

September 12, 2026 Chapter Meeting

BRMTU Meeting Agenda

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Welcome New Members and Visitors

Membership – John Jenkins

Chapter Fishing Shirts – Roger Johnson

Rivers Alive – Sandy Reinauer

Joint Event with Blairsville Chapter – Steve Kelley

Financial Report – The Mailman

Chapter Discussion – Trout Fest 2027

Chapter Events & Accomplishments

Calendar Review

Fishing Report

Break/Raffle

Introduction

Welcome Members and Visitors

Membership

Update from John Jenkins –

Members: 253 (After TU Cleanup)

(Including one business – NCF)

New members: 0

Youth: 0

Transfer IN: 0 / OUT: 0

Callout – Project Chimps

Chimp or Treat October 24 & 25

Chapter Fishing Shirts

Roger Johnson -

- Last day for Fishing Shirt Orders
- Sign up with Roger and Pay the Mailman
- We will look into hoodies in February

Rivers Alive!

- ☐ Coordinator: Sandy Reinauer
- ☐ Location: Meet at Tammen Park
- ☐ Dates: September 24-25
- ☐ Times: Friday – 2 to 4 PM
- ☐ Times: Saturday – 8:30 am to 2 pm
- ☐ Tee Shirts and Lunch Provided

Meeting & Lunch with Chattahoochee/Nantahala Chapter (Blairsville)

- ☐ Coordinator: Steve Kelley
- ☐ Location: Horseshoe Bend
- ☐ Date: October 8th
- ☐ Time: 12:00 Lunch (Come out early to fish, raffle/auction to follow)

Treasurer's Report

Monthly Financial Report

8/1/2026 through 8/31/2026

FY 2027 Budget

9/4/2026

Chapter Discussion – Trout Fest 2027

Board Review

Bob stepping down from the Director Position

Review of Structure and Tasks

Job Descriptions & Org Chart

Leadership & Volunteers

Membership Commitment

Options & Decisions

Chapter Events and Accomplishments

- ☐ Curtis Switch – The plans have been turned over to the County Commission for submission to TVA. Hopefully, we will be able to start construction in January 2027.
- ☐ Need help next Thursday (9/17 - tentative) at the Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery – See Paul Carlson – * **Need 2 painters** *
- ☐ Georgia TU Council Meeting – September 19th in Athens at the Warnell School – 9:00 am

❑ TIC Updates –

- Tori Arp is up at Blue Ridge Elementary. Thanks John and Tommy! We will set up for Trout Egg Delivery the first week of October
- Erin Panter is up at Blue Ridge Middle School. Egg Delivery will be after New Years.

❑ Chimp or Treat is on for October 25 & 26. John Jenkins has his volunteers.

Conservation:

Blue Ridge Mountain TU at DNR Fish Survey on Noontootla Creek

Cliff Munyon, Paul Mailman, Steve Kelley, and Paul Carlson participated in the fish survey performed by the DNR and USFS

3 rounds of shocking/collection were performed

200 meter stretch of creek. Over 500 fish were cataloged

Rainbow and Brown Trout, Rock Bass, Chubs, Shiners, and Sculpins

The fish were relatively small, but the creek is healthy

UPDATE: The Trout Barge

Background:

Ben & Andrew Bruce started boat stocking several years ago on the DH

Goal:

Spread fish in the tailwater to improve fish persistence/survival

The Latest:

- Running monthly trips on the tailwater through the summer
- Introduced Brook Trout stocking back into the tailwater
- Invited to Tennessee to stock on the Clinch River (Clinch River TU)

FEEDBACK EVERYWHERE HAS BEEN FANTASTIC!

Renewed Conservation Initiatives

- Paul Mailman is coordinating efforts
- Reconnecting with DNR & USFS on Projects
- Coordinating with Jeff Durniak – State Conservation Chair
- Reconnected us for the Noontootla Creek Fish Survey
- Working with Jacob Rash – TU Program Director, Southern Appalachians

More opportunities to get involved in Conservation Initiatives!

Technology

UPDATES

- ☐ All officer and board members have been set up and are beginning to use the environment
- ☐ Shared calendar app is in Production on the website!
- ☐ Added Mobile Calendar access
- ☐ Created new Event app on the BRMTU website

Calendar Review And Announcements

TU National -

- ❖ Trout Unlimited's Annual Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☐ Rivers Alive!
 - Location: Meet at Tammen Park
 - Dates: September 24-25
 - Times: Friday – 2 to 4 PM (High School)
 - Times: Saturday – 8:30 am to 2 pm
 - Coordinator: Sandy Reinauer
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- ☐ Chimp or Treat
 - Location: Project Chimps Retreat
 - Dates: October 24-25
 - Times: 10-3 both days
 - Coordinator: John Jenkins

CALENDAR

Fishing Report

September Fishing

Tommy Morris & Paul Carlson

Tailwater

Still catching Brookies

Caught a wild Bow

Great signs on the Tailwater

DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF TROUT FEST

Trout Fest has grown every year into an event that has overshadowed the true reason for the event - that is to support the Trout Unlimited Mission - to protect cold water resources and by supporting conservation education and activities and support and expand trout fishing in our geographic area.

A three person team mad up of : Paul Mailman, Stave Kelley and Ben Bruce will determine the scope and organizational structure of a more focussed Trout Fest event for 2027 - It will be like a Trout Fest Special Edition.

More details to follow in October.

NEXT MEETING

October 10 - 9:00am

Quick Break

&

Raffle

Drawings