

Next Meeting:

Where: Monte Vista Baptist Church
1735 Old Niles Ferry Rd
Maryville, TN 37803-5505
(enter the bldg. from the parking lot)

When: 7:00 p.m., Thurs., February 24

Program: Rob Fightmaster will be our guest presenter. His topic will be "Experience Your Smokies. This program is administered through Friends of the Smokies. It is a field-based program providing an opportunity for participants to see first hand an inside look at Park issues. Come hear more about this terrific program.



Rob is an accomplished local guide and flyfishing lodge consultant with current projects including the Riveridge Lodge in Jefferson County on the Holston River and Westover Farms, located outside Steelville, MO. For more information, check out his website at <http://www.fightmasterflyfishing.com>.

Don't Get SWAMPED!



Keep up with all the current events by checking your LITTLE RIVER TROUT UNLIMITED WEB SITE regularly at <http://www.lrctu.org>.

SWAP MEET

Next week be sure to fight your way into the storage bin and dust off all of that equipment you knew was going to be useful when you bought it, but somehow didn't live up to its potential. Bring those items, along with any that you just don't have a use for, to our annual SWAP MEET at this month's meeting. For those of us on the other side of the table, it's an opportunity to pick up some great equipment at great prices.

As has been the case in the past, the outfitters who bring last year's models to sell or trade have asked that no livestock be offered in exchange for equipment.

There will not be a board meeting this month. A board meeting is scheduled prior to the March meeting.

Phi Beta Phi Help



Anyone who can help with casting and/or fly tying at the Phi Beta Phi school in Gatlinburg in March please contact Tom Eustis or Ken Henderson.

Our chapter usually provides about 5 volunteers for each of these events. Below are the dates:

Monday March 21st - casting and fly tying 9 am to 2 pm

Wednesday March 23rd - casting 10 am to 11:30 am (since we are there, it is good time to go fishing when done at the school)

Fishing at Metcalf is on Monday March 28th from 8 to 2 (since we are there, it is good time to go fishing when done at the school)

Contact Tom or Ken with your name, availability and contact information:

Tom Eustis - Cell 865-607-6960, totaltom70@gmail.com

Ken Henderson - - Cell 865-310-4959, kensflyfishing321@gmail.com

Orvis Sevierville Fly Tying Classes

The Orvis Store in Sevierville is offering fly tying classes in February and March.. Be sure to call ahead to reserve a seat in one of these great classes.

SATURDAY, February 26th

11AM – 2PM

Free Beginner Fly Tying 101 – sign up required

There's no feeling more rewarding in fly fishing than catching a fish on a fly you've tied yourself. Orvis instructors will teach the basic techniques and essential skills in the art of fly tying. This is a 3 hour class and is limited to the first 6 individuals that sign up. Please call us at (865) 774-4162 to reserve your seat!

SATURDAY, March 12th

1PM – 2PM

Staff Favorite Smoky Mountain Patterns

Join us for a free fly tying demonstration. Our fly fishing staff will share some of their personal Smoky Mountain fly variations. We promise they will catch fish and you probably haven't seen our variations.

SATURDAY, March 26th

11AM – 2PM

Free Beginner Fly Tying 201 – sign up required

This is an extension of Fly Tying 101 and we will build on the techniques we learned last month. This is a 3 hour class and is limited to the first 6 individuals that sign up. Please call us at (865) 774-4162 to reserve your seat!



New Website on all things TROUT in Tennessee up and running

Whether you're looking for current information on where in Tennessee the fishing is hot or just want to know how to tie a pheasant tail nymph, there's a new site on the web that's worth checking out. It's <http://flyfishingtennessee.com> and it's chocked full of light angling lore and trophy trout tales as well as organizational updates and news on upcoming events across the state. Kris Mauer, fishing manager at Orvis, Sevierville, was instrumental in gathering information for the site and helps keep it up to date. One of the most useful information categories, I believe, is the information on Tennessee trout streams which is categorized under Tailwaters, Smoky Mountains and TN Trout Streams. He has also dedicated a page to LRCTU and our activities that will be updated on a regular basis. You can join the site by providing your email address and receive notices as the site is updated if you desire. Kris said the site is currently getting about 5000 visitors a month and that number has been growing by about 500 per month. Check it out!

Fishing Report: Winter's Thaw Brings Anglers Out

A few days of warm weather here and there and now a full week of 50 degree plus days have started to stoke the fishing fires amongst us. Byron Begley at Little River Outfitters reports that Little River is running a little lower than normal and a little cooler, 43 degrees on the morning of Feb. 17, but signs of a few hatching Quill Gordons expected warmer weather trends point to better days ahead. One angler reported that of a dozen trout landed, fishing with a dry and a dropper, two were caught on the dry.

Meanwhile, favorable weekend water releases and warmer weather have made tailwaters, such as the Clinch, a big attraction. On a recent Sunday, at Millers Island, I counted no less than 35 anglers stacked in on both sides of the Island. If you could find a spot that hadn't been stepped on, the ticket that day was 7 feet of 5x tippet and black sz. 16-18 zebra midges.

Next Saturday Acid Deposition Meeting

A kickoff meeting for Acid Deposition Sampling is scheduled for Saturday Feb. 26 at Park HQ near Sugarlands Visitors Center.

This important volunteer program helps sustain efforts to monitor and document effects of acid rain on park streams and fish habitat and develop national programs to limit its damage.

Please contact Charlie Chmielewski at [865-661-7325](tel:865-661-7325) or email at charlieflyfish@gmail.com to register for the meeting and to get on the roster for this years' trips.

Don't Miss Our March Meet

Where: Monte Vista Baptist Church

When: 7:00 p.m. Thurs., March 24

Program: Warm Water Fishing

The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a Non-Profit Volunteer Organization that is Committed to Protecting and Restoring Cold Water Resources and Watersheds in and Around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park



**Thanks to all of you who
worked on Troutfest.
Great Job!**

And thanks for attending, supporting and donating to Troutfest. Together we have made a difference that we can all be proud of forever.

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Stop by or call about our monthly
fishing seminars, schools and tying classes

Free casting lessons Saturday
mornings from 9am to 10am.
Fall Orvis Days this year will be
October 1st through the 12th.

SPECIAL ON SAGE RODS

Ken Henderson, local rod builder for nearly 30 years, is offering a special 25% discount on all his 2010 model, 4-piece Sage Rods. Sage is the only manufacturer that guarantees blanks constructed by an authorized builder and provides a lifetime guarantee to the original owner. Ken sticks with Sage rods because of the quality. "Out of the many rods I've built, I've only had one blank that the spine wasn't true on. The spine on a rod is like the sight on a gun. If it isn't true you won't cast where you're pointing."

865-310-4959

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