20-22 Midge Pupa

Fly of the Month

Three Bead Caddis

Hook: 2X long shank. 1X heavy wire

Popular sizes: 10

Hook Type: Short-shank curved nymph

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Rough hare's ear dubbing

Head: Two Dark tungsten beads fluorescent green bead

This fly should be good for fishing pocket water. With the two tungsten beads keeping it near the bottom should not be a problem. Add a couple split shots 12 to 18 inches above the fly if needed for fishing in fast water.





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