

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Our chapter meeting for June will be our annual **Kids Fish Free Day**. Chapter volunteers should gather by 9:15 am to set up and prepare for the onslaught of youngsters and families taking advantage of this license free fishing day. Last year about 160 prospective anglers practiced spin and fly casting, fly tying, observed aquatic entomology displays and educational descriptions of the critters and their role in river ecology, bug hunting, boat rides. Free hot dogs, drinks and snacks filled out the educational and fun activities.

When: JUNE 7, Saturday,
10 am-1 pm Rain or Shine

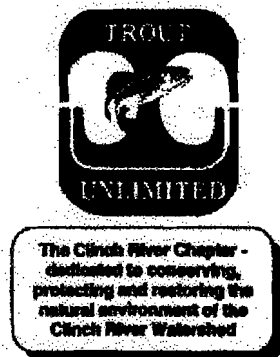
Who: Chapter volunteers

Where: the Miller Island access to the Clinch River off River Road at Norris Dam State Park

Lots of volunteers will lower the member: kids ratio and contribute to a more memorable experience for all. Small, stable boats are needed for kids to fish from.

Qualifications for being a volunteer? A willingness to be of help! Fun for all is guaranteed!

Note: Bob Hodge's feature article in last Sunday's *Knoxville News Sentinel* covered the 2007, State wide "no license needed day" and, for the second year featured our chapter's activities from among the 60 such events. The story included three pictures and featured CRC members Bill Shipman and Eddy Witson instructing some of the kids.



Saturday, July 12, Clear Creek

"Bug Hunt"— The public will be invited to join our Chapter's inventory of Clear Creek aquatic invertebrates. Biologists will lead the survey which has been designed to interest elementary-high school age youth and adults. Interested persons will meet at the City of Norris Water Treatment Facility (the blue water tower) on Clear Creek at 9:45. The event should finish around noon. Clear Creek is the potable water supply for the City of Norris. Obviously, the cleanliness of the creek is very important; the invertebrates are one of the tests.

August 14, TVA's Charlie Saylor will discuss aquatic invertebrates in TVA cold tailwaters: South Holston, Norris, Appalachia, Watuaga, Holston, Chatuge, Blue Ridge and Nottley.

September— plans call for a catered picnic at Norris Dam State Park. The outing will feature a guest demonstrating fly casting techniques.

October— give us your suggestions for an interesting meeting.

TVA'S SAMPLING OF TAILWATERS

Each spring TVA conducts quantitative sampling of fish and invertebrates at each of its tailwaters. There are three sample stations on each tailwater. They are sited at different locations about five miles apart.

On the Clinch they are located at Miller Island, Coldwater farms and Lewellan Island. Fishery biologists use a backpack shocker and seine to sample riffle, pool, run and shoreline habitats. A boat with a boom shocker is used to sample deep, unwadable pool areas. Invertebrates are sampled using two different types of devices and a kick net. Quantitative samples are taken from riffle and run habitats; seven different habitats are sampled qualitatively using the kick net.

These annual biological monitoring efforts compares the data with previous years to monitor changes. In addition to monitoring the tailwaters, TVA monitors hundreds of streams in the Tennessee Valley watershed.

Contributed by Chapter President, John Thurman

THE CLINCH IN JUNE

Sulphurs are still hatching and beginning to move up stream after some great early fishing in the Highway 61 bridge/Lewallen Island area. Hatchings seem to occur around 2:30-4:00 pm. If you find a hatch, try sulphur compar-duns or parachutes, size 18.

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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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If no hatch, try pheasant tails (18), midges (18 or 20) or sow bugs (18 or 20). Toward the end of June watch for small dark caddis to appear. My favorite fly is a size 20 dry with a dark green body and dark gray CDC wing, size 20. **GOOD FISHING!**

Contributed by member, Buzz Buffington

**TU TENNESSEE LICENSE
PLATE NEARING MAKE OR
BREAK DATE-JUNE 30**

IF at least 1000 plates are pre-sold by June 30, the beautiful, brook trout featured plate will become reality. If this target is missed, the opportunity to sport this plate on your vehicle and to create income for TU and our chapter, will die. 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.

Purchase the plate 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/conservation minded friends or give as a gift!

A PIECE OF HISTORY

On a 1902 hunting trip in the Yazoo Backwater Area of MS, President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a black bear that had been captured and tied to a tree. His principled act made headlines and spawned the iconic "Teddy Bear".

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