### It's all about fun, friendship and involvement!



Bi-monthly fly tying





**Casting competition** 

Group fishing trips locally and to surrounding states

Assisting at hatchery events



Social events



# Come and join our chapter!

We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Union County Conference Center next to the Butternut Creek Golf Course in Blairsville.

Fly tying class starts at 4:30 taught by several of our master fly tyers. Whether you're an accomplished tyer....or want to learn....you're welcome to join in.

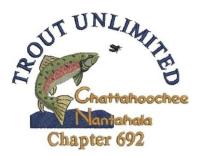
Social time is from 6:30 until 7:00 with an entertaining education program to follow. A short business meeting wraps up the evening.



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Proudly serving north Georgia and western North Carolina.

The Chattahoochee-Nantahala Chapter 692 is a part of Trout Unlimited national. Our core mission is the conservation of coldwater fisheries and the promotion of trout fishing so that others may enjoy the sport for generations to come. This mission includes several aspects:

#### Stream Restoration and Improvement

Throughout the year, Trout Unlimited chapters including our own help the National Fish and Wildlife Service by cleaning streams and rivers of debris, building new structures that provide shelter for fish and educating the public to the dangers of uncontrolled degradation of our rivers and streams. We also provide funds to aid other non-profits whose mission is similar to ours.



Among the many programs we support, TU 692 along with the Georgia TU Council have provided funds to the Hiawassee River Watershed Coalition. The HRWC does a great job of protecting and improving the rivers and tributaries of the Hiawassee River in north Georgia and western North Carolina.



We have also given funds to Save Georgia's Hemlocks. Hemlocks play a key role in shading rivers and streams, thus cooling the water and giving trout a better chance for survival.

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Each year we donate to a scholarship at UGA's Warnell School to help students majoring in coldwater fisheries study.



Another worthy cause we support is Casting for Recovery which helps women recovering from breast cancer learn the joy of fly fishing.

### **Educational Programs**

At our monthly meetings, speakers present programs to our members that center around trout fishing, coldwater conservation and other subjects of interest to our group. Speakers range from fish biologists with the NFWS, authors, fishing guides, entomologists, veterans' groups and rod builders to name a few.



# Youth Programs

Our chapter is very involved in programs that teach our youth the fun and excitement of trout fishing. Every year, we sponsor two deserving young people to attend an intensive, week long **Trout Camp** run by the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited. The camp is located at Rabun Gap Nachoochee School in Clayton. Members of our chapter also serve as mentors and counselors at the camp.



We educate our youth in the life cycle of trout through the *Trout in the Classroom* program. We furnish a tank, equipment and young trout fry (fish capable of feeding themselves) to a deserving middle school class in Union County. The teacher, with assistance from our volunteers, instructs the class in how to feed the trout, regulate the oxygen, temperature and nutrients in the water so that they will grow into fingerlings. The culmination of the program is a class outing to a local stream where the fish are released to continue their life cycle.



## <u>Public Service Events</u>

Throughout the year, our chapter members participate in various public events including those sponsored by the Chattahoochee National Forest Fish Hatchery (Veterans Appreciation Fishing Rodeo, Seniors Fishing Rodeo, Kids Fishing Rodeo and the Special Kids Fishing Rodeo). We also participate in such events as Earth Day and Fly Fishing for Vets.



TU692 volunteers help

special kids catch their

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