

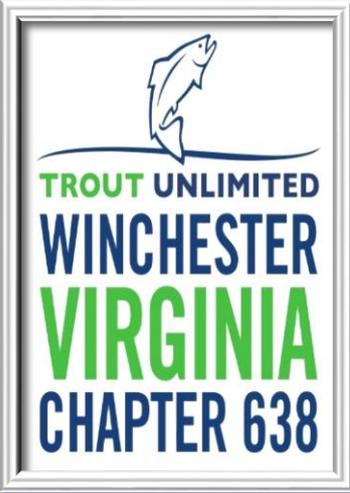
# Lateral Lines

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“Give ‘em a break. Bend down your barbs.” C.A.R.

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Next meeting is Thursday,  
April 4, 2019

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
Donato's Touch of Italy  
1361 N Frederick Pike  
Winchester

7:00 p.m. Meeting  
Winchester Red Cross  
561 Fortress Drive  
Winchester

Featured speakers: Wayne and Phil



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See you at the meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2019  
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## Trout in the Classroom (TIC) News TIC at Wildwood Middle School Article and photos by Carolyn Thomas

My 7th grade science students at Wildwood Middle School have created some beautiful pottery brook trout. Their works of art are currently on display at the Shepherd University Library in Shepherdstown and the Washington Street Studio and Gallery in Harpers' Ferry.



Please join us for *A School of Trout: student art exhibit and reception* on Sunday, April 7, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Washington Street Studio and Gallery.

The show features the art of more than 45 Wildwood students. The Washington Street Studio and Gallery is located at 1441 W. Washington Street, Harpers Ferry. Please stop in and enjoy some fishy refreshments.

This project was made possible by a grant that I received from the Jefferson Arts Council to integrate science and art.

Working with Joy Bridy, a Jefferson County artist and potter, all seventh graders (140 students) at Wildwood Middle created a clay brook trout. The pottery projects were fired in the kiln and painted, using acrylic paints.



“TIC at Wildwood Middle School” continues on the next page.

## Trout in the Classroom (TIC) News -- continued

### TIC at Wildwood Middle School

#### Article and photos by Carolyn Thomas

Students referred to photographs of brook trout and other art works to guide their painting. Some chose realistic renderings while others preferred stylized approach.

Among the guides that students used for their painting was a template of a brook trout created by wildlife sculptor and avid angler Carl Rettenberger and shared by Mark Zimmerman

Wildwood principal Patricia Brockway (at right) is using Carl's template to guide her painting of a brook trout.



The student project will be displayed at the Freshwater Institute, Potomac Valley Audubon Society, Washington Street Gallery, and other community locations this spring.

This project is funded in part by the Jefferson Arts Council, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.



## PHW Update Plans for 2019



The Project Healing Waters Chapter at the Martinsburg, WVA, will hold fly fishing classes for military veterans who are patients of the VA Medical Facility in Martinsburg. In addition to fly casting instruction and basic fly fishing skills, classes will prepare participants for fishing outings following the classes. Class schedule for 2019 includes:

### PTSD Program

9, 16, 26 April Classes  
27 April Outing

9, 16, 23 July Classes  
26 or 27 July Outing

24 September and 1, 8 October Classes  
14 October Outing

### Drug Rehab Program

5, 12, 19, or 26 April  
3 May Outing

7, 14, 21 June Class  
28 June Outing

4, 11, 18 October Class  
25 October Outing

Classes are scheduled to change based on weather and changes in patients' schedules.

Anyone interested in assisting with classes please contact: Program Lead -- Phil Stevens, [phillip.h.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:phillip.h.stevens@gmail.com), 703-380-4088; Assistant Program Lead -- Wayne White, [wmwusar99@gmail.com](mailto:wmwusar99@gmail.com), 703-919-2952

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.



## Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

Mark your calendar now and plan to hear all of these presentations.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> -**

Wayne White will share his proposal for Winchester Trout Unlimited to conduct a fly-fishing event for the Shenandoah Veterans Group at Lake Frederick.

The Shenandoah Veterans Group is a local club of 200 military veterans of all services that reside at the Active Adult Community at Lake Frederick.

**June 6<sup>th</sup> -**

Master hair stacker, Scott Shendow, will be here to show his methods for hair stacking as he ties his amazing creations. Just in time for Smallie fishing.



Photo and fly courtesy of Scott Shendow



**September 5<sup>th</sup> -**

Phil hammered 'em in Wisconsin. In addition to some hefty bass, Phil hooked his first ever Muskie. Phil promises a photo-packed presentation including his TWO most recent Wisconsin fishing trips.

Photo courtesy of Phil Stevens

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> -**

Newly minted Dr., Lisa LaCivita is the featured speaker for our annual joint meeting with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Audubon Society. Her topic: Frederick County Frogs: What are they telling us and why should we care?



Photo courtesy of Lisa LaCivita

**In Negotiations:**

**We are working on a dates for the following presentations**

**Carbon Offsets and YOU**

We are hoping to have a speaker to address the topic of "Carbon Offsets" sometime during 2019.

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If you have an idea for a Winchester TU meeting speaker, please let me know. We are always looking for great programs on topics of interest to the fly angler.



## Bud on the Run: Update on the March Workday and Plans for the April 6<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

Next workday is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

by **Bud Nagelvoort**

photos by Bill Prokopchak and Bud Nagelvoort

On March 16 (I think) Bill, Clarke, and Bud began the next step in the process to install a new Clark Crosslog just above the island above Clark's original crosslog.

The process involved determining the length of the red oak log to form the major crosslog element extending from the upstream mid-point end of the island to the north bank recessed point for the log end. After careful measurement, the required length of log was determined to be about 22 feet.

As luck would have it, there is a 22 foot length of log hanging in part on the island and quickly accessible for our purpose.



**Upper Right:** Clark prepares the crosslog.

**Left:** Bud removes accumulated debris from the Redbud streambed.

**Lower Right:** Bud ponders the next round of back-straining labor for our work party.

**Below:** The TIC release site is ready for Brookies now that the logjam has is gone.



After trimming off the upper useless section of the log the next step in the process involved clearing out several large, broken branches stuck in the channel stream bed which turned out to be a minor challenge because of water depth and sediment. But perseverance and Bill's power winch prevailed and the channel is now ready for the log at the next work session. (But wait. Installing this element of the crosslog before blocking off the small channel around the island at the south bank will cause a heavy flow in that channel and maybe mess up the island before the new crosslog can be sited.☺)

Consequently, at the April 6 event we'll likely make use of another large limb of the crosslog oak to block off that channel and also make use of large numbers of big rocks to ensure against washout during high water. Fun, eh?

After Clarke had to depart at noon for family soccer Bill and Bud took apart most of the jam forming downstream from Clark's Crosslog, the result of several big fallen sycamores, oaks and hackberrys with contributions from smaller stuff originating from our upstream efforts during the past few months.

Regular e-mail the evening of the 5th for any changes in plans.



For those who wonder what the final result is of our efforts to clear out the jam below the TIC DGIF fingerling release site, there is now only a stub extending from the sycamore root wad at the north bank and no more obstruction at the south bank. The site is ready now for the May release with several large logs in place as part of the new TU amphitheater where TU experts can lecture students in a serene natural setting with only the sound of rushing water to provide any distraction.

So 9 AM on the 6th looks promising at the moment.



## Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler

### Limericks for April Fools Day

By Bill Prokopchak

#### Red Bud

There was an old man from old B-ville,  
Who was said to have 'mazingly great skill.  
He recruited us geeks  
To work knee-deep in creeks.  
And never provided an Advil !

#### Brookie Release

There was an old codger named Dan.  
He needed one heck of a plan.  
Some kids would have blue dots.  
Some teachers had red spots.  
For sure, he's one heck of a man.

#### Business on the Side

There once was a youngster named Gaylen  
On rivers, he liked to go sailin'.  
He rowed the boat well  
Despite ruffle and swell,  
And his guests, they need never be bailin'.

#### Cool Spring

There once was this boy name of Lewis  
He's proud to be born in the U.S.  
Environmentally strong  
He works hard all day long  
Keeping Cool Spring so nice for you and us.

#### Shad Man

Shad fishing was addicting to Fred.  
He did like to jump early from bed.  
When the Shad Fish were running,  
Old Fred could be cunning.  
Fred would fish 'til his face was beet red.

#### Mr. Bass Man, Mr. Bass Man

Charlie was known as a bass man.  
He can pick strings much better than you can.  
But he does love to fish,  
And Smallie Bass is his wish.  
Smallie Bass or stringed bass is his game plan.

#### The Bob Marshall

Ol' Stan was a fire-fightin' man.  
He could carry as much as he can.  
On the pack he did slip.  
O'er the log he did trip.  
And five stitches were not in the game plan.

#### Whiskey and Cigars

Phil likes his shady old back porch.  
He can light his cigars with a blow torch.  
With some Scotch on the rocks,  
He can drink in his socks,  
And give thanks for the leaves on that white birch.

#### Dry Flies Only

There once was an angler named Dave,  
Who had an issue about which he did rave.  
He used only the dry fly.  
To nymphs he said bye-bye.  
And his rod in the air he did wave.

#### The Fish Painter

In his hand, Bill did hold an old paint brush,  
But in art, there are things that you can't rush.  
What do you say?  
Let's go fishin' today !  
But his wife says, "Your noggin I will crush."



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## rom the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

On the Fly by Carl Rettenberger



ayflies may be the most important insects for trout anglers to understand. They are an ancient order of insects, famous outside the fly-fishing world for their fragile beauty and short adult lifespan, usually a single day to mate and die. The mayfly's poignant drama attracts poets and fishermen alike, but fishermen make the most of it. It's pretty easy to distinguish a Mayfly in flight from other hatching macro-invertebrates by their long tails, transparent wings, and graceful flight. In particular, this month I would like to feature the Quill Gordon. The Quill Gordon, *Epeorus pleuralis*, is the earliest member of the Mayfly family to hatch and is one of only two Mayflies to have just two tails as nymphs. Well, that certainly messes up the two tail/three tail key used to separate Stonefly nymphs from Mayfly nymphs, doesn't it?!



Our old friend, Carl, published this hatch chart in *LATERAL LINES* back in 2012. April is Quill Gordon season.

Size	Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
#16-18	Black Stonefly		X	X									X
#14-16	Little Brown Stonefly		X	X									
#12-14	Quill Gordon			X	X								



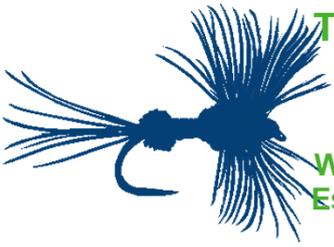
# Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester



The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be gathering at Escutcheon Brewing in Winchester to offer anglers and **non-anglers** in our area the opportunity to learn about Trout Unlimited and to tie some fishing flies.

We hope all of you can attend our monthly "BarFly" at Escutcheon Brewery.

The brewery and tasting room are located at  
**142 W. Commercial St.  
Winchester, VA**



**Winchester  
Trout Unlimited**

**BarFly  
7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 10  
Escutcheon Brewery  
Commercial Street  
Winchester, VA**



No fly-tying or fly-fishing experience is necessary.

Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports WTU.



## ANGLER REFLECTIONS ANGLER REFLECTIONS

### Fish Stories told through the magic of the digital photo

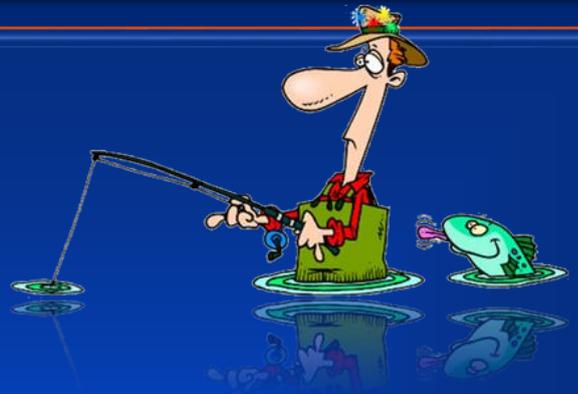


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**Above left:** Phil's Sanibel Island Snook  
Photo courtesy of Phil Stevens

**Above:** A shad for Charlie  
Photo courtesy of Charlie Loudermilk

**Left:** Charlie's Shad Dart  
Photo by Bill Prokopchak



# The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

## Same River Twice

Author: Peter Brewitt  
 Paperback: 288 pages  
 ISBN-10: 0870719572  
 ISBN-13: 978-0870719578  
 Publisher: Oregon State University Press  
 Publication Date: April 10, 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> edition)

Dam removal was not a realistic option in the twentieth century, and people who suggested it were dismissed as radical dreamers. Over the past twenty years, dam removal has become increasingly common, with dozens of removals now taking place each year nationwide.

How did this happen? *Same River Twice* answers this question by telling the stories of three major Northwestern dam removals -- the politics, people, hopes, and fears that shaped three rivers and their communities.

Author Peter Brewitt begins each story with the dam's construction, shows how its critics gained power, details the conflicts and controversies of removal, and explores the aftermath as the river re-established itself.

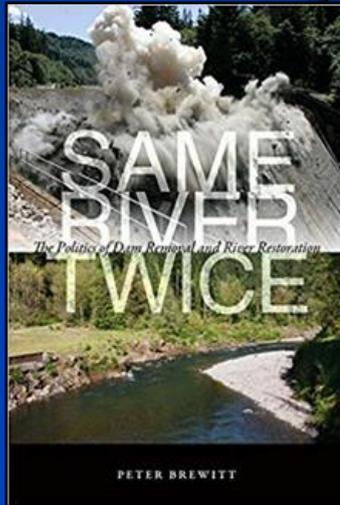
Each dam removal offers a unique case study. On the Elwha and Rogue Rivers, dam removal was a multi-decade political brawl; on the Sandy River, it was swift and amicable. A key controversy in every case was the loss of the recreational lake created by the dam.

Local communities loved their lakes and felt that they were natural, public spaces rather than industrial creations. They fought dam removal with passion and ingenuity. To be successful, dam removal advocates had to learn to weld together mega-coalitions that embraced most interest groups and moved forward together.

While the dams profiled here are all in the Pacific Northwest, dam removal is a national and international phenomenon, and Brewitt's findings apply everywhere. Written for both a scholarly and a general audience, *Same River Twice* presents invaluable case studies for scholars of environmental politics, wildlife and public land professionals, environmental activists, and anyone interested in the intersection of politics, public policy, and dam removal.

PETER BREWITT grew up in Bangkok, Thailand, and East Alton, New Hampshire. After majoring in history at Dartmouth College, he spent five years as a naturalist, primarily in Yosemite National Park. He received his PhD in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he focused on environmental policy.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



## Essential Fly Patterns for Lakes and Streams

Author: Brian Smith  
 Paperback: 180 pages  
 ISBN-10: 1773860003  
 ISBN-13: 978-1773860008  
 Publisher: Caitlin Press Inc.  
 Publication Date: June 14, 2019

In *Essential Fly Patterns for Lakes and Streams* Brian Smith cuts to the chase, offering the reader and fly tier over eighty flies with recipes and instructions for each.

In his third book, Smith shares the results of his more than fifty years of experimentation and research developing and refining fly patterns that are proven fish-catchers.

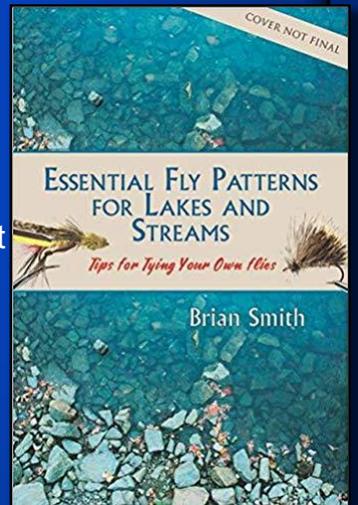
Some of the patterns are world standards, but many have been tweaked and altered by Smith through his observations and studies of insects, including where they live in lakes and streams and what triggers are responsible to entice fish to "eat the fly."

The book provides details for tying the most important insect imitations in their various stages of lifeforms and is full of Smith's important tips about their pattern developments.

The fly-tying tips in *Essential Fly Patterns for Lakes and Streams* have been perfected over Smith's countless hours of fun at the vise and are uniquely designed to simplify the process of tying replica fly patterns that are consistent in appearance, size, shape, and attitude.

"If fly tying is a big part of your fly-fishing, then you need to read this book. In his third book, Brian Smith shares his many years of experience on the water and at the vise." (Dr. Danie Erasmus, fly-fishing writer and founder of [www.princegeorgeflyfisher.com](http://www.princegeorgeflyfisher.com))

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



Winchester TU  
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Please bring your  
 aluminum cans to  
 any Winchester TU  
 event.



# Chapel Run: Then and Now

by Bill Prokopchak

Last month in this space, I included some photos of the work our chapter members did to mitigate bank erosion along Chapel Run in Clarke County, VA.

This month, I went back to my hoard of photos to find some that showed Winchester TU members doing the hard conservation work along Chapel Run over the decades.

Although we were never able to establish a reproducing population of Rainbow Trout in that little cold-water creek, the bank-erosion mitigation efforts will reduce the silt flushing through Chapel Run and will improve the lives of wild critters that live there.



## Clockwise from above left:

Terry reduces a log to timber with his big Husqvarna.

Bud brings Stan into compliance with safety rules.

Robert and Barbara prepare erosion-control boards.

Dave, Fred, Bill, and Robert pause for a photo op.

Fred and Paul pull bank-protection logs into place.



# TROUT UNLIMITED TRI-STATE CONSERVATION & FISHING CAMP

FOR 13-17 YEAR-OLDS

**Apply early to ensure your spot for the 2019 Camp.**

Join us for an exciting week of hands-on activities in a beautiful mountain-stream environment, where treasured wild brook trout have survived for thousands of years. Become a skilled and responsible angler and an informed conservationist.

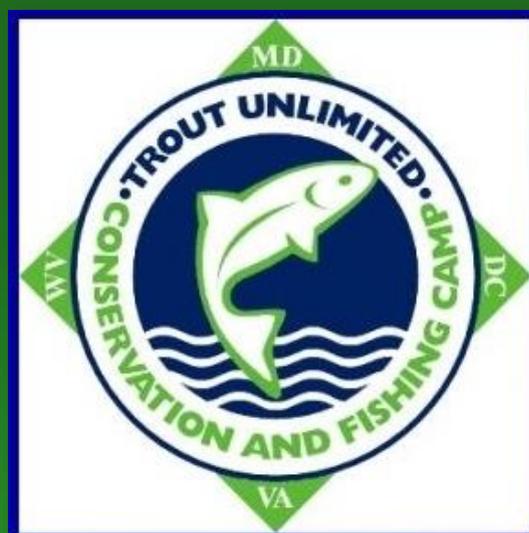
**WHEN:** Note the change of dates from those published earlier

June 23-28, 2019

**WHERE:**

Graves' Mountain Lodge

Syria, Virginia - Next to Shenandoah National Park



**WHO:** Boys and girls currently in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade, or who will be 13 years-old by June 17, 2019, who enjoy the outdoors, want to learn to fish or improve their fishing skills, and are interested in helping to protect our environment.



**WHAT:** A fun-filled comprehensive 6-day, 5-night residential camp. The Camp fee is \$850; partial or full financial sponsorship is available for campers needing support to attend. Limited to 24 campers. Led by expert instructors and an experienced staff.



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**Trout Unlimited Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp is a joint project of Trout Unlimited in Virginia, Maryland/DC, & West Virginia**



# 2018 Calendar of Events

## Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

### See also

<http://winchestertu.org/>

#### April 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 4 April 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Phil and Wayne will give us a PHW and Shenandoah Veterans' Group update
- ✓ **Saturday 6 April 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- 9:00 a.m.
- ✓ **Wednesday 10 April** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### May 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 2 May 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 4 May 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Monday 6 May 2019** -- 9:00 a.m. - TIC clean-up day at the Redbud DGIF site
- ✓ **Wednesday 8 May 2019** -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Friday & Saturday 10 & 11 May 2019** -- Brookie release days -- time to be announced later

#### June 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 6 June 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Scott Shendow, master hair stacker, will be our featured speaker
- ✓ **Saturday 8 June 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 12 June** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Sunday 23 June through Friday 28 June 2019** --7:00 p.m. - Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp

#### July 2019

- ✓ **No monthly meeting in July 2019**
- ✓ **July Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **No BarFly in July 2019**

#### August 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 1 August 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 3 August 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 14 August 2019** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### September 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 5 September 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Phil Stevens is our featured speaker. His topic: Fishing Wisconsin
- ✓ **Saturday 7 September 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 11 September** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### October 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 3 October 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - Annual joint meeting with Northern Shenandoah Audubon
- ✓ **Saturday 5 October 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 9 October** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### November 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 7 November 2019** -- 7:00p.m. -- Monthly TU meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 9 November 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 13 November** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery



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All water sports, including fishing, and stream restoration activities have inherent dangers. Participation in all Winchester Trout Unlimited activities is at the participant's own risk and participants agree to hold harmless Winchester Trout Unlimited and its members. A responsible adult must accompany all minors.

