

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be no official membership meeting in August. Instead, why not volunteer for the upcoming stream improvement project? This is a great deal! Please call Joe Boston and sign up now.

SPRING CREEK STREAM IMPROVEMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you use it, help improve it! *

Joe Boston is coordinating a stream improvement project on Spring Creek. With the help of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, PSU, Centre County Conservation District, Clearwater, and I know I have forgotten others, the Chapter is the lead entity for a habitat improvement project that will be completed on the reach of the Creek that runs through parts of the PSU sheep farm. The project includes the construction of habitat structures, the relocation of stream fencing to increase the riparian zone, and riparian zone planting.

Construction is scheduled for **Monday August 20 through Thursday August 24, 2007**. Work hours will be 8am to 5pm, **and also in the evenings for those who cannot work during the day**. PA F&B will supply equipment, operators, supervision, design, construction oversight and some labor. We need volunteers to help drill holes in logs for rebar, nail planking, anchor bank matting, weed whack, etc. Some work will be in stream. PA F&B has requested at least 12 volunteers per day.

This is a great way learn about habitat improvement and installation of devices, but most importantly, help the wild brown trout.

If you can commit please e-mail **Joe Boston** at joboston1959@comcast.net with date or dates that you are available. If you have questions, feel free to call Joe at 814.861.5566 or Cell 610.745.3129. We truly need the support of the membership for this project.

Volunteers Needed to Serve as Controllers or Judges for the World Youth Fly Fishing Competition in August

Members of TU or others interested in youth activities are needed to help with the World Youth Fly Fishing Competition that will be held in the State College area this August. The Federation Internationale de Pesch Sportive (FIPS) Mouche, the international fly fishing organization, has arranged to use sections of four of the local streams – Spring Creek, Fishing Creek, Little Juniata River, and Lake Perez, as fishing sites on the dates of August 6 –8. The competition will feature teams from over 15 countries, with 2 teams from the USA, including one of only PA anglers. The participants are between the ages of 14 and 18, and there are 5 anglers per team. All have been selected by their country's (or team's) coach based on their skill level.

The young fishermen will have several practice days prior to the competition (but not on the competition sites), and then the "main event" will begin on Monday, Aug. 6. Each team will start on one of the five assigned areas (there are two sections of Spring Creek), and then over the next few days will have the opportunity to fish all sections, including 3 hours of fishing from a boat at Lake Perez. The organizers need help from all interested persons, and particularly from fishermen, to serve as controllers for any of the different venues. The schedule of fishing activities is as follows:

Monday, Aug. 6	First session from 9 AM until noon Second session from 5 PM until 8 PM
Tuesday, Aug. 7	Third session from 9 AM until noon Afternoon is free
Wednesday, Aug. 8	Fourth session from 9 AM until noon Fifth session from 5 PM until 8 PM

Controllers will receive a shirt and an invitation to dinner with the competitors on Wednesday following the end of the competition. Lunch is also provided after the morning sessions.

Those interested in helping with the competition as controllers, judges, or any of several other positions are requested to sign up at the following web site:

<http://www.centralpacvb.org> (click on "FlyFishing Volunteer Application") or call John Ford at (814) 571-5593 or e-mail deputydawg5051@aol.com

Additional information will be provided on the Spring Creek TU Chapter's web site, <http://www.springcreektu.org/> as it becomes available. Current estimates are that as many as 75 persons will be needed to measure fish and keep score during each session (15 at each venue). Please sign up for any or all sessions, as many as you can arrange to attend. The Chapter's web site also has the full schedule listed, along with rules that apply to the fishing competition. This is a great opportunity to see some highly skilled young flyfishers in action, and also to help foster a good impression of the USA and our environment on these international sportsmen.

Request for Volunteer

A volunteer is needed for the **Chairperson of a Media Relations Committee**. The Chapter is involved in a number a education programs and habitat improvement programs and we are looking for someone who would be willing to put out press releases and notify the media about events and activities.

SCTU BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 132 Village Drive, State College at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday following the scheduled Membership Meeting. Chapter members are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. The Board members welcome and would appreciate greater participation from Chapter members. As many of you know, our membership and board meetings are held at the Comfort Suites Hotel. Comfort Suites provides the rooms to us at no charge. We want to thank Karen Mansfield and her staff for their support.

VISIT THE SCTU WEB SITE: springcreektu.org

The Web Site lists membership and board meeting dates; contains the past 5 months of Tertiary Treatment; and provides links to Spring Creek USGS stream flow conditions, weather, and a number of other good information sources.

Board of Directors Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Meeting of June 18, 2007
7:30 p.m., Comfort Inn, State College, PA

Members present: Bill Brusse (President), Allen Phillips, Bob Donaldson, George Moellenbrock, Dick Stevenson and Bob Eberhart.

As the Treasurer was unable to attend, there was no Treasurers Report.

Spring Creek Canyon: Bob Donaldson reported on the effort of the Moshannon Chapter of the Sierra Club to forestall the transfer of the Canyon and the surrounding uplands to Benner Township and Penn State University. Ed Perry, representing the Sierra Club, had approached DCNR asking whether DCNR would like to own and manage the Canyon. As DCNR indicated they were not interested, Perry approached the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and found that they were interested in owning and managing that land. Perry then arranged for a representative of PGC to meet with representatives of several Centre County conservation groups, including our Chapter of TU, to explain how PGC would manage that land. Bob Donaldson and Bob Eberhart had attended that meeting and reported no serious objections to having PGC become the owner.

The discussion turned to consideration of a "Statement of Concern and Recommendations" (copy attached) prepared by the Sierra Club that had been sent to various conservation groups including our Chapter with a request that we consider supporting the statement. The Statement requests that 1800 acres including the Canyon and the surrounding uplands be turned over to the PGC. It will be submitted by the "Spring Creek Canyon Alliance" which will apparently be comprised of all those organizations that will support the Statement. After lengthy discussion, the Board voted 6-0 in favor of a motion, properly made and seconded, to support the statement. As this position is different from the previous position of the Chapter, Bill Brusse will draft a letter explaining why the Board has changed its position; the draft will be circulated to the Board for comment before it is forwarded.

Habitat Improvement Project. The Board reviewed a series of emails from Joe Boston detailing the status of the PSU sheep pasture project. Necessary permitting has been received from the Centre County Conservation District. Most of the work will be carried out August 20 to 24, with PFBC providing equipment, design, construction oversight and some labor. PFBC has requested that the

Chapter provide a minimum of 12 volunteers on each of those days; volunteers will be solicited in the Newsletter and through the Chapter Listserve.

Joe Boston requested that the Board allocate \$1000 to be used for this project. The Board voted (6-0) to approve a motion, properly made and seconded, to make this allocation.

Watershed Watch. It was noted that this project had lost momentum. Bob Donaldson reported on a recent stormwater pollution episode at Springfield Commons and said that this emphasized the need to activate the Watershed Watch. Ted Trostle will be contacted to discuss renewing activity on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Eberhart
Secretary.

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Start or Renew Your TU Membership through SCTU

When your membership is about to expire, or join for the first time, fill out the form below and forward it with a check (payable to Trout Unlimited) to the address indicated below.

Name _____

Check Membership Category *

Address _____

Regular Membership (\$35)

City _____

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