

# Fish Tales

Little Stony Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited - Newsletter

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## IN THE NET

### Meeting Dates:

The chapter will typically schedule a guest speaker or activity for the first part of the meeting. Many members can also enjoy dinner while they exchange their latest fish tales. Regular meetings are held at 6:00 PM on the second Monday of the month. Locations to be determined.

### Chapter Web Site:

The chapter's Web Site is now up and running. The site includes information on the chapter, conservation & project efforts, local waters and cold water fishery education. We are looking for local stories and reports to include on the site. Please contact Mark Leonard if you have information to contribute.

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**Conserving, protecting and restoring coldwater fisheries and  
their watersheds in beautiful southwestern Virginia**

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## Little Stony Creek Chapter Picnic

The chapter is planning a Picnic for all current and/or future members to be held at location yet determined on March 28, 2009. The purpose of the event is so old members can get reacquainted and new members can be introduced. We will also be discussing the chapter's projects (past, present & future), efforts, troubles or any other points of interest.. To get more information please contact Mark.

## Southwest Virginia Coldwater Conservation Initiative

The chapter recently participated in a summit held at the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries office in Marion to discuss coldwater conservation in Southwest Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ideas for projects in our area to help protect fisheries that support Brook trout populations.

Many projects were discussed but several in our area could lead to restoring and protecting brook trout in the High Knob area of Wise and Scott Counties. Your help is need to insure these projects go forward. Please attend our meetings for more detail or contact us about volunteering.

## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

The Little Stony Creek Chapter has two schools in Wise County that are interested in the TIC program, Coeburn High School and St. Paul Elementary. The Chapter is working hard to secure funding for these two schools to order the necessary equipment for a successful kick off in the fall of 2009. Anyone interested in volunteering assistance to the program or know of potential funding resources please contact us for more details.

*"TIC is a unique way to teach the relevance of Watersheds in our area."*



**connecting students to their watersheds**

**TEACHERS:** If you're a teacher in Virginia, we'd like to alert you to some excellent educational programs that are part of our VCTU initiatives, the Trout in the Classroom, Tri-State Conservation & Fishing Camp and the Boy Scout merit badge award. For more information or details please contact us or access the links through our web site at : <http://www.littlestonycreektu.com/Education.htm>

## Trout Unlimited Celebrates 50th Anniversary in 2009



*Trout Unlimited Celebrates 50 years of protecting America's rivers and streams*

ARLINGTON, Va. — Throughout 2009, Trout Unlimited will celebrate its 50th anniversary as the nation's largest and oldest coldwater conservation organization in America.

Started in 1959 by 16 fishermen in Michigan who wanted to protect their local river, TU has grown to 140,000 members in 400 local chapters throughout the country.

TU has been instrumental in restoring more than 10,000 miles of rivers and streams around the country and has been a force in protecting habitat for trout and salmon from Alaska to Maine.

"As it marks its 50th birthday, Trout Unlimited can take great pride in its accomplishments as a steward of and advocate for America's trout and salmon and their watersheds," said Trout Unlimited CEO Charles Gauvin. "This occasion is as much about envisioning the future as it about celebrating the past, so as we toast the organization's accomplishments, we must remind ourselves of the need to persevere in realizing the promise inherent in the TU mission."

Since its founding, TU and its local chapters and volunteers have made numerous tangible contributions to conservation in the United States, including significant reforms in state water law in the East and West and on-the-ground projects to restore and reconnect streams. These successes have kept rivers like Montana's Jefferson River and Connecticut's Housatonic River from running dry and helped to preserve and restore critical fisheries. TU has mobilized the sporting community to protect some of America's last best places to hunt and fish and works at the state and federal levels to achieve protections for trout and salmon. For a full list of TU's achievements in the last 50 years, go to

[www.tu50.org](http://www.tu50.org)

Trout Unlimited will host a number of events to mark its 50th anniversary, including a celebration in August at its annual meeting in Traverse City, Michigan, located near the Au Sable River where TU was founded.

TU's quarterly magazine, *Trout*, will publish a special 50th anniversary issue in June. TU's weekly television program, *On the Rise*, which airs on the Outdoor Channel, focuses on TU's conservation efforts around the country.

"As TU celebrates its 50 years of conservation, we must bear in mind that it is TU volunteers who have made the organization what it is today," said Bryan Moore, vice president for Volunteer Operations and Watersheds. "TU members are the backbone that keeps the organization growing and moving forward in everything from on-the-ground restoration of rivers and streams to involving young people in conservation. The 50th anniversary celebration is really a celebration of our 140,000 members around the country."

TU's mission is to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain trout and salmon habitat in the United States.