



Our July picnic at River Johns Outfitters on Little River finally came together the evening of August 4. Fortunately, there weren't any storms. There was a crowd of almost 40, including alot of members that we haven't seen in quite awhile. The food was wonderful and the conversation and laughs were plenty. If you didn't make it, you missed a good time. Watch for it next year and put it on your calendar.

There won't be a meeting in August. We will resume meeting in September with a presentation by Cody from Tellico Outfitters. More information on that will be in the September issue.

Make sure to check out the **Members Out There** section. Quite a few of us have been traveling and catching some great fish. Whatever you have been doing this summer, I hope it has been a great time.



#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

August - No meeting  
September 22 - Cody from Tellico Outfitters  
October 27 - TBD  
November - no meeting  
December - date TBD, auction focus

#### GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN FISHERIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Richard Barnes (TN side of the Park) at [cancelceer1@gmail.com](mailto:cancelceer1@gmail.com) or Mike Kesselring (NC side of the Park) at [mikesael59@gmail.com](mailto:mikesael59@gmail.com) for more information

Aug 17-18 - Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation

Aug 20 - Sept 1 - Hixzie Creek 3-pass depletion and IBI sampling

Sept 12 - Large stream 3-pass depletion Little River upstream of Metcalf Bottoms

Sept 17-18 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)

Nov 19-20 - Bi-monthly acid deposition sample (NC & TN)



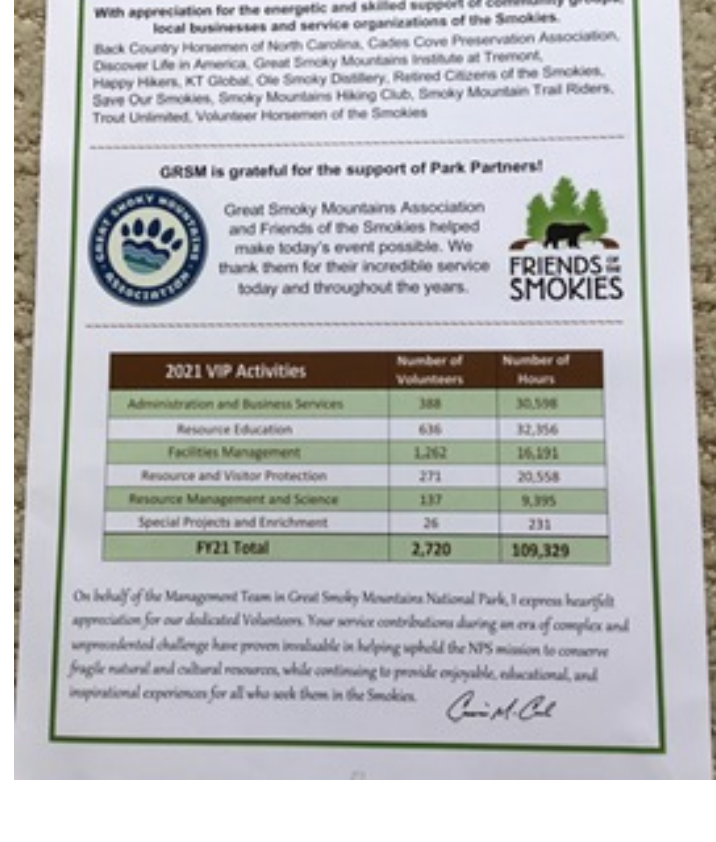
Richard Barnes receiving the **Eddie George Award** for most volunteer hours for 2021. Congratulations Richard!!

#### VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARK RECOGNIZED by Richard Barnes

The Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP) conducted their Volunteer-In-the-Park Recognition Celebration, June 2, 2022 at the Twin Creeks pavilion. The celebration is held annually, although it has been put off for a couple of years because of Covid and a host of other issues. All Park management personnel, with the exception of Mr. Cash the Park Superintendent, attended. The purpose of the Celebration is to recognize individuals and groups that provided volunteer hours during 2021. Bob Bishop, Rich Ashmore and Richard Barnes attended the Celebration representing Trout Unlimited and the Little River Chapter.

Before the start of the Celebration, a 2021 accomplishments summary was distributed which listed people being recognized for reaching volunteer hours milestones as well as an overview of volunteer hours contributed in 2021. During 2021, 2,720 volunteers contributed 109,329 hours of work supporting the Park in many different roles. Tom Harrington was recognized as having passed the 25,000 volunteer hours category. Amazing! Scott and Jayne Young were also recognized. In addition to being a Water Sampling Team Lead, he is an active volunteer across the Park. Scott passed 5,000 hours after the list was printed, otherwise he would have been recognized in that category.

The volunteer hours that LRCTU contributed are included in the Resource Management and Science category. Trout Unlimited and the Little River Chapter were presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Park recognizing their contributions. Bob, Rich and I had a good time and I think I can say that we learned some things about Park volunteers and the significance of their contributions. The number of volunteers and the time they've contributed is amazing. Also, the number of organizations supporting the Park is very large. With the work LRCTU does, we only see a few of the hundreds of volunteers working in the Park. Were it not for the volunteers supporting the Park it's unclear how the Park could exist. It's easy to say our work is needed and recognized.



**TIE AND LIE - MONDAY, AUGUST 29 @ CASUAL PINT, MARYVILLE - 6:30 - ?**  
No specific fly has been identified for this month. Bring your tools and materials to tie with friends, exchange stories and have a good time. Enjoy!

#### CASTING CLASS FOR THE BLOUNT COUNTY LIBRARY

The Library asked me if LRCTU would be interested in putting on a casting class for their Adult Reading Program. Of course we would! The class was held Saturday, July 16 with 15 students attending. We started out in the Dorothy Herron Room to discuss the mechanics of the fly rod, along with leaders and tippets and to answer any questions the students had. We then moved outside to the front lawn for practice. Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped: Ernie Frey, Joyce Frey, Bill Bolinger, Kim Emery, Jim Jolly, John Skinner, and Steve Young.



#### TEACHING CLAYTON BRADLEY ACADEMY 3RD GRADERS HOW TO FIND BENTHIC MACROINVERTABRATES

Several members from the Chapter met the two 3rd grade classes from CBA at the Metcalf Bottoms picnic area. We all got in the water and turned over some rocks. The group found water pennies, aquatic centipedes, mayfly nymphs, caddis fly larva and small snails. Many thanks to Ernie Frey, Joyce Frey, Harry Fetterman, Bernie Maloy, Dave Weingold, and Steve Young.



#### ONLINE AUCTION—NEVER TO SOON TO START!

Don't forget we're looking for donations for the Online Auction to be held in November/December. Contact Bob Bishop ([bushmoose@bopglobal.net](mailto:bushmoose@bopglobal.net)), Larry Davis ([ledavis97@gmail.com](mailto:ledavis97@gmail.com)), or Steve Young ([steve\\_v@earthlink.net](mailto:steve_v@earthlink.net)) with materials or ideas.

#### NEW MEMBERS

**Harris Delmer Ray Crampton Carson Holbert Sharon Webb**  
**Victoria Puckett**

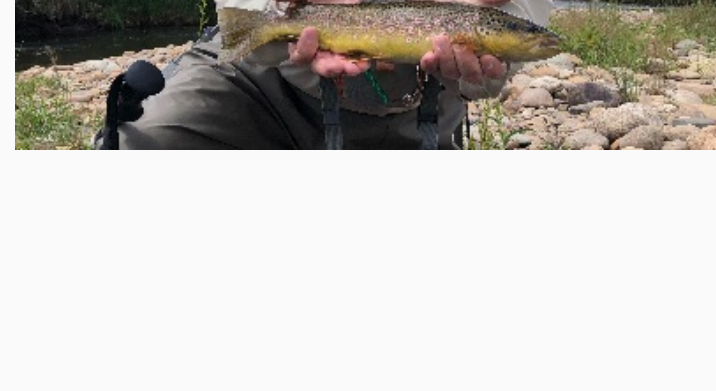
Welcome to the Little River Chapter of TU (LRCTU). Our Chapter was established years ago as a nonprofit volunteer organization committed to protecting and restoring cold water resources and watersheds in and around the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We hope to able to offer you plenty of activities to join us in our mission.

As a member, you will receive our monthly newsletter issued around the 15th of each month, as well as email notifications of any activities that may be happening during the month. Our live meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month (with the exception of June, August and November) held at the Bluelick Tavern in Maryville. Social hour starts at 6:00 with Chapter business starting at 7:00 and the month's program immediately following. Feel free to visit our website at [lrctu.org](http://lrctu.org), contact me at [lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lrctu.newsletter@gmail.com) or any of the Board Members listed on the website for information.

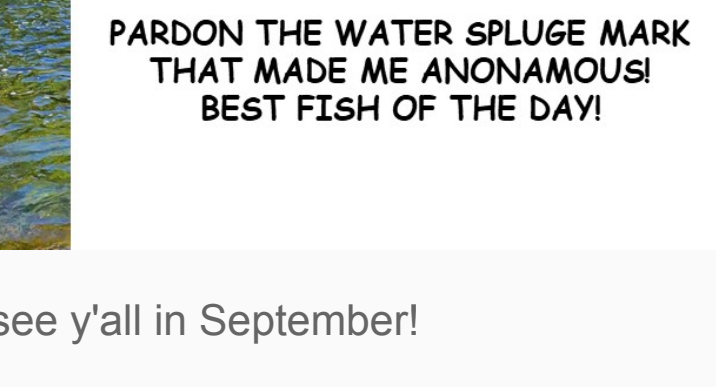
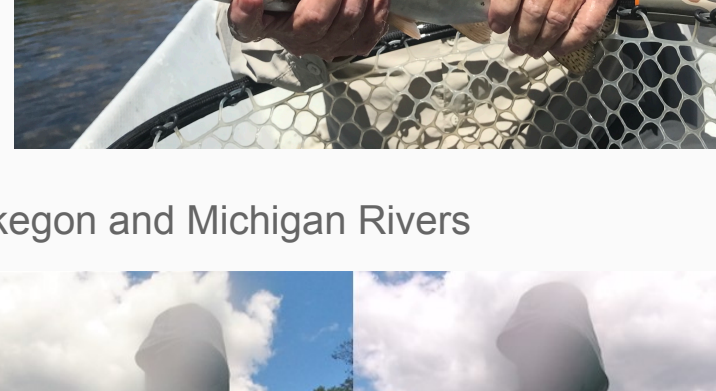
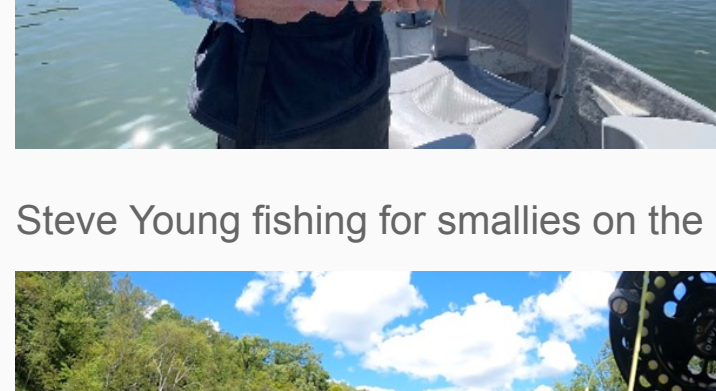
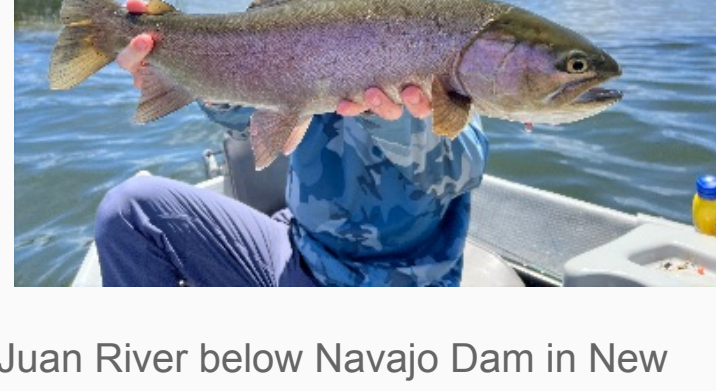
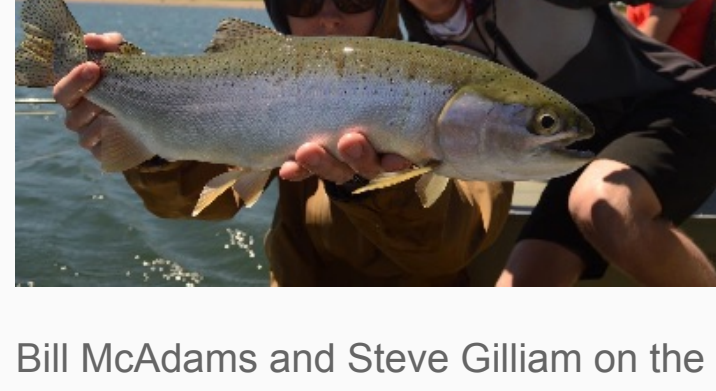
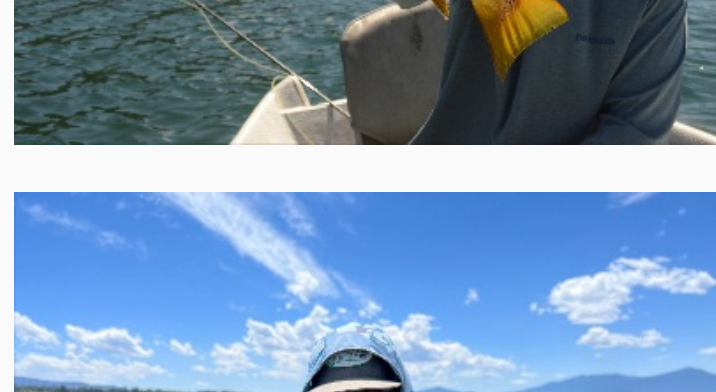
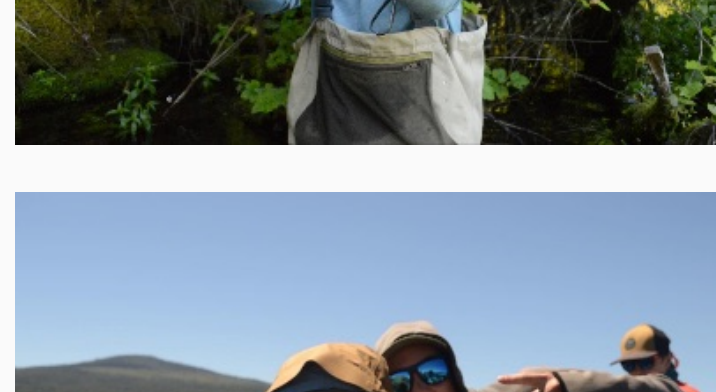
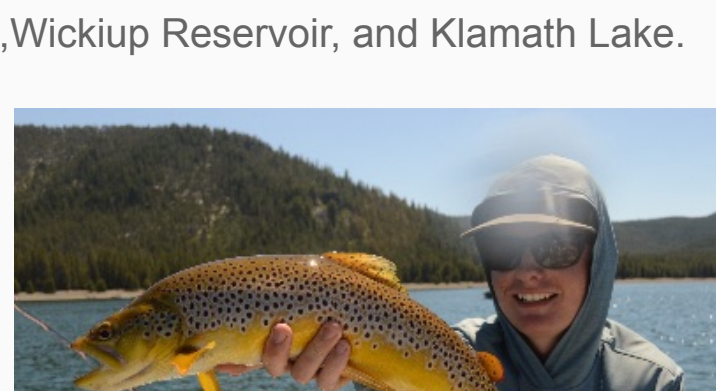
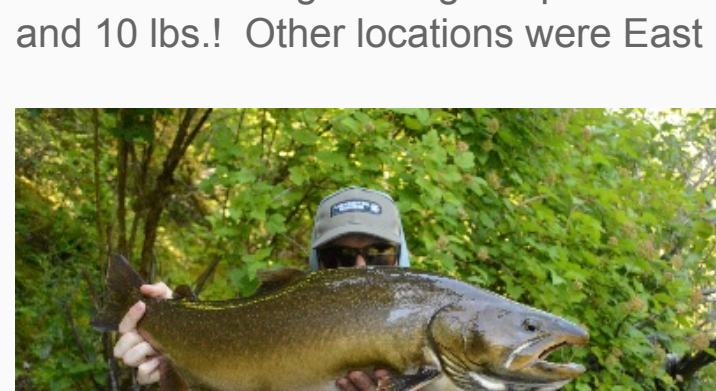
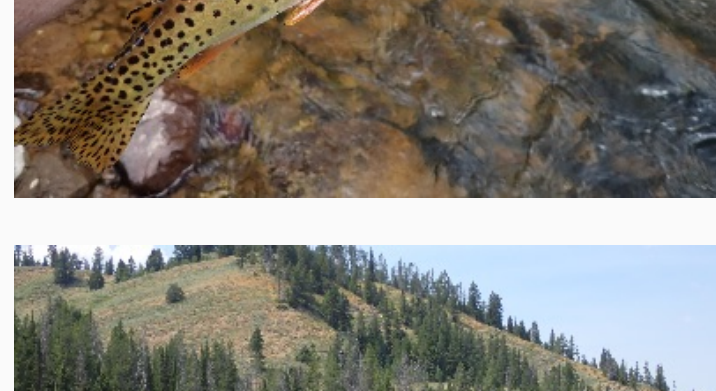
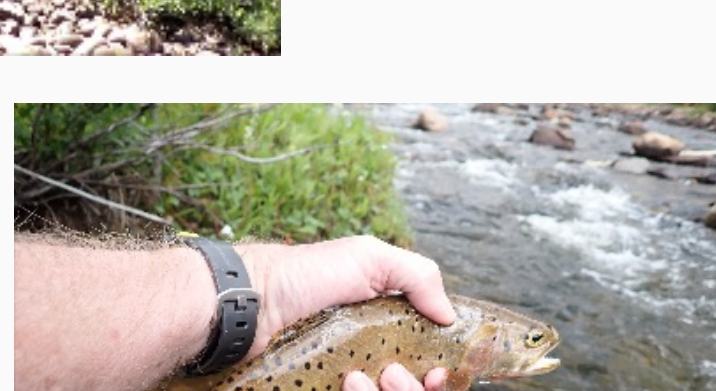
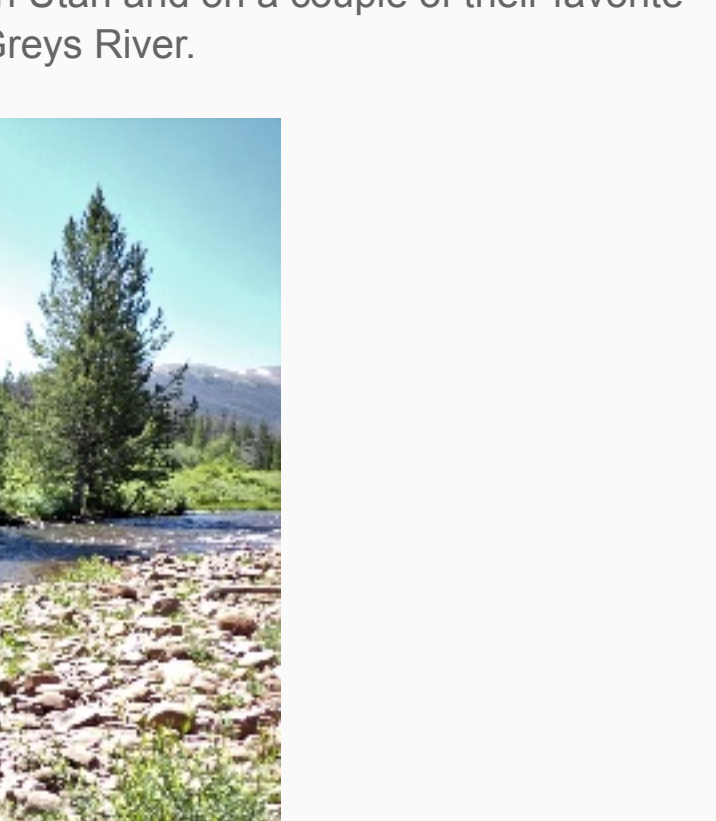
#### MEMBERS OUT THERE FISHING

Summer has been a great time for quite a few of us to be traveling to some different waters.

Bill Bolinger and Mike Bryant fishing the headwaters of the Arkansas River in Colorado.



Sara and Bob Bishop in search of the Utah Culi Slam in the Uinta Mountains, on the East Fork Black Fork River, the Bear River, in Utah and on a couple of their favorite spots in Wyoming, the Salt River and Little Greys River.



Enjoy those last days of summer, we will see y'all in September!

Joyce Frey  
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