

Trout Unlimited

Little River Chapter



Next Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 25th

Blue Tick

Tavern

Maryville, TN



President's Thoughts

The reality has set in that I'm really the president of our chapter. OMG! I hope that I'm up to the task. I will work hard to earn your respect and trust. I am so honored to be the president of such an outstanding chapter. LRCTU has it all, a history of outstanding service, diversity in its membership, professional fishermen and novice. Our chapter certainly has an attitude of servitude and I'm so honored to be a part of it. I look forward to having fun with you, working with you, breaking bread with you and FISHING with you.

Thanks for all you do, Steven Darnell

In case you're wondering - Steve is feeling much better & he'll be at the meeting!!

Come to the Tuesday, February 25, 2020 LRCTU meeting at Blue Tick Tavern, previously known as "Barleys" in Maryville for this informative presentation on fishing the Tellico Plains and Cherokee National Forest. We gather at 6pm for dinner followed by a short business meeting at 7pm, then the speaker.

February's Meeting Speaker

Cody Fischer has been an avid angler since his early childhood in Southern Illinois. His life was forever changed in his early 20s when he moved out West and took up fly fishing for the first time in the Black Hills of South Dakota and soon began guiding for the local fly shop. Since then he has fly fished on trout streams all over the country but has always had a special fondness for the native brook trout of the Southern Appalachians. Cody and his wife Abby moved to East Tennessee in 2018 to be closer to those native gems. In spring of 2019, Cody opened Tellico Outfitters in Tellico Plains to promote the fantastic fishing opportunities in the beautiful Tellico area.



Ever seen this while fishing?

Guess this fly fishing destination???



A great opportunity for our chapter during 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

VISION

As the Nation's premier nonprofit organization, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. envisions a community where all participants can heal.

CORE VALUES *We hold the following core values as central to our success*

Compassion – Our organization enables the physical and emotional recovery of our participants as it restores the bond of trust that they built while serving this great Nation.

Accountability – Our organization remains accountable to our participants, to our volunteers, to our sponsors, and to our donors.

Excellence – Our organization reliably provides high-quality programs for all volunteers and participants based-upon well-understood standards of excellence.

Community – Our organization creates a sense of family by mentoring and supporting one another with dignity, passion, respect, and humility.

Project Healing Waters & Trout Unlimited

Fishing Schedule 2020 - (Jan 1, 2020)

*All fishing events are wade fishing at Miller Island on the Clinch unless otherwise noted.
PHWFF is highly encouraged to support and participate in Clinch River Chapter Trout Unlimited (CRCTU) events.*

Sun, March 29 - Casting For Recovery -- Norton Creek

Sat, April 25 - Project Healing Waters/ **Wounded Warriors**, Miller Island -- Minimum flow only 7am until 3pm. (Pulse at 6am ET)

Sat, May 2 - Project Healing Waters -- Norton Creek

Sat, May 23 - **Veterans on the Water**, Veterans Service Partnership Event - all veterans and their families. Miller Island -- Minimum flow only 8 am to 3pm. (Pulse at 7 am ET)

Sat, May 30 - Project Healing Waters **Float Trip** -- One generator from 5am to 3pm.

Sat, June 6 - **Kids Fish Free Day** (CRCTU) Miller Island -- Minimum Flow only 7am to 1pm. (Pulse at 6am ET)

Wed, June 17 - Trout Unlimited - **Trout Adventure Camp Tremont** -- Norton Creek

Wed, June 27 - Project Healing Waters -- Norton Creek

Sat, July 11 - **Clinch River Cleanup** (CRCTU). Minimum flow only until 1pm

Wed, July 22 - Project Healing Waters. Miller Island-- Minimum Flow only 7am to 3pm. (Pulse at 6am ET)

Sat, August 1 - Project Healing Waters -- Norton Creek

Fri, August 28 - Morgan County Veterans. Miller Island -- Minimum flow only from 8am to 3pm (Pulse at 7am ET)

Sat, September 12 - **Women on the Water** (National Public Lands Day event) (CRCTU). Miller Island -- Minimum Flow only from 8am to 3pm. (Pulse at 7am ET)

Fri, September 25 - Project Healing Waters **Smoky Mountain Grand Slam Tournament** practice Day. Miller Island -- Minimum flow only from 7am to 3pm (Pulse at 6am ET)

Sat, September 26 - Project Healing Waters **Smoky Mountain Grand Slam Tournament** --Miller Island. One generator from 5am until 3pm

Thur, October 15 - Project Healing Waters/**Wounded Warriors** -- Miller Island. Minimum flow from 7am to 3pm. (Pulse at 6am ET)

Preferred stocking dates: March 23 Week – Stock Norton Creek for CFR. June 1 Week – Stock Miller Island for Kids Fish Free Day. June 15 – Stock Norton Creek for Trout Camp. July 27 – Stock Norton Creek for Aug 1 PHWFF. September 7 Week – Stock Miller Island for Women on Water



JUNE 15TH - 20TH 2020

TROUT CAMP'S 10TH YEAR—WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

The Tennessee Council of TU Trout Adventure Camp is heading into its 10th year of operation and we are off to a great start with our applications. But more can be done; here are some things Little River Chapter Members can do to help.

- 1. RECRUITING**—although we have the highest number of applicants ever for this time of our application process we still need more—we are particularly in need of girl applicants. We have to have at least 2 campers of one gender for that gender to be represented; at this point we only have one girl applicant. If you know of any youth who will be more than 12 and less than 16 by June 15th and are interested in fishing and the outdoors, please encourage them to apply online at tntroutadventure.org
- 2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**—many campers can't afford the entire tuition of \$540 for camp and are looking for help; they usually turn to Tennessee TU Chapters for help. We have also had local individuals pledge support. Furthermore if a chapter finds a potential camper who is interested and the chapter wishes to support that camper, that individual is automatically accepted.
- 3. VOLUNTEER**—there are roughly 50 different volunteer positions that make Trout Camp 'go'. One of the most important is the Camp 'Counselor'; those individuals who sleep overnight with our campers in the

large wall tents at Great Smoky Insitute at Tremont. We are in particular need for an adult woman counselor (we fully expect to have girl campers this year) for this position. If interested or know of someone who may be interested please contact Steve Young at steve_y@earthlink.net. If you are interested in other positions please contact Sean Fagen, Assistant Camp Director, at sp220f@aol.com.

4. POST CAMP MENTORING—many of our campers come home full of the fly fishing “holy spirit” but don’t know any fly fishermen to help them out with their newly developed skills. We are looking to ‘hook up’ campers and mentors for after camp fishing experiences.
5. FLY TYING—while we don’t favor much take-home ‘swag’ for our campers one tradition we like to encourage is tying flies for a fly box the campers can add to during their fly tying activities and take home at the end of camp. We ask any interested fly tier to tie 14 flies of their favorite pattern (ideally, although not necessary, would be a ‘Smoky Mountain’ pattern) and get them to one of us before camp. Thanks in advance!

If you have interest in any of this or have questions about camp please do not hesitate to contact Steve or Sean. Also you can get more information about Trout Camp by checking out the camp website tntroutadventure.org.