

# BRMTU Chapter Meeting 3/21/26

Membership John Jenkins

Roster - 274

Free Membership at TroutFest

Senior Rate for Membership \$25

Bill Williams - stepping away from VP - we need someone to step up.

## Programs:

### Oyster Rods:

Shannon Oyster and Cassie/Op manager

Bio Diversity - very vulnerable - rising temps, construction killing the bugs.

Film Festival needs to get really kick started!

Six Films - mostly local fishing

Oyster donating top auction item for the Film Festival

\$20 gets you food, films, two adult beverages, access to the auction

150 tickets only

April 24th Friday Night before the TroutFest 26

### Middle School:

Erin Panter - Trout in the Classroom - Middle School

Treating hemlocks on the property

Trout in the classroom

Kids are very excited about the fish in the classroom

Water Quality is a key responsibility

Also teach about aquatic ecosystems - human impact

Soil Erosion, cattle pooping in the trout stream, "Little Blue Ridge"

They collect data and do assessments

ph, temps, overall habitat status, riparian zone, Weaver Creek

- need to get Erin the ppt on hemlocks

March 10 fly casting workshop

Fundraisers - at TroutFest - bird houses, feeders, student made.

Volunteers at TroutFest

BR Parade of Homes - Fannin County HS Welding Class coming to TroutFest

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### GA TU - State TU Meeting update

Dream Trip and Raffle is on!

Trout Camp is not happening this year - leadership stepped down

Money will go to youth TU programs

Drawing in April 11 - Hoot on the Hooch

## **BRMTU Tech Review**

On going - Randy Carpenter

## **TroutFest Updates (TF26)**

April 25th

Also need a **Merch sales coordinator**

Volunteers :

Mary Borgwat is the Lead

21 of 72 spots filled so far

Need a Merch Lead Person

Gather goods, display, inventory.

Need an Alcohol Lead

Day of Event, coordinate, liaison with distributors

Next Meeting March 31st at 2 PM Orvin Lance

Judging T Shirt Contest

Billie - also doing the Trout Fishing Derby

- Starts March 27th for 1 month

- Tagged fish gets you an award

- We need about **20 more donors** - from \$20 and up to Grand Prize  
(we have 6 Grand Prizes, \$300 and up)

- Restaurants, trips, TVs, etc.

## **Chapter Fishing Trips**

### **Holston Fishing Trip**

Right after TF2026

2 openings left

\$75 Deposit

### **Alaska Lodge**

\$500 donation to chapter = 1/2 price trip

5 days - \$4000 - guides,

AirFare not included

2 hours from Anchorage

3-6 people

LEGENDLODGE.com

See Mel Richardson

July, August 1 Week Sept

- Earlier in July is best

Bristol Bay , Alaska

## **Curtis Switch Update**

Bathroom Design

Kayaking School Bus is blocking the boat launch

## **Treasurers Report**

\$108K in the bank with incoming for TroutFest 26

CD made nice return

We have a placeholder \$20K but might not need to spend it

Delayed Harvest is now open

Regional Rendezvous - Black Mountain, NC

- Moving the March Meeting to March 7th and will not be at the church

## **CONSERVATION:**

- July August we will sample brook trout - Noontootla Creek

- Steve Gunning - Fighting Town creek Restoration

- Quarterly Chapter Cleanups - forming up.

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## **Stocking Tubes**

- Paul Mailman, Paul Carlson

- Doogan Hole Built

- We are building for Stocking Trout from the hatchery and DNR

- Sandy Bottom Next

MORE Events might be planned

- Grumpy

- Hatchery

- Winery

- City of McCaysville - Fall Festival - Smaller Event at the City Park

## **Calendar Update**

- April 11 Hoot on the Hootch, Helen

- April 24 Catch it on Film Festival BRM Art Association

- April 25 TroutFest 26

## **Hatchery Events**

May 8 Vets Day

May 13 Special Needs (does not get published)

June 5 Senior Day

June 6 Kid/Family Day

New Business - US Forestry Services

- We need new conservation projects
- James Miles GDNR will come back with an update

New Items

June 20 We Host The State TU Meeting in Blue Ridge at the Family Life Center

Trout in the Classroom - Fannin County

- Middle School - Erin Panter
- Elementary School - Tori

Fishing Report

Borgwat catching sea trout

Volunteers List - BRMTU - other than TroutFest

NEXT Meeting April 11 9 AM Faith Presbyterian