

### 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., March 22

**Program:** Don Kirk, accomplished outdoors writer, publisher and Sirius radio host will be in town and will give a presentation centering mainly on the research he's doing for an upcoming book on some of the original Tennessee fly patterns and the people who tied them. Don grew up in East Tennessee and migrated south to Alabama, where he lives today with his family.



Don was a trout bum before being so was regarded as an acceptable discipline. An avid, semi-skilled fly fisherman, since the 1970s he has helped support his habit by peddling articles and books about catching trout in the Great Smoky Mountains. He has a zeal for sharing information on these waters and has never ceased his search to learn just a bit more about these flows and the men who fished them.

Published last year, his latest book, ***Ultimate Fly Fishing Guide to the Great Smoky Mountains***, joined his past books on the park that date to 1981. Currently Don and his sons are launching a new digital, flip book magazine titled, ***Southern Trout*** which will cover all aspects of fly fishing for trout in the South. He is currently working a book for Stackpole Books, titled ***Flies and Fly Patterns of the Smokies***, and a book for Wilderness Adventure Press titled, ***Flyfisher's Guide Tennessee*** which will be published in 2013.

### Trout Camp Roster Filled!

Some fortunate youths from as far away as Maryland and Illinois will be visiting the Smokies to attend this summer's Tennessee Trout Unlimited Youth Summer Camp. In all, we will have 14 kids from four different states, including ten from TN and two from KY. Three girls will be attending. Clayton Gist and Dick Geiger of Clinch River and Lori Paris of Cherokee will be chaperones.

We are sending out a call for fishing and fly tying mentors, as well as a good number of volunteers to help the kids catch some fish. Please help get the word out to interested parties. We need at least one mentor per two kids for fishing and tying. Those that served as mentors last year found it to be a rewarding experience. Read more about the camp at <http://www.tntroutadventure.org> and check with John Thurman about volunteering [jthur727@bellsouth.net](mailto:jthur727@bellsouth.net)



## Troutfest 2012 on Track

Troutfest 2012 is right around the corner and this year promises to be a great one. Come May 18-20, Townsend is where you and all of your aquatic loving friends will want to be.

The 20th anniversary showing of the movie, ***A River Runs Through It*** will be an enjoyable trip down a nostalgic path for many of us. This is something you don't want to miss.

We have a full bill of veteran and upcoming tiers who will be featured at this show. They include Mike Adams, Walter Babb, Ray Ball, Troy Basso, Bill Boyd, Jr. and Bill Boyd, Sr., Buzz Buffington, Dean Campbell, Jack Gregory, Hugh Hartsell, Anthony Hipps, Rex Wilson and Steve Yates.

Mike Bryant reports that all vendor spots in the National, or main tent, have now been filled and a waiting list created.

Our web page has been updated and is a great place to send your friends who may be interested in making a visit. You can visit it at <http://www.troutfest.org>

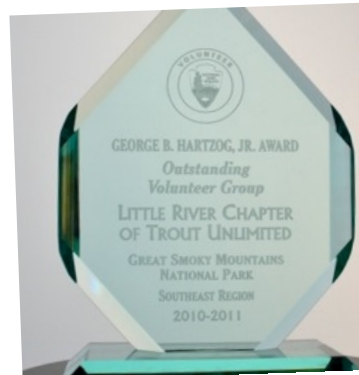
Also, a hats off to the marketing team, headed by David Anderson, that has done a great job getting the word out and to the Troutfest Journal committee who have again successfully sold enough advertising in the second edition to cover cost and make this a solid anchor piece for Troutfests to come.

## Little River Chapter Wins 2012 TU Embrace a Stream Grant

The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited has again been awarded a grant from TU National for work in sustaining and improving trout habitat in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The grant, in the amount of \$3,100 will be paid to the chapter by the end of next month.

According to a letter from TU national's John Hunt, committee chair of the Embrace a Stream program, "The 2012 grant cycle was extremely competitive and the committee worked hard to fund as many projects as possible with limited funding."

## Hartzog Award Received



LRCTU was presented on March 3rd with the Southeast Region George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The award was given at a recent National Park Service volunteers meeting.

Since 1992, the Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited has contributed over 20,000 volunteer hours in the field monitoring water quality, restoring brook trout populations, monitoring large stream fisheries, and stabilizing streambanks. In addition, the group has spent countless more hours as advocates for the park through their education and fundraising efforts. This 20-year partnership is perhaps the longest working relationship between a National Park and a TU chapter in the nation, and is one of ownership, trust and lifelong friendships.

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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