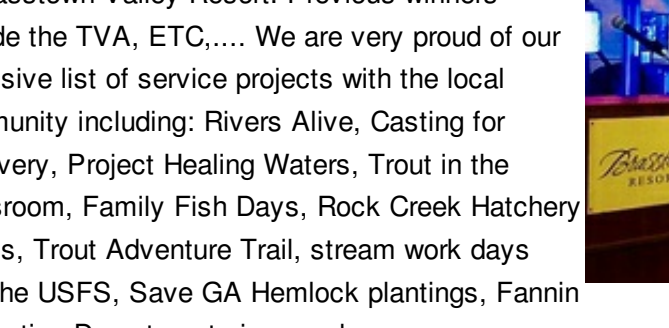


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CHAPTER MEETING

Chapter Meeting for February will be at Faith Presbyterian Church 9 AM Saturday Feb 10th. Our program this month will be presented by Bill Oyster. Come talk with Bill about rod building and may of his other interests and ventures.



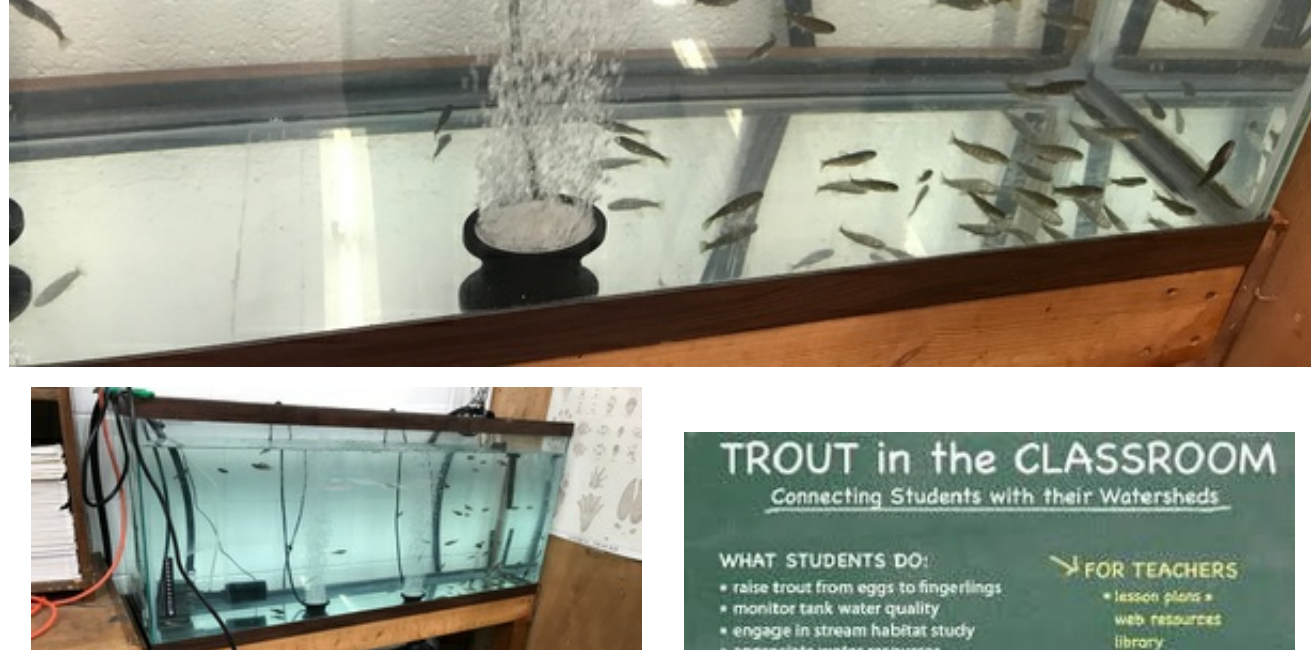
SERVICE

Blue Ridge Mountain TU was awarded the Fannin County **Community Service Award** by the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce Jan 27 at an award banquet at Brasstown Valley Resort. Previous winners include the TVA, ETC..... We are very proud of our extensive list of service projects with the local community including: Rivers Alive, Casting for Recovery, Project Healing Waters, Trout in the Classroom, Family Fish Days, Rock Creek Hatchery events, Trout Adventure Trail, stream work days with the USFS, Save GA Hemlock plantings, Fannin Recreation Department signs and many more.



TU EDUCATION

BRM TU will be working with Fannin County High School teacher, Cherie White, and her students to develop a Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program there. The equipment is set up and running. The 4 month old fingerlings have been delivered. Students will learn to take care of the trout with duties including: feeding, tank cleaning, ammonia control, water purity and water temp management - all which dovetail nicely with their class curriculum. See Roger Johnson, Carl Riggs or Mel Richardson for more information. [Read More http://www.tu.org/TIC](http://www.tu.org/TIC)



Trout in the Classroom set up at Fannin High School.



CONSERVATIONS PROGRAMS

What is the Trout

Adventure Trail?

The Trout Adventure Trail® is a "do it yourself" and "plan your own" hiking and learning experience for kids of all ages along legendary trails in the Chattahoochee National Forest in north Georgia. It is designated by the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce as one of the top-12 wintertime activities in the region.

The Trout Adventure Trail offers individual hikers, families and organized groups the opportunity to hike, learn and earn a distinctive commemorative award patch as recognition of the commitment to outdoor education, conservation and accomplishment.

Trout Adventure Trail

[Read More Trout Adventure Trail](#)

TROUT ADVENTURE TRAIL

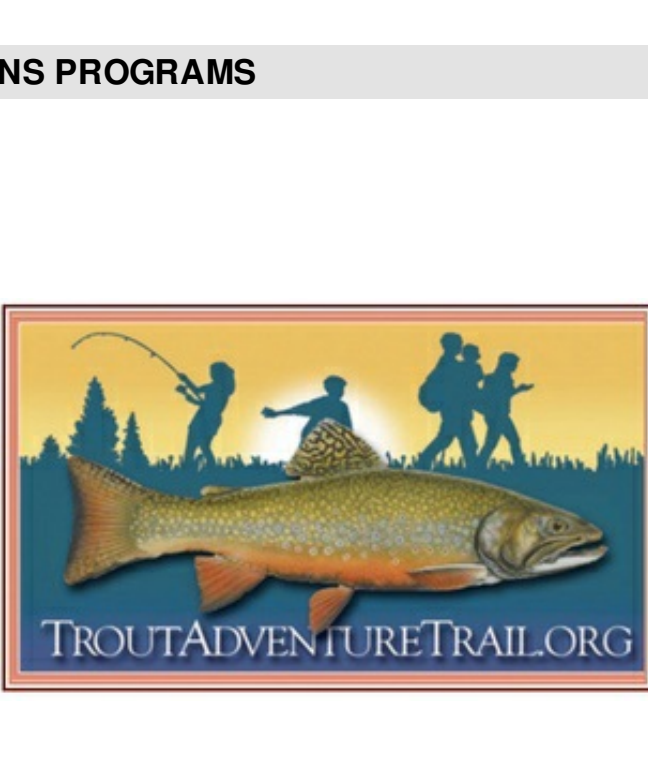
CHAPTER ACTIVITY

Where; Three Forks on the Appalachian Trail
When; 9 AM - 4 PM
What; promote The Trout Adventure Trail in the general area. Hand out maps, water, patches to those who complete the 2.5,10,12 mile loops

This is a great opportunity for the Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter to educate people about the importance of cold water resources, Hemlocks and getting kids outdoor.

What to bring; camp chair, sack lunch/drinks, fishing gear, hiking gear

If you don't have tent duty, you are free to hike to Springer Mountain or Long Creek Falls. You can also fish, Noontootla, Stover, Long, Lovinggood Creeks which are all in the area.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 2, 3 Fly Fishing Show. Infinite Energy Center; Fri-Sat, Opens at 9 AM
- Feb 10 Blue Ridge Trout Unlimited Chapter Meeting; 9 AM
- Feb 16 Plant Hemlocks, West Fannin Elementary School; 1 PM
- Feb 22 Fishin Days Amicolola Delayed Harvest 8 AM Meet at Roses Lot
- March 17 GA TU Council Meeting, Chattahoochee Nature Center Roswell
- March 24 Hoot on the Hooch, Helen, GA; 5-9 PM
- March 31 Trout Adventure Trail Activity 9 AM-4PM
- April 14th Fly Fishing Film Festival, Young Harris College; 6 PM

FLY FISHING & FLY TYPING TIPS

<https://www.blueridgetflyfishing.com/>

Toccoa River Tailwater Hatch Chart, courtesy of Unico Outfitters
<http://www.unicooutfitters.com/index.shtml>

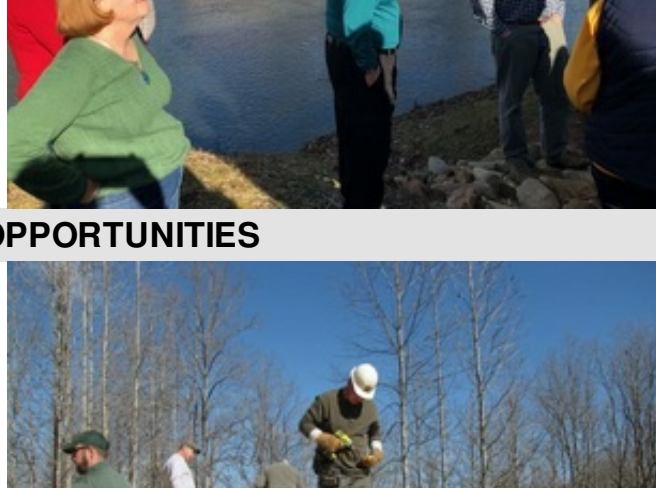
<http://www.gon.com/fishing/georgia-trout-fishing>

<http://www.gjinkandgasoline.com/>



MEMBER NEWS

The new Fannin County Welcome Center is now open in McCaysville. Blue Ridge Trout Unlimited helped clean up the Toccoa River in front of the newly updated facility. We will be installing a new information sign riverside of the building, about where members are standing in the picture. Members attending the dedication ceremonies: Doris Riggs, Peggy Reich, Lynn Brincks, Richard Wagner, Carl Riggs, and Jim Reich.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We gave back and supported our fellow Gold Rush TU Chapter in Dahlonega. On Jan 19th and 20th Gold Rush started the building of a Bath House for the middle schoolers at the camp. Additional work days will be scheduled in the near future.



Dream Trip:

Five days hosted fishing / six nights lodging in Idaho July 22 ? 27, 2018. Tickets are \$10 and benefit Georgia Council of #Trout Unlimited conservation and educational programs. The flyer is available at this link:

<http://georgiatu.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/2018-TU-DreamTrip-flyer.pdf>

[Read More](#)



CHAPTER FISHING DAY:

February 22nd 8AM-2PM weather permitting Amicolola River Delayed Harvest Dawsonville Ga

The Ami DH is a nice three mile section with pools, ripples and shoals.

Flies; Woolly Buggers, San Juan worms, egg patterns, pheasant tails, hares ears, Rainbow warriors sizes 14-16, mop flies

What to bring; sack lunch, drinks, camp chair, wading staff, change of clothes

We will carpool from the Roses parking lot in Blue Ridge leaving at 8am. Direction; 515 south to Ellijay, hwy 52 towards Dahlonega, Hwy 136 towards Dawsonville. Go 6.2 miles to Sweetwater Juno Rd on the right, 2.1 Miles to Steel Bridge Rd on the right, cross steel bridge and parking lot is on the left

Come join in the fun.



TROUT FEST

Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Fest

Sponsored by: Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited #696 ? Supporting cold water fishery conservation in north Georgia!

The Blue Ridge Trout Festival & Outdoor Adventures

Designated in 2016 by State

Legislature as the Official Trout

Festival of Georgia!

Saturday ~ April

28, 2018

10 am to 5 pm

In the Downtown City Park

in gorgeous Blue Ridge,

Georgia

\$5 admission at the gate (12 and under free)

Leashed dogs welcomed

Celebrate Trout

Fishing in the Trout

Capital of Georgia

with the

3rd Annual Blue

Ridge Trout

Festival & Outdoor

Adventures!

Located just 90 minutes north of Atlanta and 60 minutes from Chattanooga (directions), the Festival combines trout fishing and outdoor recreation in the historic district of Georgia's Blue Ridge. Enjoy adventure outfitters, local fishing guides, conservation information, lodging services, home decor and gifts, fly making, art, outdoor clothing and fishing gear, fishing seminars ... not to mention our amazing Food Truck Alley and Beer Garden!

<http://blueridgetroutfest.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/BlueRidgeTroutFestival?ref=ts>

[Read More](#)



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The BRMTU Board of Directors and chapter officers encourage your participation in club leadership, activities and events, and solicit your comments and suggestions for improving the chapter's direction and commitment to its Mission Statement and support of Trout Unlimited. Please contact any of the standing officers to share your ideas and to volunteer for chapter leadership positions and committees.

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