

BRMTU Meeting Agenda

February 14, 2026

Introduction

Welcome Members and Visitors

Membership

Conservation Update – Sandy Reinhauer

We have put a team together to focus on chapter conservation efforts

We are working with Laura Brown, the lead biologist at the USFS and James Miles, the lead biologist at the Georgia DNR

We will focus on:

- Creek restorations
- River and creek sampling
- Cleanups - Rivers Alive in the fall and Chapter-lead cleanups – Quarterly(?)

Projects:

The USFS is short-staffed and does not have resources for restoration projects at this time, but they do review and approve projects for other groups.

James Miles has several projects identified that have been approved by the USFS and are being scheduled. He will reach out to us for projects where he can use our help in the Fannin/Gilmer/Union area.

Education Update –

John Jenkins/Carl Riggs/Paul Carlson

Blue Ridge Elementary

- Tori Arp is leading classes on macro-invertebrate studies in Mineral Springs Creek
- She could not fit 'Trout in the Classroom' in her plan this year, but hopes to do the program again next year

Fannin County Middle School

- Erin Panter has 'Trout in the Classroom' up and running. They have 200 trout eggs that have hatched and are prospering. They have absorbed their egg sacs and are growing and beginning to swim freely.
- **Both teachers plan to have booths/exhibits at TroutFest**
- **We hope to work with both schools to teach about fly fishing and gear and teach fly casting in conjunction with STEM studies in the spring**

Trout in the Classroom

Fannin County Middle School

Education Update – Carl Riggs

5 Rivers Programs at UNG, Georgia Tech and UGA

- UNG is up and running (and growing.)
- Carl Riggs is coordinating a teaching day for UNG 5 Rivers on February 25th. They will learn casting from 10 to 11am and fly tying from noon to 1pm. We need volunteers! See Carl.
- We hope to have the UNG, Georgia Tech and UGA 5 Rivers clubs participate in TroutFest
 - ❖ Set up a 5 Rivers booth
 - ❖ Volunteer resources

Hatchery Fishing Days – John Jenkins

Here are the fishing days for the hatchery. Times are 9am - 12pm with volunteers needed from 8am - 1pm. Some of the lunches may be cooked on site this year. We will need grills and extra cooks on those days.

Veterans Day. May 8. Need a few volunteers. Lunch for guests and volunteers

Special Needs Day. May 13 Need a lot of volunteers. Lunch for volunteers.

 May 14 Rain day

Not for public publication. Post at meetings but not on website

Senior Day. June 5. Need a few volunteers. Lunch for volunteers, maybe guests

Kids/Family Day. June 6. Need a few volunteers. Lunch for volunteers. Need casting instructors and fly tying.

Possible Flyfishing Trip

Fishing Black Creek Delayed Harvest

Noccooosa Falls Park - Gadsden, Alabama

Contact John Jenkins - jfjenkins3@gmail.com - (850) 803-6958

The South Holston Trip is ON!

We will fish the S. Holston and Watauga Rivers

Contact Harmon Smith if you are interested

Treasurer's Report

Paul C. nice (small) brown trout