

Newsletter March 2023

News from the Spring Creek Chapter of TU

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Slab Cabin Run

Slab Cabin was first identified as an impaired stream in 2001. Efforts to restore portions of the stream have played into a larger strategy of revamping PA waterways to send less polluted runoff downstream to the Chesapeake Bay. In 2013, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission found enough wild trout in Slab Cabin Run to classify it as a Class A wild trout stream and recommend it for further conservation safeguards from the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Unfortunately, over 200 of PA's top wild trout streams qualify for the highest conservation safeguards at the DEP, but the agency has failed to implement these protections. Tell the DEP to clear the backlog.

[Click Here](#)



Last Call!

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Register for our [Annual Fundraising Banquet](#) on Saturday, March 18th at [Mountain View Country Club](#).

Visit our [website](#) to bid on our Online Auction items!

Contact Ford for more information: fordstryker@gmail.com

REGISTER HERE



Cedar Run Project

In February, board members Bob and Ford went on a site visit to Cedar Run with Congressman G.T. Thompson to review our recently completed project. Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited partnered with USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, Foundation for California Community Colleges, and NRCS to address habitat and stream bank erosion problems on this major tributary to Spring Creek.



Check out our Premium Sweepstakes



Take a shot at winning an Orvis Helios 3F 10'6 ft, 3wt euro-nymphing rod. It is paired with the new Orvis Hydros II euro-nymphing reel and Hydros Tactical Nymph line with backing. Donated by [Flyfisher's Paradise](#). A retail value of \$1,350!

[Enter Sweepstakes](#)

Save the Date!

[The Fly Fishing Film Tour](#), F3T, will be shown on Wednesday, May 3rd, 7pm at the [State Theatre](#). Part of the proceeds benefit the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited. More details to come!

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FLY FISHING FILM TOUR

2023

STATE COLLEGE, PA
THE STATE THEATRE
May 3, 2023 | 7:00PM



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TOUR INFO AND TICKETS AT FLYFILMTOUR.COM



April General Meeting
Dry Fly Fishing with Dennis Charney
Thursday, April 6th at 6pm



Join us at the [Comfort Suites](#) in State College on Thursday, April 6th at 6pm. [Dennis Charney](#) from [Flyfisher's Paradise](#) will be discuss dry fly fishing tactics and techniques.

Contact Christ for more information: lipfert42@gmail.com

The Mayfly Project

Our friends from [The Mayfly Project](#) are looking for a Lead Mentor for the State College project. Email Kaitlyn to find out more:
Kaitlin@themayflyproject.com

The Mayfly Project is a national non-profit on a mission to support children in foster care with the sport of fly fishing. Their goal is to not only teach children in foster care how to fly fish, but to also introduce them to their local water ecosystems, knowing that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for them to: have fun, build self-esteem, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors.

LEAD MENTOR WANTED

Bring people together in the community
and change the lives of children in foster
care with local fly fishing adventures!

VOLUNTEER LEAD MENTOR POSITION AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT, 2023

Looking for a lead that is organized, has time to
develop the local program, and is a fun leader
for kids and mentors.

Please email us to find out more:
kaitlin@themayflyproject.com



THE MAYFLY PROJECT

PA's Wild Trout Streams Need Your Voice

Did you know, Pennsylvania is home to 16,000 miles of wild trout streams?

Thanks to the Fish and Boat Commission, new Wild Trout waters and Class A Wild Trout streams have been proposed for upgraded designation. With your help, we can secure protections for these additional streams from development and pollution. Take action today!

[Respond Here](#)

Help us Welcome our Spring Intern!



James Lose is 33 years old and grew up in Bellefonte. He has been happily married for 9 years and has 4 kids ages ranging from 6 to 13. James is currently in his senior year at Lock Haven University pursuing a bachelor's degree in Outdoor Recreation Management and minoring in Environmental Studies. Some things he enjoys in his free time are family camping trips, hikes, visiting State Parks, occasional spin fishing and fly fishing. James is what we call Backyard Pitmaster or a person who smokes meats.

Women Anglers

Halena Fischer and Ashley Wilmont provided outstanding guidance as Spring Creek Chapter TU Women Anglers tied flies at Schlow Library in January. Ashley Wilmont, whose US Women's Fly Fishing Team placed 4th in Norway last summer offered support as Halena, led us through tying Thread Body and Perdigon flies. The SCCTU were pleased to support Halena's teaching debut, as she strives to join the US Youth Fly Fishing Team. A shout out to Larry Ragan, Dan Van Winkle and Dan Kerstetter for organizing fly tying kits for this event!

Our annual February Film Fest with Joe Humphreys offered an opportunity to learn a bit of American History as well as beautiful stream shots on the Watauga River in North Carolina. It's always a pleasure seeing Joe play with fish, and vice versa. We appreciate chapter president Jaime SanFilippo making the Teen Room at the YMCA available to us this year.



If anyone would like to learn more about the Women Anglers, please contact Diane Brown at dmb490@gmail.com

Veteran Service Program

The VSP-sponsored Fly-Tying instructional program was once again offered as an outreach service of The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Larry Ragan and SCCTU board-member Richard Novak provided instruction for the Intro to Fly Tying class. Twelve individuals from across the community as well as several PSU students participated in the event and learned the basics of fly-tying techniques. Special thanks to the support team of Bob Igo, Bob Cross, Dan VanWinkle, and Dick and Fran Stevenson.

Fly Fishing 101 was well attended this year with 25 registrants and a few more on the waiting list! Launching March 4th, this class provides an overview of the sport of fly fishing. Participants rig up a rod at each class, tie on a fly and, weather permitting, attempt to catch one of the trophy trout from the lawn of the South Hills School of Business and Technology! This four week program culminates with an on-stream exercise (weather permitting) at Fisherman's Paradise in April.

Contact Ray for more information: rfaczan@aol.com



Youth Education Committee

Our Youth Education Committee is seeking volunteers! If you want to assist some of our youth with a little fishing in a pond, please join the STREAM Keepers Team.

Who: STREAM Girls/Keepers

When: April 29, 2023

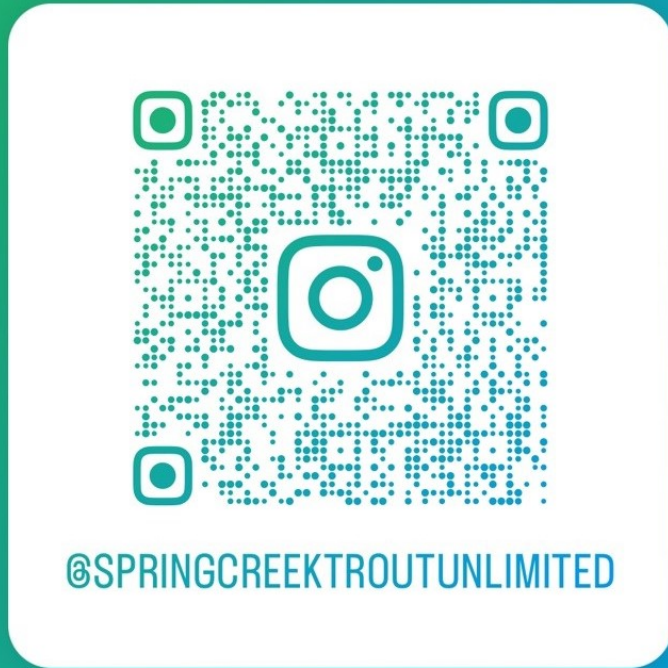
Where: Camp Anderson, Tyrone, PA

Time: 5pm - 8pm

Contact Judi for more information: jsittler@comcast.net



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The Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

Title: Hiking the Spring Creek Watershed

Author: Gabrielle Stewart, Boalsburg resident

Central Pennsylvania is filled with outdoor adventures for the amateur or professional recreationist, whether you are a casual hiker or cross-country skier or hardcore mountain biker. For those wishing to spend time in the outdoors without devoting significant effort or money to a hobby, hiking can be a wonderful way to get to know our local natural resources—and those include the Spring Creek Watershed. Read on to learn about hiking opportunities in our watershed for every fitness level.

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