

Trout Unlimited

Roanoke Chapter 308

Summer, 2011



Upcoming Events

- 7/23/11 Annual TU Picnic
- 8/13/11 Celebrate Catawba
- 8/17/11 August Chapter Meeting
- 9/14/11 September Chapter Meeting
- 10/8/11 Kids Fishing Derby at Waid
Franklin County



Looking Back, Looking Forward

This has been an exciting year so far for Roanoke TU. Our Trout in the Classroom program continues to move forward with new schools coming on board. We have new leadership with Bill Bainter as our chapter president. New By-Laws have been written and we'll be voting on them soon. Our active membership continues to grow as we do our part to conserve, protect and restore our coldwater fisheries and watersheds.

The remainder of 2011 holds a number of exciting opportunities for the Chapter. This newsletter is to provide highlights of our successes thus far this year, as well as an invitation for you to join us as we continue TU's 50-year tradition of fighting for cold, clean, fishable

Where's My Paper Newsletter?

Trout Unlimited is dedicated to the preservation of our environment. In keeping with that mission, we have made the decision to abandon paper newsletters. The Flyline will now be published online only, and will be distributed by email and available on the Chapter website.

Jack Ward – Representative for NLC

Jack Ward (past chapter president) is Virginia's representative to the Trout Unlimited National Leadership Council.

The National Leadership Council (NLC) is the volunteer body that sets the direction of TU and is made up of one representative elected from each state. Former chapter president Jack Ward has volunteered to fill that position for VA.

The NLC is tasked with establishing the National Conservation Agenda and facilitating the implementation of the National Conservation Agenda. The goals of the National Conservation Agenda include:

Protecting native trout and salmon watersheds, stream habitat and riparian zones, coldwater aquifers/groundwater and protecting against invasive species.

Reconnecting headwater tributaries to mainstems and the removal of obstructions that impede salmonid migrations.

Restoring Atlantic and Pacific Salmon, native and wild trout populations and riparian habitat.

Sustaining trout and salmon fisheries through land conservancy and education.

Jack's job will be to bring issues and concerns from Virginia to the national level and then bring decisions and initiatives from the national level back to the local council. Members also serve on work groups that focus on specific conservation or organizational issues that span more than two states. The NCL meets annually in person at the Annual Meeting and via

teleconferences throughout the year.

We are proud to have a member of our Chapter to be selected for such an important role!



Trout In The Classroom Continues to Grow!

Trout in the Classroom continues to be a major educational initiative for our chapter. We had 25 schools participating for the 2010/2011 season and we expect to have 25 schools again for this season.

Our members work with teachers at these local schools to raise trout in the classroom, thus showing the children the life cycle of trout and the importance of clean, cold water fisheries.

Last season we had releases at Wilson Creek, Roaring Run, Little Stony at the Peaks of Otter and North Creek.

Schools that participated in the 2010/2011 were:

Bath County High School

East Salem Elementary

Glenver High School

Roanoke Catholic

Andrew Lewis

Cave Spring Middle

Central Academy Middle

Reed Mountain Middle

Troutville Elementary

Roanoke Valley Christian

Fishburn Park Elementary
Environmental Education

Staunton River Middle

Craig County Middle

Hidden Valley Middle

North Cross School

Breckinridge Middle

James River High School

Glenvar Middle

William Byrd Middle

Breckenridge, Botetourt

Gereau Center, Rocky Mount

Lucy Addison Middle

Northside Middle

Stonewall Jackson Middle

As this project continues to grow, more volunteers are needed. Please contact Bill Bainter to find out what you can do to support this opportunity to invest in our youth.



Kids Fishing Events in Salem and Buchanan

We continue to educate the kids in the area---by having fun! Our chapter helped in two events earlier this year.

On May 21st Chapter 308 helped with the Kiwanis Kids Fishing Day held at Hope Tree in Salem (formally the Virginia Baptist Children's Home).

This was not a fly fishing event, but trout fishing in a pond. The kids were allowed to keep what they caught.

Our volunteers served as guides and helped baiting hooks, removing fish and assisting with tackle.



On June 4th, the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries sponsored a Kids Fishing Derby at the Fair ground in Buchanan, VA. Chapter 308 teamed up with Orvis in Roanoke to have fly tying and fly casting demonstrations as well as an exhibit showing the importance of cold water fisheries in our area.

In addition the chapter donated an LL Bean fly fishing rod and reel package. Orvis also donated a rod and reel package and several other items to the event. Bob Crawshaw tied flies and helped the kids understand the importance of aquatic insects in determining the condition of cold water streams. All of the flies were given to the children. Several other volunteers gave casting demonstrations and helped the kids in casting themselves.



2011 Annual Picnic

ROANOKE TU PICNIC

JULY 23, 2011

Wysor Smith's Property
Craig County

Date/Time: Saturday, July 23, 2011 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Who: Roanoke TU members, family and guests

Fare: The chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs with all the fixin's plus soft drinks and water. Members are asked to bring a side dish or desert, your favorite beverage and your fly rod.

Schedule: 10:00 Arrive for Setup – Picnic Committee

12:00 Open for Members

1:00 Enjoy Picnic lunch

2:00 – 5:00 Fish and socialize with other members, family and guests

Fishing: Fishing will be allowed in Wysor's lakes: Catch and Release, Barbless Hooks

RSVP: Please RSVP to Bill Bainter via email to billb@roanoketu.org if you plan to attend and how many will be attending. We need a good count in order to plan for the picnic.

Announcements

Program Ideas?

As a Chapter we pride ourselves on the strength of our monthly programs. From fishing guides to state conservation officers, we work hard every month to provide speakers on a wide variety of topics of interest to our members. If you have an idea for an exciting program topic, please contact Whit Ellerman.

Photos/News Letter Items

Please send you ideas for news letter items and photos to Steve Minnix at sminnix@esco.net

Conservation Efforts

Glade Creek

Continuing our conservation and restoration efforts on Glade Creek, we have begun a program of temperature monitoring on the creek. Temperature probes through the month of July showed encouraging results. We plan to add six more probes to in Glade Creek, and will report the results in Chapter meetings to come.

Gathright Hydro Project

Led by Marvin Huffman, our Chapter has taken an active role throughout the public comment and regulatory approval process related to the proposed installation of a generator on the intake tower on Gathright Dam on the Jackson River. Our comments, as well as DEQ's response to those comments, will be posted on the Chapter website.

Project Healing Waters

We have had a good summer with Project Healing Waters, the program where TU volunteers fish with veterans at the VA Medical Center in Salem. If you are interested in participating in this tremendously rewarding program, contact Bill Bainter for more information.

By-Law Changes

TU National has mandated that all chapters adopt new by laws that will more uniform throughout the country. Our chapter's by laws have been written and will be voted on in the September chapter meeting.

A copy of the existing by-laws and the proposed new by-laws will be posted on the chapter web site for your review.

Please make every effort to attend the September 21st meeting to vote for these proposed changes.



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