

Winchester Trout Unlimited

(April 4, 2019)

7:05 pm Call to Order (Galen) Red Cross Building north Rt 522

13 members attending

Speaker Wayne and Phil—Proposal for WTU to conduct a fly-fishing event for the Veterans Group at Lake Frederick.

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

- See attached “Information Paper” dated 4 April 2019.
- The proposal was approved to move forward by the chapter. Specific dates TBD

Projects:

1. Red Bud work session **April 6th at 9am** at Red Bud Run. There is a gate entering the field on the north side of Redbud. If you arrive late, the gate will be shut, so be sure to shut it after you enter. Work location area is up-stream from the gate. Look for trucks.

Education:

1. **TIC Britt Miller**
 - Release date May 10-11 (weekend after Apple Blossom)
 - Volunteers still needed for Friday afternoon.
 - Area clean up date May 6
 - Dan has prepared an extensive duty and procedures list for releases in future years. He and his wife are considering moving out of VA
 - 10 schools are confirmed for bringing fish. To date we have 45 kids on Friday and 20 on Saturday.
2. **Tri-State Youth Camp Galen**
 - This weekend April 6 and 7 is Youth Fishing day at Graves Mtn. Lodge
 - Youth Camp is June 23-28 for 13-17-year-old youth interested in fishing in the SNP
 - For more info and to apply or donate, visit www.TUCAMP.ORG or contact Galen Westman, Camp Director, at galen@trcamp.org or 571-606-0307.
 - Next year there will be consideration of lowering the age to 10-15

On-Going:

1. **Project Healing Waters**
 - Classes are scheduled into the fall
 - Bluemont -Bolder Crest will be hosting a meeting with the CEO of PHW next week. Phil will be attending
 - In May there will be Real Recovery and Casting Recovery program
2. Bar Fly (Gene) **Wednesday 4/9 at Escutcheon Brewery at 7:00.** Plan on tying an elk hair caddis

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 pm

Submitted by Fred Boyer

Winchester Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing Program Proposal

INFORMATION PAPER

4 April 2019

Subject: Fly Fishing Program for Shenandoah Veterans Group

Purpose. Provide proposal for Winchester Trout Unlimited Chapter to conduct a Fly Fishing Event for the Shenandoah Veterans Group at Lake Frederick, VA.

1. Background.

The Shenandoah Veterans Group is a local club of 200 military veterans of all services that reside in the Trilogy 55+ Active Adult Community at Lake Frederick. There is significant interest within the SVG in fly fishing and in particular the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing organization and its support of military veterans. Following a PHWFF presentation SVG made a generous donation to the VA Medical Center PHW Chapter. The SVG leadership said their members are looking for local volunteer opportunities such as PHW presented that they would support.

Based on the SVG interest with PHW, and the additional inquiries for information on fly fishing instruction, the following proposal for a SVG fly fishing event is provided for consideration. The fly fishing event could possibly increase SVG member interest in Winchester TU membership.

2. Objective.

The Winchester TU Chapter would provide the SVG a one day fly fishing orientation and training event during June 2019, with a follow-on fly fishing trip to a local fishing area scheduled on a later date.

3. Concept of the Fly Fishing Event.

a. Overview.

- 1) The WTU will host the FF event at the Trilogy Shenandoah Club. Current WTU and Trilogy members will provide sponsorship for the event and will coordinate with the club management for availability of space and schedule of time and facilities.
- 2) The WTU members will conduct a one-day comprehensive program for all interested SGV to learn the art of fly fishing.
- 3) Classes will help SGV learn basic fly fishing skills to prepare them for a day of fly fishing in the local area.
- 4) Upon completion of the basic FF skills event, WTU will accompany SVG members for a day of fly fishing at a local fishing area.

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b. Program of Instruction.

- 1) The WTU will support classes for new and experienced fly fishermen of SVG.
Classes will include:
 - a) Fly rod anatomy and understanding of casting principles
 - b) Casting skills – basic casts and line management
 - c) Catching and releasing fish
 - d) Basic knot tying
 - e) Entomology – study of aquatic insects and other fish food
 - f) Locating fish in streams, ponds and lakes
 - g) Safety on the water
 - h) Environmental benefits and considerations associated with the art of angling
- 2) WTU will conduct classes in a station training format. Instructors will be responsible for the information and conduct of the class.
- 3) Classes will include details to prepare participants for the scheduled fishing outing.

4. Coordination.

- a. WTU will form a committee for the planning, coordination and executing of the SVG FF training and fishing event.
- b. WTU committee will coordinate with the SVG for the planning and conduct of the event to include possible dates.
- c. Planning dates are tentatively:
 - 1) 22 June 19 – Orientation and training
 - 2) 29 June 19 – Fishing trip

5. WTU points of contact: Wayne White, Tom Carroll, Phil Stevens, and Fred Boyer.