



## Newsletter February 2022

### News from the Spring Creek Chapter of TU

Visit our website for the most current information about Volunteer Opportunities, Conservation Projects, and more!

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### ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION & SWEEPSTAKES!

Our annual fundraising Auction and two Sweepstakes for fishing rods are almost ready to go! Keep an eye out for an email in the near future with links to all the fundraisers. Bidding will end on March 19th. All proceeds benefit local conservation, youth education programs, veteran outreach, and more. There is something for everyone!



Contact Ford for more information: [fordstryker@gmail.com](mailto:fordstryker@gmail.com)

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## The Mayfly Project

We will be having an online fundraiser, benefiting [The Mayfly Project](#), in lieu of our annual in-person Bid for a Cause. Click the link to support a local project:

<http://scctu.tulocalevents.org/2022projectmayfly>



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Keystone Coldwater Conference



# Learning from the Past, Adapting for the Future

February 25-26, 2022

Ramada Inn Conference Center  
State College, PA

The [Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited](#) will host the biannual Keystone Coldwater Conference in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Fisheries Society February 25-26, 2022 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College, Pennsylvania.

Each year the conference provides an opportunity for grassroots conservation organizations, environmental professionals, college faculty, staff, and students to share ideas, concepts, and network in order to protect, conserve and restore Pennsylvania's cold-water resources.

Join the SCCTU in supporting the 2022 conference by registering [HERE](#).

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## Save the Date! Family Fishing Picnic Sunday, June 5th 1pm-5pm

Chilly winter day? Think warm thoughts... A warm, Sunday afternoon in early June. Sun glistening on the [Tussey Mountain Pond](#), in Boalsburg, PA, Hot Dogs grilling under the pavilion where friendly folks offer information, experience touch and explore table activities, or sip lemonade. Tony the Trout brings smiles to faces and treats for the young at heart! The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission provides Rods 'n Tackle, handouts and expertise. Bait your hook on us, cast and catch a fish. Volunteers provide help with fishing, demo knot tying, fly casting, and a variety of other family oriented activities. Mark your calendar, tell you friends and consider how you might help make this day special as we partner others for this [Centred Outdoors](#) public event. Actual event is Sunday, June 5th, 2022 from 1 to 5 PM at Tussey Mountain Pond. Set up before or pack up after; all help appreciated.

Contact Hazel Stryker to offer your time or with questions.  
814-360-4117





## February General Meeting

### **Heather Sees: The Mayfly Project**

Thursday, February 3rd at 7:30pm via Zoom



The Mayfly Project is a 501(c)(3) national organization that uses fly fishing as a catalyst to mentor and support children in foster care. The

Mission of The Mayfly Project is to support children in foster care through fly fishing and introduce them to their local water ecosystems, with a hope that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for foster children to have fun, build confidence, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors. Click [HERE](#) to support your local project.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86170244785>

## March General Meeting

### Ben Hayes: Landscape Memory: A Natural History of Some of our Local Waters

Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30pm via Zoom

The watersheds of central Pennsylvania have a fascinating geologic and anthropogenic history that is relevant to fly fishers today. Learn how streams "remember" events in their past and how the fingerprints of these events can be detected on the landscape. Awareness of these memories will enrich your fly fishing experience and help you determine what stream restoration approaches will be the most effective in the future.

Ben is a professor of Watershed Sciences and Engineering at Bucknell University, specializing in fluvial geomorphology and stream restoration. A member of the R.B. Winter chapter of TU, he loves tying flies and fishing streams near his home in Mifflinburg, PA.



Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://bucknell.zoom.us/j/95235061315?  
pwd=MFYvYnRWelZY09FWVlwZWU5ZkZXUT09](https://bucknell.zoom.us/j/95235061315?pwd=MFYvYnRWelZY09FWVlwZWU5ZkZXUT09)

Meeting ID: 952 3506 1315

Password: 478518

## Women Anglers

The Women Anglers had an outstanding 2021: 196 women attended 11 events! That is 30 more women than in 2020. Using funds from the Jean Brenchley endowment, we provided professional instruction for many of our fishing outings, which was the reason for the increase in attendance. For 2022, we will continue with professional instruction for our fishing outings. We have a number of events already planned:

- January 30: Ashley Wilmont, Member of the first United States Women's Fly Fishing Team (Zoom)
- February 27: 12th Annual Joe Humphreys Film Festival (Schlow Library)
- March TBD: Amidea Daniel's Steelhead Fishing (Location TBD)
- April 24: Tom Doman guides us on Penns Creek
- May 15: Jamie SanFilippo guides us. (Location TBD)

If women would like to attend or to learn more about the Women Anglers, please contact Diane Brown at [dmb490@gmail.com](mailto:dmb490@gmail.com).



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**Make a Donation**  
Support Local Conservation



## Spring Creek TU Needs Your Help!



[bit.ly/supportscctu](https://bit.ly/supportscctu)



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## Watershed Clean-up Day

**Volunteers needed!**

Watershed Clean-up Day is the morning of Saturday, April 23rd.  
Times and locations are TBD.

Contact Jim to volunteer: [jrp5357@gmail.com](mailto:jrp5357@gmail.com)



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## VSP 2022 Fly Fishing Education Series Update



As previously communicated, the 2022 offering **Beginners Fly Tying Course** and **Intermediate Fly Tying Course** have been cancelled.

An assessment will be made as offering of **Fly Fishing 101** currently scheduled for February 19, 26 - March 5, and 12 (March 19 makeup if needed). Additional information will be available a.s.a.p.

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.

Congratulations to Ray Faczan on being appointed as the new Veteran Service Program Chair! Contact Ray for any VSP related questions: [rfaczan@aol.com](mailto:rfaczan@aol.com)

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## Youth Education Committee

### **Trout in the Classroom Update**

The SCCTU-sponsored Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program, on hiatus since 2020 is scheduled to back in operation by February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The TIC is an environmental education program in which students in grades k-12 learn about the care and protection of cold-water fisheries by raise trout from eggs to fry. Most programs end the year by releasing their trout in a state-approved stream near the school or within a nearby watershed.



Past participating hosting sites include:

- Bald Eagle Area High School
- Bellefonte Middle School
- Bellefonte YMCA (new in 2022)
- Delta Program (SCASC)
- Mountaintop Area Elementary School
- Penns Valley Middle School
- State College Area Family YMCA



## A Tribute to the Founder of the Spring Creek Chapter of TU



University officials chose the wrestling event as an apt backdrop to announce the receipt of an anonymous gift that will honor Humphreys' legacy and provide substantial financial support to Penn State's fly fishing program. The \$250,000 endowment will help to secure the program's status as a top-tier educational leader in the sport of angling. The College of Health and Human Development, which houses the program within the Department

of Kinesiology, will honor the donor's request to rename the program the Joe Humphreys Fly Fishing Program in recognition of the contributions that Humphreys made through 19 years of teaching and half a century of advocacy and fundraising.

Click [HERE](#) to read more!

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## The Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

**Title:** Monitoring Efforts in the Watershed: Water Resources Monitoring Project

**Author:** Lexi Orr

The Spring Creek Water Resources Monitoring Project (WRMP) is conducted in partnership with the Keystone Water Resources Center, a publicly-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to collecting data on the water resources of Pennsylvania. The mission of the WRMP is to collect scientifically useful water quality and quantity data and make those data available to the public and to educate the public on surface and groundwater resources, with a focus on the Spring Creek Watershed. The WRMP, initiated in 1998 under the auspices of the Spring Creek Watershed Association, was organized by residents interested in the conservation of the watershed. Until 2019, the project was housed and fiscally managed at ClearWater Conservancy. The WRMP maintains a database of stream level, temperature, water quality and groundwater level data, which is annually published in a report and is publicly available upon request. Data requests can also be made directly to the project office: [lexie@kestonewaterresources.org](mailto:lexie@kestonewaterresources.org) or through the website.

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