

Trout Unlimited

Little River Chapter



NEXT MEETING

Thursday

March 23rd

Calhoun's

Maryville



This month's speaker will be Brad Redmon, a Project Superintendent who converted a drainage ditch below a hatchery into a catch and release stream. His bio is seen at the end of the newsletter.

President's Corner

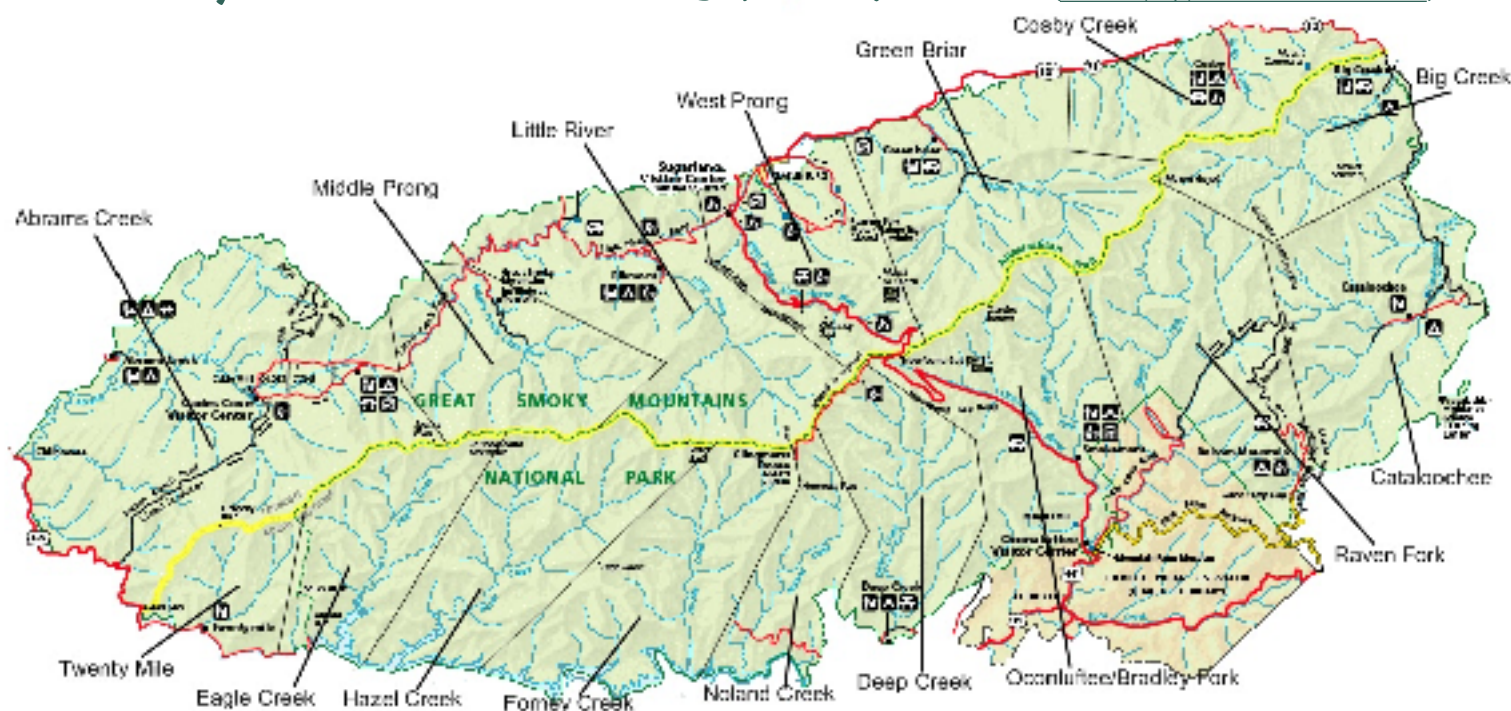
Little River Clean-up is scheduled for March 25. As of this writing on March 9, the weather is predicted to be cloudy and in the high 60's. Stan Starkey will be cooking the lunch and is preparing his famous pulled pork along with the old stand-by of hamburgers and hot dogs. Come out and help with keeping our resources clean and maybe get some fishing in after lunch.

The Southeast Regional Trout Unlimited meeting will be the week-end of April 21 in Gatlinburg. Please try to attend if possible. There are some great speakers scheduled and it should be entertaining. Mentors or "guides" may also be necessary to assist the visitors to the meeting with fishing in the area. You don't have to show them your favorite fishing hole, just help them with Smoky Mountain fishing.

I would like to thank Wendy Teffeteller and her students from the Episcopal School of Knoxville for their presentation at last month's meeting. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the students for a program that our chapter has put in place.

DO YOU KNOW THE PARK?

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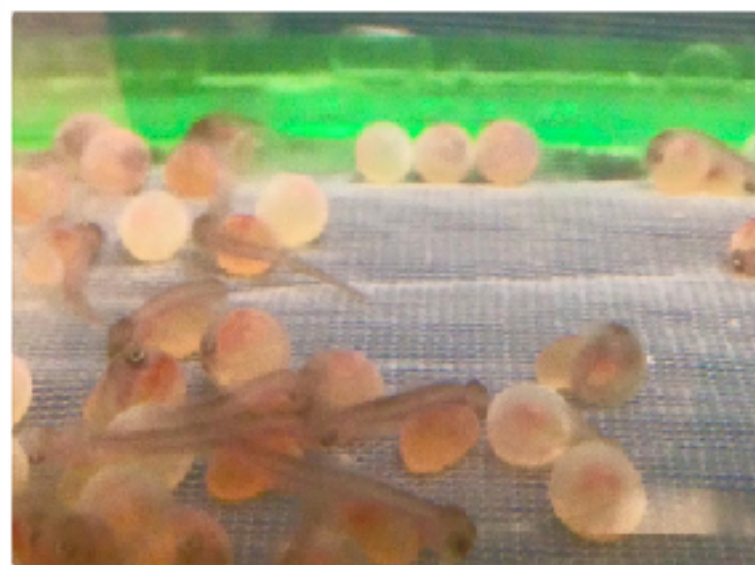
Trout in the Classroom

by Joyce Frey

We've had a very successful egg hatch at all of our schools this month. The trout are still in the alevin stage (still have the egg sac). Toward the end of the month, the students will start to teach them to eat by putting a little of the starter food into the egg basket. Once the majority of alevins have absorbed the egg sac, the basket will be lowered into the tank for them to swim into their new environment. This should happen late March.

Porter Elementary lost about 15 of their hold over fish last month. They have been raising their trout since the fall and didn't take any new eggs. They still have several fish, but may need one of the other schools to donate some fish so each of the students has at least one to release in May.

We are currently starting to plan for the releases during the first two weeks in May. In addition to the release, NPS and TWRA will be assisting with programs for the students to participate. Details, dates and volunteer requests will be coming out next month. (next page)



We are still looking for a new TIC coordinator for the Little River Montessori School in Alcoa. Remember, there are currently more than a dozen of us willing to help you learn how to be a coordinator. Please think hard about getting involved. This is a wonderful program that teaches the students to begin fostering a conservation ethic and learn to appreciate our water resources.

Contact me, I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have. You can also join any of us when we go to our schools to get a first-hand feel for what's involved. You can email me at jmfrey@comcast.net.

WHO MADE THIS STATEMENT? "Guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days."

News Worth Reading About...

Upcoming Trips: The spring trip will be at Elkmont on May 5, 6, and 7. Group Site 2. The fall trip will be to Cataloochee on October 6, 7 and 8. Group Site 1

Trail Closures: Work to demolish 29 structures at Elkmont Mountains National Park will begin on March 6th and is expected to be completed around May 26th. As a result of this work the Little River Trail will be closed each week, Monday through Friday, from March 6 to March 24. Jakes Creek Trail will be closed, Monday through Friday, March 27 to May 26 to remove 23 structures in the area known as Society Hill.

Trout Camp: Steve Young gave an update on 2017 Trout Camp. There are currently sixteen applicants with more on the way. For more detailed information contact Steve at steve_y@earthlink.net or go to www.tntroutadventure.org.

DID YOU GUESS RIGHT? *-Ben Franklin*

It's not too late to make plans...

TROUT UNLIMITED 2017

Southeast Regional Meeting

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

April 21 – 23, 2017

Come join us and be a part of the many faces of Trout Unlimited during a weekend of learning, making new friends or reconnecting with old friends and to have fun! The 2017 TU Southeast Regional Meeting will have something for everyone. Hear and participate in presentations and panels on:



- Families, Youth and TU
- New invasive species threats to the region
- New stream mapping technologies that will help protect and restore our watershed
- Womens initiatives and programs
- Youth education
- Improving communications in today's high tech world
- Tailwater water flow management and the impact on aquatic life

On Friday, there will be conservation tours. Friday night will include a social hour and a showing of the Orvis flyfishing movie (the movie is free). Saturday night we will have Calhoun's BBQ in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park!!

Everyone is welcome! The Southeast Regional Meeting will be held in iconic Gatlinburg, Tennessee nestled next to the incredible Great Smoky Mountains National Park! Enjoy the family entertainment in Gatlinburg and / or spend time in the Park fishing for wild trout only minutes away from the Glenstone Lodge. Spring time in the Smoky Mountains is magical!



Registration is still open. For more information, please click on our Regional Meeting website

www.tuseregional2017.org

The Mountains are Calling...

The Trout are Rising.....

VOLUNTEER NEWS

At the February meeting on Acid Deposition Sampling we discussed the requirements for volunteers to be able to drive government vehicles. This can potentially help you with insurance rates, and it helps with the volunteer work transporting sample teams.

As much as possible, we want each sample teams to have two or more members who can drive government vehicles. Then we have flexibility when schedule conflicts come up.

Upon request are the updated directions and information on the on-line government defensive driver course. Also available are other documents referenced in the directions. If you have any problems with getting course access or have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks for all your help.

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TIE 'N LIE: YELLOW PALMER

Let's try a redo!! Some people were not able to attend the February session and have requested that we repeat that fly, so we will be tying the Yellow Palmer again this month. It's a good fly for the spring season and as an extra bonus the Yellow Palmer isn't hard to tie. Come join us at The Casual Pint in Maryville from 6 till 8 pm on March 27.

Hook:	Standard dry fly size 12- 18
Thread:	Yellow size 8
Tail:	Grizzly and Brown Hackle Fibers
Hackle:	Grizzly and Brown
Body:	Yellow Dubbing



Chapter Meeting Speaker- March, 2017

Brad is the founder and operator of Redmon Fly Fishing. He is an avid fly fisherman with a particular interest in small stream fishing; having spent much of his life in pursuit of trout in the Appalachian Mountains and Kentucky streams. When not guiding, fishing, or tying; Brad also works with EcoGro/Ridgewater as a Field Superintendent performing stream and wetland restoration. He has been fortunate enough to couple his passion for fly fishing, knowledge of streams and hydrodynamics with his Environmental Science education. Brad also served as Project Superintendent and assisted in the design and construction of Hatchery Creek; which gave him the unique opportunity to meld his perspective on a trout's ecosystem with his career. He has a particular interest in teaching the technical skills required for successful angling and currently offers guided trips on Hatchery Creek and other small streams around the state. One of Brad's true passions is to help others become better anglers. Brad's presentation will cover the whole life of the project from day one until present to include: design, construction, monitoring and observations during the first year and of course fishing!