

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETINGS

When: Thursday, April 10, 7 pm

Who: Jeffrey Ogden, TVA

What: TVA's Reservoir Releases Improvement Program: history, current status and future. Jeffrey will focus on the Norris tailwater, including TVA's innovative tailwater, dissolved oxygen and minimum flow programs.

Where: St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris

Saturday, May 10 Dick Geiger: fishing buddies on the Clinch

JUNE 7 (Saturday)

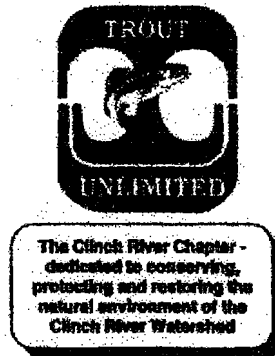
Mark your calendars now for our Chapter's annual **Kids Fish Free Day**

MEMBERS IN ACTION

March 22, Briceville, TN

The 4th annual Coal Creek Spring Cleaning Day netted **160 bags of trash, plus 4 tires** along the 4 mile stretch of the Fraterville Miners' Memorial Highway—Highway 116 from Lake City to Briceville. Community members and students, Anderson County inmates and county officials plus members of the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation (CCWF) and the CRCTU, numbering about 37, joined in the beautification effort. The project was organized by the Coal Creek Scholars and sponsored by the CCWF.

A \$100 prize was awarded the team who collected the most bags of trash—33. Runners up received CCWF hats or bandanas.



Saturday, April 5, 10 am

Clinch River Shoreline Clean Up

This is an annual effort of CRCTU. Volunteers meet at the Norris Weir Dam. Trash pickup will be along the roadway and the river bank.

Wear boots; bring a trash "picker-upper" and gloves. Enjoy calorie-free Krispi Kream donuts and work off the calories!

TU's 2008 SOUTHEAST RALLY AT HUNGRY MOTHER STATE PARK

Mark **April 25-27** on your calendar for this meeting at the Park's Hemlock Haven Conference Center. The park is near Marion, VA between Wytheville and Abingdon, off Interstate 81. The \$90 fee provides lodging in a cabin, meals on Saturday through Sunday breakfast, programs and workshops, and a chance at great door prizes, including a brook trout fly rod and reel. Enjoy fishing Saturday late afternoon and Sunday. Registrations and payment must be received by April 7, online or mail in. Contact John Thurman or Bob Jenkins for information.

This tidbit on midges was offered by Chapter President, John Thurman:

MIDGES

The preferred cuisine for Clinch River trout are midges who number over 50 species. Midges "enjoy" a short but complete life cycle—egg, larva and adult. Over 2,000 species of midges live in North American waters. There could be as many as 50 or more species in the Clinch. Most are small (hook size 20-32) but some are as large as size 18. Trout have confided, through involuntary stomach surveys, that their color of choice is "blackish"! Midges are extremely important because they are available year-round, despite short life cycles.

TVA'S BIOMONITORING FISHERIES CREW YIELDS SHOCKING RESULTS

A 32 inch brown trout was shocked up in the pool above Miller Island parking lot about 3 weeks ago.

A week later, they shocked up several large brown trout at South Holston,; the largest was 30 inches. Invertebrate sampling at South Holston showed significant numbers of sulfur and blue-winged olive mayflies.

TU's NEW TV PROGRAM

The Rise, hosted by Colorado guide, Frank Smethurst, will air on the Outdoor Channel in April. Frank will search compelling coldwater fisheries throughout the country.

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(Look for an activity which appeals to your interests and contact the lead person for more information or to volunteer your efforts.)

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**TU TENNESSEE LICENSE
PLATE NEARING MAKE OR
BREAK DATE**

IF at least 1000 plates are pre-sold by June 8, the beautiful, brook trout featured plate will become reality. The opportunity to sport this plate on your vehicle and to create income for TU and our chapter will cease to be an option.

The plate is \$35, renewable annually. TU gets 17.50 for each plate; this first year it goes to the purchaser's designated TU chapter.

The plate may be preordered on line at www.tuplate.com. Or, send a check, payable to "Trout Unlimited", to Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 331991, Nashville, TN 37203. Include: your printed name and signature, address, county, daytime telephone, present TN license plate number and specify "Clinch River Chapter #662".

Tell your fishing/environmentally interested friends of this opportunity!

**MORE OUTDATED DAMS
COMING DOWN IN THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

A new era of river restoration will continue over the next five years. Six more dams will be removed in Oregon and Washington restoring some of the region's best loved rivers.

Removing these outdated dams will restore free flowing, healthy rivers benefiting communities and will give an important boost to regional salmon recovery efforts.

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