

Streamside Asides



Upcoming Events:

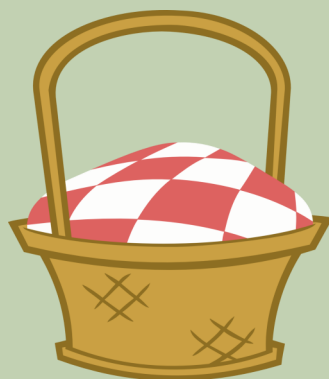
June 12, 2021: ANNUAL PICNIC at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve. Festivities start at 3:00 PM and go until dark.

July 2021: Monroe County Conservation District Youth Conservation Camp Demos: Thursday, July 23

July– Sept, 2021: Stream Project Work will include post-treatment electroshocking study of our improvement areas involved in the final phase on Cherry Creek. Stay tuned for details.

August 15—September 4. Summer Slam Online Auction: More information coming soon. Stay tuned!

June 2021 The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited



It's Picnic Time!

The annual picnic meeting for Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited is Saturday, June 12th on the outside deck at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, Analomink, PA. Starting at 3 PM and continuing until dark, activities include a macro-invertebrate sampling of Brodhead Creek, fly-tying, raffles, and a casting contest. Also available for review is Don Baylor's fly fishing exhibit and, of course, if you want to

hit the creek after, it's available!

Bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share with the group and we'll supply the rest. If you'd like to head down on the grass below the deck, bring your folding chair. Come prepared with a good fish story or two to share even if the big one got away.

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Brodhead Fly Tyers

Brodhead Fly Tyers is emerging from the pandemic with a meeting focusing on Slate Drake patterns on Monday, June 21, 2021, at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. Start time is 6 PM. Let's see some of those White-gloved Howdy patterns! In our Pocono streams, this is a great multi-season pattern to tie and fish in nymph, emerger and adult forms.



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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone is staying cool. Good news—the heatwave is supposed to break later in the week just in time for the Chapter picnic. I hope to see you, your friends and family, and a delicious covered dish there on Saturday June 12 at 3 PM. The picnic is a great chance to catch up with old friends and make some new fishing buddies. While you are at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, be sure to check out the Flybrary we hung there.

The chapter is currently busy planning a tree planting day for the fall and working on several other conservation projects all the while keeping up with local and national news that would impact our cold water fisheries. There are a slew of different proposals in the State Legislature that could have negative impact on our cold water fisheries and if any of them make it out of committee we will keep you informed.

As I like to say this is our chapter and if you would like to help lead our chapter into the future we have a couple of leadership opportunities if you would like to increase your involvement with the Chapter. The Youth Coordinator, Membership Chair, and Event Coordinator positions are all open and if you are interested, please feel free to reach to me or any of our Chapter Leaders.

If you don't feel comfortable joining us in person yet, you can still help by donating to the Chapter. We can now accept credit card donations at the "donate now" section of our webpage at <http://www.brodheadtu.org/donate/>, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Tight Lines,

Eric

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

We are pleased to welcome four new members to Brodhead TU this month. Greetings to Ron Bresser, Timothy Pinkerton, Jay Galaini, Rick Weber and Judith Thompson. We look forward to working with you on our mission and if you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Renewing and Contributing Members

The chapter extends sincere thank-yous to those who have chosen to renew their memberships or contributed to TU's mission. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated.



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Free 1-Year TU Memberships for First Responders

Are you a first responder? Fire Servicer? Law enforcement? Military? Is someone in your family? TU is offering free 1-year memberships to those who serve our communities and our country in these capacities. If you or a family member is interested, please [follow this link](#) for more information.



May Streamside Trash Cleanup

On Saturday, May 1, 2021, members and friends of Brodhead Trout Unlimited gathered in Tannersville, to clean up trash along Pocono Creek and Bisbing Run. With 10 volunteers, the work went quickly and when it was all said and done, the group hauled off yet another pick-up truck load of trash. As in the past, empty alcohol containers and signage from local stores were ever-present. What was new this year were the cleaning wipes and disposable masks used during the pandemic. Hopefully those items won't be used and discarded much longer! Many thanks to those who came out and helped with this effort.



Brodhead TU Summer-Slam Auction



Looking for a way to support Brodhead TU's upcoming work on McMichael's Creek? Missing the annual banquet and all the wonderful prizes? Well look and miss no more! Brodhead TU will be conducting an on-line auction August 15 through September 4, 2021. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the major habitat improvements to be installed in 2023 within the Pomeroy Nature Preserve, upstream of Hickory Valley Park. Brodhead TU is working with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission to provide much-needed trout habitat in this section of McMichaels Creek.

The chapter will be offering a hand-crafted bamboo fly rod, original works of art and prints, boxes of quality, locally-tied flies and several "Days on the Stream" on local waterways. More information will be forthcoming as we approach the auction opening. Mark the dates on your calendar and be sure to pass the information on to all your fishing and conservation-minded friends.

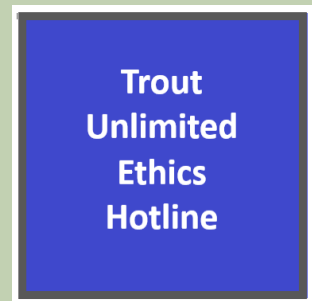
Harassment Reporting

As a member or volunteer, if you believe you are being harassed or if you have witnessed harassing behavior towards other volunteers, members or TU employees, you should report it immediately to Beverly Smith, bsmith@tu.org, Vice President for Volunteer Operations, or Julisa Edwards, jedwards@tu.org, TU General Counsel.

If, at anytime , you would feel it would be unreasonable to use this procedure to report harassment, TU encourages you to submit an anonymous and confidential report using the new Trout Unlimited Ethics hotline.

<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/68191/index.html> or call 1-844-896-9121.

This "hot-button" link leads directly to the reporting hotline.

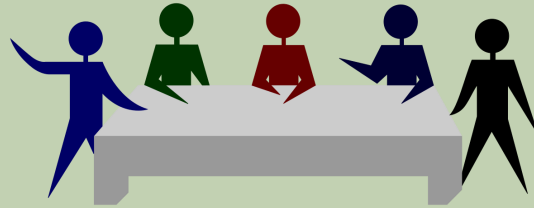


Trout In The Classroom Students Release Fry

Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited sponsors several Trout In The Classroom programs throughout Monroe County. This program provides equipment and teaching training so that students can observe and experience, first-hand, the factors required that influence trout development. Temperature, waste removal, pH and more are measured and studied as the students observe the hatching and growing of the young trout.

Recently, students in Chris Tosh's 5th grade class in the East Stroudsburg School District released 159 trout fry into Brodhead Creek at Pinebrook Park—North. We congratulate these students on successfully hatching and raising these trout while learning valuable lessons regarding the importance of water quality. We also thank Chris for his participation in the project and we're already looking forward to next year.





Committee Updates

Brodhead TU has several active committees focused upon meeting the needs identified in our Strategic Plan. If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of these committees, please contact a Board member at your convenience. Below are brief descriptions of what each committee does and some actions they have recently undertaken.

Advocacy— Advocacy alerts members of upcoming policy and/or legislative changes that can impact the cold-water resources in the Poconos, the state, and the nation. Legislation that heads through the House and Senate in Harrisburg has the potential to directly or indirectly affect the coldwater fisheries throughout the state. See page 8 for more details.

Diversity Initiative— Focuses upon strengthening the chapter by providing information and activities that will attract and retain members across the spectrum found within our communities. The Chapter is advertising TU National's Harassment Policy. This is a vital step in creating and maintaining an atmosphere that welcomes all persons interested in BTU's activities. See page 6 for more information and links.

Fundraising— Plans for a wonderful on-line auction are in motion for August 15-September 4, 2021. The auction pages are being created and prizes gathered. We've got a hand-crafted bamboo fly rod, multiple days on local streams (some guided) Don Baylor paintings, an original graphite drawing by Haley Burns, large boxes of locally tied flies and more. The Chapter submitted an initial draft for a TU Embrace-A-Stream grant and has received feedback. Changes will be made and a final submission will be made by July 15. Keep your fingers crossed! We also applied for a PFBC Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project (CHIP) grant with the PFBC and have been notified some funds will be available in 2022/2023. Unfortunately we have nothing new to report on that at this time.

Conservation— This group works on stream or habitat improvement projects. Two new projects include improvements in the Upper Paradise watershed tributaries (Tank Creek and Yankee Run) and work within the Pomeroy Preserve on McMichaels Creek. Current plans are to use the Chop and Drop techniques to add woody material to the creeks to improve habitat for trout and macroinvertebrates. More details will be forthcoming as the plans progress.

Tree Planting— After making multiple site visits, the committee narrowed down the possible work sites. At present, locations along Middle Creek in Polk Township and Cherry Creek at the Josie Porter Farm are high-priority locations. Once sites and plans are finalized, appropriate types of trees will be ordered and projects coordinated with the landowners. At that point, a call will go out for volunteers to get those trees in the ground.

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest

Comment Period: There are *two new proposed regulatory changes* that may affect trout anglers in our area. These include more detail on stocked/wild trout water sections in the extended season and additions to the Wild Trout Stream list. The comment period on the extended season is open until July 6. The comment period on the Wild Trout Streams list is open until June 21. Here is the link to the [PFBC Regulatory Changes](#) page so you can review these and other proposals and leave a comment. Your voice counts!

PA Legislative News:

The 2021 Legislative Session is open and committees in both the House and Senate are up and running. If you want to keep track of bills coming up within the Environmental Resources and Energy Committees (ERE) - **there are a lot**- here is the link for the [House](#). Here is the same information for [Game and Fisheries](#). On the Senate side, here are [ER&E](#) and [G&F](#) committee assignments and meeting schedules. Be advised there are multiple bills being considered that could ultimately affect the quality of our streams and groundwater.

For updates and explanations on what is happening, we encourage you to visit:

<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/>

This resource is searchable so you can simply type in your topic or Bill # and find some information. Also, we sometimes send Local Action Alert emails to our membership when an important legislative vote is imminent. Be aware there are bills and amendments being put forth that would affect funding, enforcement and regulations within agencies that are charged with protecting the clean, healthy environment guaranteed in our state's constitution.

Federal:

More information can be found at these links:

<https://www.tu.org/action-center>

A Georgetown Law source provides a comprehensive overview of environmental legislation:

<http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/c.php?g=209325&p=3611206>

Local and State Resources:

[Brodhead Watershed Association](#)

[Monroe County Conservation District](#)

[PA Fish & Boat Commission: Rulemakings](#)

[Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited](#)

DEP Water Quality Information. This [link](#) will take you to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website that focuses upon water-related issues. You will find links for existing stream uses, proposed rule-making, anti-degradation measures and more.

Summer Fishing Outlook



Summer Pocono Hatches & Fishing Update

Ah, summer. The time of year when you throw on a pair of shorts and your wading shoes and head out to the creek at dawn or dusk to do your trout fishing. Summer in the Poconos can bring forth a variety of insect life in our streams, but usually not the broad menu that shows up in May.

Expect to see some yellow sallies (yellow stoneflies) in those good, cold tributaries and upper reaches of low-land streams. They flit about and through the sunbeams shining through the forest canopy and trout do like them. A pale yellow, dry caddis pattern can work if you don't have any sallies tied up. A size 16 is a good starting point. On rainy mornings, expect to see some cornutas or blue-winged olives. Trout love to line up in the current seams to munch on these mayflies. Size 14 is a good place to start. Also in the mayfly realm, pack some isonymchia or Slate Drake patterns. We see several broods of these mayflies throughout the year and most fall within the size 12 – size 14 category. Finally, don't be afraid to throw some size 16 or size 18 caddis of various colors in your box. Olive-brown, green, and tan should cover most of what will hatch.

CAUTION:

While trout will tolerate warmer water temperatures for short periods of time, they function and survive best in water temperatures below **68 degrees F**. Trout will begin to experience stress above this point and will eventually slow down and/or stop feeding if temperatures remain too high. Any additional stress caused by overplaying a fish under these conditions can be lethal to the trout. Please carry a stream thermometer and refrain from trout fishing in waters with temperatures above the 68 degree mark.

We Need Your Financial Support for our Stream Restoration Campaign

The Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited needs your help to restore trout habitat in our Pocono streams

In 2022, Brodhead TU plans to start construction on a \$75,000 project to improve in-stream habitat on nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of McMichael's Creek. Located within the Pocono Heritage Land Trust's recently established Pomeroy Preserve, adjacent to Hickory Valley Park, this stream section is part of the PA Fish & Boat Commission's Keystone Select Trophy Trout/Delayed Harvest program and offers public access and year-round fishing opportunities.

As beautiful as this section of creek is, in-stream habitat is limited, and will benefit greatly from Brodhead TU's science-based habitat restoration work. The Chapter's past projects on the Brodhead Creek, Cherry Creek, McMichael's Creek and Pocono Creek resulted in improvements in the ability of trout to reproduce and flourish. This restoration project will do the same.



Scan the Code at Left with Your Smartphone to Donate to Our Campaign on Our Website or visit: brodheadtu.org/donate

Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns accompanying the coronavirus pandemic, Brodhead TU has been unable to hold its annual banquet or other traditional fundraisers. Without these supporting events, our stream projects are in jeopardy and we need your help.

Please consider donating now to help us restore and enhance the fishery on McMichael's Creek.

Yes! I want donate \$ _____ to support the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited's work to restore trout habitat in the Poconos!

Send a check made payable to: Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, PO Box 661, Tannersville, PA 18372
or donate online with a credit card at brodheadtu.org/donate

Name: _____

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I would like to make my donation in memory of: _____



A sincere thank you is extended to the following supporters of our Chapter as we work to preserve and protect the cold-water resources in the Poconos.

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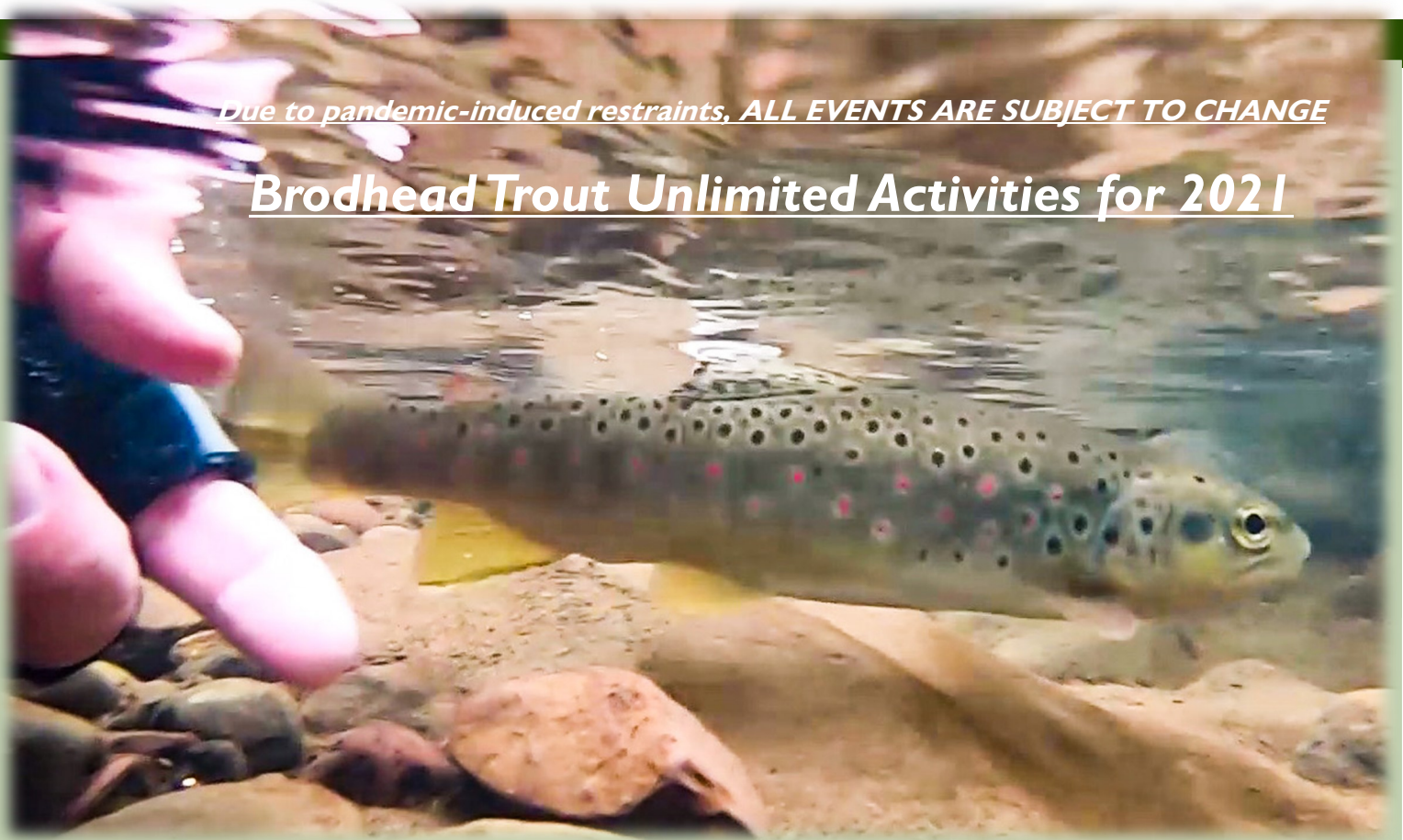
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Due to pandemic-induced restraints, ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2021



June 12: Annual Picnic—Brodhead Creek Heritage Center 3 PM.

June 14, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

Summer 2021 Habitat Project(s) Pending

July 2021: Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

July 12, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

July 22, 2021: Fly Fishing Program Monroe County Conservation Camp—Details to be announced.

August 2021— Post improvement electroshocking studies—Cherry Creek

August Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

August 16, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers

September Veterans Service Fishing Program Date TBA

September 9, 2021: General Meeting

September 20, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers

October 2021: TIC eggs arrive

October Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

October 14, 202: General Meeting

November 15, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers

November 18, 2021: General Meeting

December 9, 2021: General Meeting

December 20, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers