

# Trout Unlimited

## Little River Chapter

Next Meeting  
Thursday  
July 27th

*River John's*  
**4134 Cave Mill  
Rd, Maryville,  
TN 37804**



## President's Thoughts

**Meeting Change Announcement:** July is the month for picnics. LRCTU July's meeting will be held at River Johns on July 27 for our picnic meeting. This will be a joint picnic with the Smoky Mountain Chapter. The dinner will start about 6:30PM but come early and bring your fly rod to fish the water around the island. Be sure to bring a dish to share. For you guys that don't cook, cake, pies, cookies and pudding are always good. The Chapters will provide burgers and dogs. Also bring a comfortable chair to rest in.

I just came back from a visit to the in-laws. The brother-in-law has a cabin in the southern tier of New York below the Finger Lakes. Joyce and I always take the fishing gear when we travel. You never know when a fishing opportunity will present itself. A little research found the Cohocton or Conhocton River, depending on who you talk to, it is



a brown trout and small mouth bass fishery. I enjoy my in-laws immensely but who can pass up the chance to wade a trout stream. Joyce and I both caught nice brown trout and a few small mouth bass. A very successful visit.

Hannah Tulley, who is our chapter treasurer, called the other day to say that she will have to resign from the treasurer position. She and Pat are bring a new Tulley into the world so the Chapter will need to find a new treasurer. Those interested give call 403-2832 or e-mail [ernest.frey@comcast.net](mailto:ernest.frey@comcast.net).

Come and join us for a picnic at River John's on Thursday July 27.



## 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TROUT ADVENTURE CAMP SUCCESS!!

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual TN Council TU Trout Camp concluded on July 24<sup>th</sup> after a week of fly fishing-related activities based at Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont. Camp was a success, both due to a great group of campers and great group of over 40 volunteers who assisted with various camp activities. Of the

adult volunteers 2 deserve special mention; Sean Fagen of the Overmountain Chapter and Russ Ambrose of the Cherokee Chapter who were this year's Counselors; that meant they spent the most time with our campers



including sleeping in tents and herding the campers to their activities. Without these guys the camp couldn't go. Little River Chapter supplied over 10 volunteers including some activity leads. Thanks to all members who helped in some way; the success of the camp relies on your willingness and



commitment to passing your fishing skills and commitment to conservation on to a younger generation. Trout in the Classroom

All of our schools released their rainbows during the first three weeks of May. That was 11 schools, 500+ students and over 1,000 rainbows raised and released. I want to thank everyone for participating in the spring season - teachers, TIC coordinators, students, the KOA campground and the volunteers. Without all of you this wouldn't have happened.

The fall season will start in September with the tanks being set up and a new batch of eggs early October.

One of the schools has decided to no longer participate in the program. That means that there is a tank setup available for a new school. If anyone has a school that they would like to see join our program and be a TIC coordinator, or has someone that would agree to be a coordinator, let me know. I'll get the ball rolling.



## News and Other Exciting Stuff!!

### New Cleaning Station in the Smokies - Little River Outfitters, Townsend!!

In cooperation with TWRA and Little River Outfitters, LRCTU has established a boot and wader cleaning station. It's located next to the right hand side of their building, just under the stairwell. The structure was supplied by TWRA and Little River Outfitters has agreed to the weekly maintenance of it.

If you've been to an area outside of the GSMNP and have concerns about the potential of bringing aquatic invasive species into the Park, please stop by and use the station to clean your boots and waders. Any feedback is appreciated.

### Volunteer News

July has been a really busy month for volunteer work. Thanks again and as usual for great support for National Park Fisheries management.



## Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration

Four days of electro-shocking to remove any remnant rainbow trout that were not removed last year were completed. The best results expected were up to 16 adult rainbows and no newly hatched young of the year.

Things looked really good the first day with four adult rainbows found total by three separate work crews. But on the second day, young of the year trout were found in the areas of sites 5 and 6. Matt Kulp of the Park Service indicated that additional shocking at those sites and the surrounding sites would be performed. He thinks there is a good chance brook trout can be re-introduced into the stream later this year.

## Acid Deposition Sampling

Water samples were gathered on all five of the routes our chapter is responsible for. Thanks to all the volunteers and to our team leaders Rich Eitel, Richard Barnes, and Steve Young. Special thanks to David Quave for filling in as team leader for the Upper Little River route and to Chantelle Fournier for filling in as team leader for the Middle Prong of the Little Pigeon River route. Those two routes are our most difficult.

## Large Stream Samples

Large Stream Samples were also completed on three streams this month – East Prong of Little river, West Prong of Little River, and Abrams Creek.



Thanks to the volunteers who helped make those samples happen.



## **FALL CAMPING TRIP**

The Chapter fall camping trip will be held October 6 – 8 at Cataloochee campground, group site 1. It is a primitive camp with no water or electricity. The fall colors should be here, the elk will be in the valley, and of course, the fishing will be awesome. Let Ernie Frey know if you intend to come. More info to follow in later newsletters. Come join us.

### **TIE 'N LIE**

We will be meeting on July 24 at 6pm at The Casual Pint in Maryville. Getting ready for fall, the fly we will be tying is the cinnamon or October caddis. One of these caddis came into camp at Smokemont last fall at the chapter camping trip.

#### **Recipe**

Hook: # 14 or #12 dry fly

Thread: Burnt orange

Dubbing: orange

Under wing: orange CDC

Wing: Elk or deer hair



### **July 18, 2017 Large Stream IBI Sample of West Prong of Little River Volunteer List**

1. Please remember all events are weather dependent, as we cannot shock in the rain!
2. Meet at the parking lot next to bridge at confluence of Middle Prong and West prong after lunch at about 1:00 pm on Tuesday July 18.
3. Please bring waders that go at least waist high. If you have others with you who want to get into the water to help, they will need waders also. Provide Charlie a shoe size and the Park Service may be able to provide the waders. During shocking, you cannot be in the water without waders!
4. You may also want to bring your own water.
5. The work will involve assisting in an electro-shock survey of the WestProng of Little River using the IBI method (Index of Biotic Integrity). IBI is a simpler process than the three pass approach. It allows the sampling of large streams with less labor.
6. Call Charlie Chmielewski as soon as possible (865-661-7325) if something comes up and you cannot come or are running late.

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Steve Young	(m) 832-256-3228
Andy Listes & friend (Need waders size 10 shoe)	(m) 901-482-0066

**July 18, 2017 Large Stream IBI Sample of Little River  
Volunteer List**

1. Please remember all events are weather dependent, as we cannot shock in the rain!
2. Meet at the parking lot above Elkmont at 9:00 am on Tuesday July 19. Sample site just above Elkmont roughly 200m upstream of Little River trail-head.
3. Please bring waders that go at least waist high. If you have others with you who want to get into the water to help, they will need waders also. Provide Charlie a shoe size and the Park Service may be able to provide the waders. During shocking, you cannot be in the water without waders!
4. You may also want to bring your lunch and water.
5. The work will involve assisting in an electro-shock survey of the East Prong of Little River using the IBI method (Index of Biotic Integrity). IBI is a simpler process than the three pass approach. It allows the sampling of large streams with less labor.
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