

July Meeting at Bass Pro

Where: Bass Pro Store, Sevierville, Intersection of I-40 and Hwy 66. Upstairs in the meeting room located to your right when you exit the elevators.

When: 7:00 p.m., Thurs., July 22

Program: Come hear Bruce Wankel, proprietor and guide of the Virginia Creeper Fly Shop, in Abingdon, VA, talk about fishing opportunities in Southern Virginia and Northeast Tennessee. His slide show will start with the high country trout streams and follow the flow of water in to second order trout streams and on to both the coldwater tailwater trout rivers and warm water rivers for small mouth and striped bass. The talk will cover fly fishing throughout all four seasons.



Mid-winter tail water fishing with BWOs

Visit the Virginia Creeper Fly Shop web site

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Hello Troutfest Team,

Byron Begley

As you know, we had the most successful Troutfest yet this year. The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited board will most likely approve a \$45,000 donation to the Park and the Fisheries Scholarship Fund to be paid soon. You should all be proud.

Many new opportunities have developed recently that will possibly enhance future Troutfest events. To prepare us for that, I have asked a few new people to serve on our Steering Committee. I am also asking for professional help from people who are in the hospitality, legal, accounting, printing and marketing businesses. I have been told that we should also expect much more support from the fly fishing industry. Additionally I have asked or will ask for help from governments on the local and State level.

I think, with the information we have now, we can expect to substantially increase our attendance and profit in 2011. This will help our efforts to fund the Fisheries Department at Great Smoky Mountains National Park and youth fisheries education.

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Troutfest is an important event for the tourism industry in our county and adjoining counties. Troutfest is also beneficial to the fly fishing industry, non-profit organizations, fly shops and other vendors.

To kick off our 2011 plan we have our first meeting scheduled on Sunday August 15th at 2:00. There will be special guests at our first meeting for at least the first hour. Due to the number of people attending we will probably hold it at the Laurel Valley Country Club. I will have that verified in a day or so.

So, please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. The first hour will be spent updating you and our guests about past Troutfest events and allow time for brainstorming. The last two hours will be devoted to issues pertaining to all of our specific areas of responsibility.

We are planning to have six committee meetings between August 2010 and May 2011. Troutfest will be held May 13–15, 2011.

I will contact you soon with more information.

Thank you for all you do. You are one heck of a team.

Special Thanks

A great big HAT'S OFF to Byron who has done an outstanding job as chairman of the Troutfest Committee for the second year running. With Byron's guidance, Troutfest is now considered among the premier fly fishing events in the country. Cudos to a job well done.

Virginia Creeper Cont'd



Early Summer terrestrial fishing on tailwaters for trout



Early Fall smallmouth on the New River

Ed's note: Don't look now, but I think somebody's got a "lucky" shirt!

Orvis On-Stream Report

Well we are definitely into full summer mode. I guess we got spoiled last year with the mild weather. We've been fishing on the Clinch, Holston and Little Pigeon as of late.

The Clinch has had some good schedules for floating. I've been putting in at Millers and catching the morning pulse to get by the island then fishing dry/droppers and double nymph rigs under indicators. The fish are very spooky and require a little longer cast and longer leaders than in the spring of the year. Pheasant Tails and midges are on the menu. We've seen some very large Rainbows and Browns this year, although hooking them is another story. I've also heard reports of a couple of Brookies that were landed and inside the slot!

Brad and John from the shop have been hitting the Holston more than I have. Brad has reported hatches of sulphurs and caddis in a couple of different sizes. They've lost some big fish in the last couple of weeks and landed some really nice ones. I fished it a couple of weeks ago and had a blast using size 18 dark elk hair caddis, however the body of the naturals were a brighter green than the fly I was using. It didn't seem to matter too much as I caught my fair share.

Last week we had seven students in our Beginner Fly Fishing class. We fished not far from the store and everyone caught some smallies. The fish didn't seem to be too picky as we caught them on size 12 Parachute Adams, poppers and size 10 wooly buggers. We didn't hook anything huge, but everyone had a blast.

Store News We've had some great turnouts for our Fly Fishing 101 class. The class is held every Saturday morning in July from 9:00 am to noon. All participants will receive a \$15 savings card and a Free TU Membership! I think this event will help bring some new folks to the sport and also to Trout Unlimited. If you know of anyone that might like to join have them give us a shout (865) 774-4162

I'd also like to say thank you to the TU members who have helped us teach the class. We will also more than likely continue this event on through August as well. Thanks

Tightlines, Kris Maurer, Orvis Fly Fishing Manager, Orvis - Sevierville

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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fishing seminars, schools and tying classes

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mornings from 9am to
noon.

Lynn Camp Prong Work

Thanks to everyone who has signed up, we are close to having at least two volunteers each work day. Given the short notice of changes due to weather, the help is very much appreciated. We need at least one more volunteer each day for this coming Wednesday and Thursday and one day next week. See the attached schedule update for details, including meeting times and things to bring.

If you can help or have corrections, please call or e-mail me. **Charlie Chmielewski**
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