

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETINGS

When Thursday, March 12

Who Buzz Buffington

What Buzz will share the highlights of the trip that he and several chapter members took to fish Alaska's Kenai Peninsula.

Where St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris.

April 18, Saturday John Thurman will lead an aquatic invertebrate survey on Little River. Following lunch in Townsend, Paula Begley will give casting lessons. Paula is a certified casting instructor.

CHAPTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

April 4 annual shore/access area cleanup

May 2 Clinch in-river clean up

June 5 City of Norris Summer Recreation Program —John Thurman will lead this fun and educational event featuring an invertebrates hunt on Clear Creek, and learning about cold-water biology and conservation, water quality and biomonitoring.

June 6 Our annual Kids Fish Free Day on the Clinch at Miller Island.

June 19 Fly Tying and casting lessons will be provided for City of Norris kids

Norris Boy Scouts—John Thurman recently met with these boys and their leaders Services of Chapter members were offered to help with merit badges in environmental, fishing,
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The Clinch River Chapter - dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring the natural environment of the Clinch River Watershed

TU NATIONAL MEETING IN AUGUST

The annual TU meeting will be held in Traverse City, MI on the shores of Lake Michigan. Focus will be in the 75th anniversary of TU, which was established in MI. The TN TU Council will provide \$200 and TU National will provide \$100 to each Chapter for attending member (s) use.

ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN TU RALLY IN VA

Annual rally will be held in early May at Hungry Mother State Park near Marion, VA. All TU members are invited. The state TU Council will provide each chapter \$105 each for two members to attend. The \$105 covers food and lodging for the weekend event.

Members interested in attending either of these two events should contact John Thurman or Carol Moore ASAP before our chapter meeting in March. Our Board will select the three "lucky winners" at its March meeting.

CLINCH RIVER ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY RESULTS

February 14-Volunteers cleared 36 bags of trash from the Norris Freeway and River Road!

Volunteering were:

Steve Brown	Austin Morgan
Buzz Buffington	Susan Simmons
Daniel Daugherty	Linda Sims
Clayton Gist	Lisa Sims
William Guinn	Tom Sims
Denny McMahan	John Thurman
Carol Moore	Ron Wollard
Andrew Morgan	

"OVER THE TOP" - TU SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE AVAILABLE

By around mid-March the 1010 people who pre-ordered the TN TU auto license plate should be receiving notification from their county clerk to pick them up. Our 113 Clinch River Chapter (CRC) members accounted for the sale of 78 plates-8% of the total! The time remaining on your current plate will be pro-rated on your new one.

The first year, the \$17.50 allocated for TU will be given to local chapters according to pre-order sales—that's \$1365 for CRC! In future years, the plate fees will be distributed: 10% to TU National for the Back The Brookie Program, 40% to the TN TU Council's Embrace a Stream Program plus 10% for new projects, 40% for the Cumberland chapter's Conservation Fund.

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fly tying and coldwater biology.

**CLINCH RIVER
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COMMITTEES,
PROGRAMS and
CONTACTS-2008**

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Kids Fish Free Day
June, 2009 Carol Moore

Bio-monitoring
Dick Geiger

Coal Creek Conservation
Barry Thacker

Weir Dam Clean up Program
John Thurman

(Look for an activity which ap-
peals to your interests and contact
the lead person for more informa-
tion or to volunteer your efforts.)

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**CCWF ENGAGES BRICE-
VILLE SCHOOL IN
RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Things are popping at Briceville Elementary School under the educational eye of the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation (CCWF). The science lab at Briceville in Coal Creek is Tennessee's newest trout hatchery and the state's newest indoor American chestnut nursery. A 55 gallon aquarium was set up in a classroom in January with students feeding and conducting regular water quality and temperature testing. About 200 rainbow fry were introduced February 17 by TWRA. Under the tutelage of TWRA, CCWF and CRCTU the fry are expected to grow to 2-3 inches by mid-May and be released into Coal Creek and the Clinch River tailwater below Norris Dam.

In addition, Briceville students will be joining middle school students at Lake City and at Elk Valley indoor nurseries to grow the American chestnut, almost decimated by blight. Their studies are part of the research by the Office of Surface Mine and The American Chestnut Foundation who are studying whether seeds should be planted directly on mine sites or grown in nurseries and planted as seedlings. Students prepared the potting pots, blended the potting mix and carefully planted the seedlings. The students expect to plant the seedlings at a reclaimed mine site, probably Zeb Mountain, during a fieldtrip in May.

Stay tuned as these projects provide needed information and, hopefully, inspire interest in the young, budding scientists.

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