

# **NEWSCASTER**

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Conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fisheries and watersheds in northeast Tennessee since 1986.

# Join us at Our Next Meeting June 19th, 2018

The Depot at Food City
920 N State of Franklin, Johnson City, TN
Dinner begins at 6:00 pm
Program begins at 6:30 pm

Ever wanted to film your fishing adventures but don't know how to get started? You're in luck. Our guest for June is Scottie Finanger of Wild Fly Productions. These guys are putting out some great films and he will share his knowledge and how-to's. Prior to his presentation, Scottie will share Wild

Dinner for the evening will be pulled pork BBQ for \$13. Beer and wine will be available for purchase as well.

Fly's film "Our Water".



## **Upcoming Events**

4/10	D. I. (D) M. H
6/12	Board of Directors Meeting
6/15	Fishing Day - Roan Mountain State Park
6/16	Bluffs Cleanup
6/19	Chapter Meeting - How To Film
6/26	Fishing Day - South Holston - Big Springs
7/10	Board of Directors Meeting
7/17	Fishing Night
7/27	Fishing Day - Beaverdam Creek

Details for all of these events can be found on our website or Facebook page

### **Board Notes**

- Bank balance as of 5/31/2018 is \$10,273.07
- Membership as of 6/3/2018 is 284

# Did you know?

Getting your license plate can benefit OMTU! In 2017, Tennessee TU received over \$55,000 from license plate sales, most of which went to local chapters for conservation projects. Each plate adds \$17.50 to the fund so get yours when you renew this year.



#### **OMTU Officers**

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#### Coordinators & Others

Mike Adams, Chapter Advisor Mike Givney, TIC Coordinator Adam Harber, Activities Alex Tarwater, TIC Kingsport

Questions? Comments?

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### **Volunteers Needed!**

There are a number of ways that you can get involved with the Overmountain Chapter. We have lots of volunteers opportunities that cover a variety of interest areas. These include:

#### **Chapter Management:**

Newsletter Editor

Social Media Coordinator

Graphic Design

#### **Specific Projects:**

Doe River parking lot and trail construction Rocky Fork State Park water quality monitoring Stream temperature data logger managers

If you are interested in anything above, let us know by emailing overmountaintu@gmail.com

## TWRA Trout Sampling

TWRA has invited our chapter to participate in a number of trout sampling days again this summer/fall. All meet ups are at 9 am at the locations provided below (GPS coordinates included).

#### **August**

28 - Beaverdam Creek - Intersection of Tank Hollow Rd and Hwy 133 - 36.59216 –81.81723

29 - Beaverdam Creek - Mile Marker 5 on Hwy 133 - 36.56610 –81.87332

#### September

5-6 - Laurel Fork - Pull off along Dennis Cove Rd just prior to bridge - 36.25708 –82.11203

II - Doe Creek - Pull off along Hwy 67 near LowSpring - 36.42725 –81.93719

18 - Doe River - 36.182444 -82.0752472

20 - Rocky Fork State Park - Main parking lot - 36.04855 –82.55683

# Come Fish with Us! Summer Fishing Days

We are hosting a number of chapter fishing days this summer. These are great events where you can meet area anglers and experience places you may not fish often or help others learn how to catch more fish. Get these on your calendar now and join us on the water.

June 15th - Roan Mountain State Park - Meet at the Roan Mountain Post Office at 1 pm

June 26th - South Holston River - Meet at the Big Springs Boat Ramp at 9 am

July 14th - TBD stream fishing - See website for more info

July 27th - Beaverdam Creek - See website for more info

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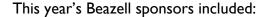
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# 4th Annual Bill Beazell Cleanup

The 4th Annual Bill Beazell Cleanup, partnered with the Tailwater Roundup, was a huge success! Between the two cleanups, we had over 100 volunteers come out and removed over 6 tons of trash from the rivers. Thank you to all who participated and to our amazing sponsors!





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# 2018 TIC Release



Thanks to Lori Paris, state TIC coordinator, and the Cherokee Chapter TU for setting up a great day for area schools to come out and release their fish. This event is the culmination of a year of hard work and dedication by the teachers and students and we are thankful to be a part of it..

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# Watauga River Bluffs SNA Work Day Saturday, June 16th Beginning at 9 am

We will be doing maintenance on the trail and removing litter as time allows. Bring gloves and tools for cutting

weeds and branches.

To get to Watauga River Bluffs (from Johnson City): Head north on Watauga Rd/Hwy 400 for about 5.5 miles. Turn left onto Steam Plant Rd before the bridge over the river. Follow Steam Plant Rd for 0.5 miles to the gravel parking area on the right.

