



# Newsletter November 2021

## News from the Spring Creek Chapter of TU

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### Holiday Party



Join us on Friday, December 10th at the Pleasant Gap American Legion for our annual Holiday Party from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Various soft drinks and alcoholic beverages will be provided by the Chapter. The Chapter will also provide the main dish, we encourage participants to bring a side/dessert to share. **Registration is required.**

[Register HERE](#)

### Annual Redd Count



It is once again time for the annual Spring Creek Redd Count! For those who are unaware, a Redd count involves teams of volunteers counting and mapping Redds (trout nests). The Redd Count provides invaluable data used in assessing the continued health of the trout population in Spring Creek.

The 2021 Redd Count will be taking place on Sunday, November 21st from 10 AM to 3 PM at Spring Creek Park. As always, hot food and coffee, as well as equipment for the volunteers will be provided.

Please contact John to Volunteer: [j.himesusc@gmail.com](mailto:j.himesusc@gmail.com)

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### VSP 2022 Fly Fishing Education Series



The Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce three 2022 Winter Season opportunities to learn about and enjoy the sport of fly fishing or improve your existing skills. Please read carefully to select the program that best meets your needs and skill level.

This education program is open to all who are interested and is administered and provided by the Veterans Service Program of Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited. It is free and open to the community.

All sessions will be held on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:15pm at the South Hills School of Business and Technology in State College, PA located at 480 Waupelani Dr, State College.

Contact Larry Ragan, SCCTU VSP Training Coordinator at [lcr1@psu.edu](mailto:lcr1@psu.edu) for more information.

### **Beginners Fly Tying Course**

An introduction to the art and science of fly-tying. All materials and equipment will be provided.

January 22, 29-February 5 and 12

Contact Larry Ragan, [lcr1@psu.edu](mailto:lcr1@psu.edu) to register.

### **Intermediate Fly Tying Course**

This class will consist of a maximum of eight (8) seasoned fly tyers with their own vises (a few vises are available for intermediate students) and tools and a more than "basic knowledge" of fly tying. Course materials will be provided.

Contact Dan Kerstetter, [paflyfisher777@gmail.com](mailto:paflyfisher777@gmail.com) to register.

January 22, 29-February 5 and 12

**SPECIAL NOTE:** This course requires a minimum of three individuals to be offered.

### **Fly Fishing 101**

An introduction to the basics of fly-fishing including equipment, tackle selection, insects, flies, and streams, approaches, and techniques.

February 19, 26 - March 5, and 12 (March 19 makeup if needed)

(all instructors are to-be-determined)

Registration: onsite

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## **Veteran Service Program**

On November 12th, the Veterans Service Program of Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited was honored for our work with Veterans by the Young Republican Clubs of Centre and Clinton Counties. Pictured below, Bob Sills, received a Flag, that was presented by Congressmen "GT" Glenn Thompson, for our dedication to helping the military community in Centre County. An auction followed the dinner and presentation which will result in a substantial donation to our program. Bob Julianne Sills, Dan and Joan Kerstetter, Fran and Dick Stevenson and Boa Cross attended the event. Dan donated two of the Fly Tying Books that he authored to the auction. Both generated multiple bids contributing to the success of the evening.



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## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be on Monday, January 10th, 6pm-8pm via [Zoom](#). The nomination committee would like to present the following candidates who are eligible for re-election: Jamie SanFilippo, President and John Himes, Jr. Vice President. Please send all Board nominations to [president@springcreektu.org](mailto:president@springcreektu.org).

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## Annual Banquet: Save the Date!

Our Annual Banquet will be held in-person on Saturday, March 19th at Mountain View Country Club. To make a donation to our live or silent auctions, contact Ford, [FordStryker@gmail.com](mailto:FordStryker@gmail.com). More details to come!



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## Lemont Bulletin

Judi Sittler, our Youth Education Committee Chair was once again featured in the Lemont Bulletin. She represented the Chapter by writing a piece titled: Protecting Spring Creek. Be sure to check it out!

[Download Article Here](#)



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## Youth Education Committee

Our Youth Education Committee was very active this year. The Spring/Summer of 2021 we were able to provide three STREAM Girls programs for the Girl Scouts at Golden Pond. We also assisted the Boy Scouts catch fish on Sayers Lake at Bald Eagle State Park and participated in the YMCA's Trunk or Treat event. Now that schools are back in session, we will be supporting 7 Trout in the Classroom (TIC) programs plus our famous State College YMCA "Y Trout" program.

Thank you to our Youth Outreach Committee: Hazel Stryker, John Graham, Larry Ragan, Judi Sittler

Thank you to the many volunteers who gave so many hours helping kids learn about coldwater streams and the joys of catching a fish: Larry Ragan, John Graham, Sara Mueller, Jan Mutmansky, John McCullough, Dick Leah, Rachel Kester, Maureen Garthwaite, Dave DeWalle, Ashley Wilmont, Rebecca Holler as well as several volunteers from the Lloyd Wilson and John Kennedy TU chapters.



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Contact Judi to learn how you can get involved with our Youth Education Committee: [JLSittler@comcast.net](mailto:JLSittler@comcast.net)

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## The Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

**Title:** The Senior Environmental Corps: Volunteers Monitoring Water Quality

**Author:** Betsie Blumberg, Member of the Atlas Workgroup and CCPaSEC

Every month members of the local chapter of the Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps revisit a Centre County stream to check on its health. Divided into 13 teams, members meet at their team's designated stream to pursue two objectives: 1) to monitor the water quality and physical condition of their stream and alert the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection when data are out of the "healthy" range, and 2) to get together outdoors to enjoy comradery while observing what's happening in the environment.

The [ccpasec.org](http://ccpasec.org) website contains much more information about the program, monitoring protocols, site locations, etc. For information about joining, call the Centre County Senior Volunteer Office at 814-355-6816. The more people who join, the more teams can be organized, and thus more streams can be monitored. [Click HERE to read more!](#)

[Centre County Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps Newsletter](#)



