

# THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

## CHAPTER MEETING

**What:** Kids Fish Free Day

**When:** Saturday, June 11, 10-2 pm  
Volunteers meet at 9:15

**Where:** Miller Island parking lot. on River Road off route 441.

No fishing license is required. This safe, educational fun experience for families is sponsored by CRCTU, TVA and TWRA. Volunteers will teach spin and fly fishing techniques- both wading and fishing from a boat. Other activities include: fly tying, aquatic entomology and displays, casting lessons. Bring extra fishing gear, waders and life jackets, fly tying materials, corn canoe, boat and most importantly, **bring a caring, safety and fun attitude and be prepared for a great time!**

Eagle Bend Hatchery is not having this event this year; we're expecting increased attendance at ours. Also, some of past faithful volunteers will not be available so maximum-volunteer-turnout is needed! Contact Dick Geiger if you can be there (see contact info, page 2, column 3).

## MEMBERS IN ACTION

**August 20, 9 am:** Tire cleanup in the Clinch. Meet at the Highway 61 bridge.

## TN TU COUNCIL TO SPONSOR 11 TEENAGERS AT A CAMP IN GSMIT

This pilot effort will bring eleven teenagers, ages 14-16, to the Great Smokey Mountain Institute at Tremont on the Middle Prong of the Little River near Townsend. June 20-25.

Volunteer help and financial aid



The Clinch River Chapter: dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring the natural environment of the Clinch River Watershed.

is being provided by the state TU chapters. CRCTU is sponsoring one participant. Activities that the volunteers will be leading include: ecology and Build-A-River, a conservation project-stream restoration techniques, hiking, fly-tying, casting and fly fishing. This week is planned as a hands-on learning experience for the campers which will deepen their understanding of stream functioning, conservation and the art of fly fishing. Members Dick Geiger and Clayton Gist are two of the chaperons who will be there all week. Steve Brown will mentor helping with fly-tying and fly-fishing. John Thurman is serving as one of the designer, event-planners for the TN Council.

## TACKLE TIPS

(By member Buzz Buffington)

**Q.** I'm going to buy a rod to fish the Clinch and other tail waters and that will protect light tippet. I haven't the budget for a Winston or Sage. Suggestions? (continued page 2, column 1)

## FED CUTS POSE PROBLEMS FOR TWA TROUT STOCKING PROGRAM

Federal fish hatcheries currently raise 60% of all trout deployed in TN waters. The proposed cuts would be effective October 11, 2011, and would jeopardize stocking efforts supplied by Federal hatcheries in many other southeast states. The cuts would eliminate a majority of funding for Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery and Erwin National Fish Hatchery. These sources not only support stocking the Clinch but Erwin supplies the trout eggs used in our chapter's Trout in the Classroom projects. If the cuts are made, there is a possibility that some SE Region funds can be diverted to keep its mitigating hatcheries operating in FY 2012 but this would not be sustainable in FY2013 and beyond.

Members are urged to contact their House representative at: [last.name.house.gov/](http://last.name.house.gov/).

## CCWF AWARDS SIX COLLEGE SCHLARSHIPS

May 15: Our sister organization, the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation, awarded scholarships to six Briceville high school students. The scholarships ranged from \$5000 to \$10,000 each. The recipients were: Tyler Vandergriff, Ricky Bailey, Jonathon Towe, Sarah Byrge and Megan Dugger.

CCWF's goal is to give students (continues page 2, column 2)

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(continued "Tackle Tips")

The task is to select a fly rod that suits your casting style in your price range. There are many excellent rods that are not too expensive. For the Clinch and other tail waters plus an occasional trip to the Smokies, I recommend a four piece, 5 weight, 9-9 1/2' rod. A 4 weight is suitable also but in windy conditions you will appreciate the extra "punch" of the 5 weight. I suggest buying a 4 piece for travel convenience. If travel is

not a factor, you usually can save \$50 by getting a 2-piece rod. However, I did that once buying an 8 weight and still regret not getting the 4 piece. That said, how do you make a selection? DO NOT MAIL ORDER A ROD unless you've tried one and know that it "fits" you. Go to a good fly shop that carries brands like TFO (Temple Fork Outfitters) and St. Croix. Ask to try several rods in your price range. A good shop will assist you and be able to evaluate how your casting style fits a particular rod. Protecting your tippet could be accomplished by purchasing a slower, softer action rod or by learning to "lift" on a "take", not "strike". Most people cast better with a medium-fast rod. Put a hat 30' away and see if you can hit it or come close most of your casts. If you can, and the rod feels good, that's the one to buy.. Happy hunting!

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 at Briceville the incentive to excel in school knowing they have the potential to get a college education.

Twenty nine students have received CCWF scholarships since the program inception in 2002.

The 2011 TU Annual Meeting will be held in Bend, OR, September 14-17. More details at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org).

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