



Tuck Tales

Newsletter of the Tuckaseegee Chapter #373 of Trout Unlimited serving the western North Carolina counties of Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain

A Monthly Newsletter

February, 2011

Rod Raffle

Don't forget the raffle for one of Jim Mill's custom graphite rods. There was no winner again last month!

February Meeting

The February meeting will be Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st.

February Program

Our program will be provided by Jake Rash from the NCWRC. He will speak on the condition of our cold water fisheries.

February Grub Committee

Jim Mills and Dick Sellers will provide the meal for the Feb. meeting.

Email addresses needed

Your editor requests that everyone please provide updated email addresses so we can make certain our data base is up-to-date and you won't miss notification of newsletter and event emails!

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Tuckaseegee Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the first Tuesday of every month, with the exception of June, July and August, in the Community Room at the rear of the United Community Bank of Highway 107 South in Sylva at 6:30 PM. A meal is provided by the Grub Committee at a cost of \$5 per person. Guest are invited to join us at no charge.



New Trout Unlimited Program to Serve U.S. Veterans

Project will engage veterans in conservation and fly fishing.

Arlington, Va. - Trout Unlimited (TU) announces its new Veterans Service Program that will serve U.S. veterans throughout the country, through conservation projects and fly fishing instruction.

With 140,000 members and 400 chapters throughout the country, TU will engage its extensive network of volunteers to introduce wounded and returning veterans to TU's conservation work through fly fishing. Teaching fly casting basics and providing an introduction to conservation issues throughout the country, TU chapters and partner organizations will provide instruction, camaraderie and local networks of anglers to veterans around the country.

"TU members will have a greater opportunity to thank the people who have served our country in so many ways by offering the healing experience of fly fishing while at the same time, working on rivers and streams throughout the country," said Bryan Moore, Trout Unlimited's Director of Volunteer Operations. "This program will allow TU's 400 chapters to coordinate with veterans groups in a new, comprehensive manner," Moore said.

The program will receive primary funding through the generous support of the Telos Corporation.

The project will work with veteran rehabilitation groups across the country, assisting veterans in rehabilitation after physical and emotional injuries. In addition to the unique therapeutic value of fly fishing, veterans will be introduced to TU's conservation work, youth education programs and various community outreach initiatives.

Alan Folger of Hendersonville, N.C. is the project's program coordinator. Folger is a lifelong conservationist, a fly fisherman and disabled veteran. He served throughout Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

Rivercourse 2011

"The Future of Coldwater Conservation Lies In Our Youth"

The North Carolina State Council of Trout Unlimited is proud to sponsor the eighth annual N.C.T.U. Rivercourse: Coldwater Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Our program is designed to teach the ethics of coldwater conservation to our youth. The 2011 camp is scheduled for the week of June 19 - 24, 2011 at Lake Logan Center near Canton. The area features the pristine habitat and rich history of the West Fork of the Pigeon River and the mountainous region of Haywood County, North Carolina.

[Submit an application for Rivercourse 2011](#) or read the [Adobe pdf version](#) (373 KB's) and mail it via the U.S. Postal Service.



Through the use of both traditional and natural classrooms, the campers will receive instruction by volunteer experts in specialties such as geology, entomology, herpetology, stream restoration techniques, wetlands ecology, and environmental policy. In addition, fly-fishing and fly tying instruction will reinforce traditional values of patience, technique, attention to detail and a general love of the outdoors.

Our program features an all day field trip to the nearby Davidson River. Classes on riparian buffers, fish dissection, and trout raising are taught by US Forest Service and North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission personnel. Campers will participate in

the planting of native species that will become a part of the riparian buffer along the river.

Swimming is an optional activity being offered. At least one certified lifeguard will be on duty during swimming.

Campers are lodged in cottages with double occupancy rooms and private bathrooms. Adult chaperones are lodged with the campers. All meals are included and served at a modern dining hall.



TU chapters and members throughout the state contribute flies, tools, materials, and financial support to help make the camp a success. The camp staff is comprised of TU volunteers, including a camp doctor, that are committed to ensuring that the campers have an enjoyable, safe, and rewarding experience.

By impressing upon our youth of today the importance of these natural habitats to the well being of all living creatures, they will be better prepared to make a positive contribution to the future.

Sixteen boys and girls ranging from 13-15 years of age will be selected to attend camp. The cost of camp is \$595.00 for the all-inclusive week. Tuition is not due until candidates have been notified of selection.

Above information from NCTU State Council website. Tuck TU has sponsored a camper to Rivercourse for the past several years.

Doug Besler – Trout Unlimited 2010 Professional Conservationist of the Year

Doug Besler of NCWRC received the 2010 Professional Conservationist of the Year award from Trout Unlimited at its annual business meeting held in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire on September 17. He was recognized for his dedication to science-based fisheries research and management, professional service and collaborative conservation. Trout Unlimited acknowledged Doug's efforts to protect native brook trout genetics, specifically the Southern Appalachian strain, including the identification and genetic typing of all known brook trout populations in North Carolina. Doug has gained the respect of Trout Unlimited members in North Carolina through his willingness to participate at council meetings and to speak at chapter meetings.

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