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Bluegrass Chapter **Trout Unlimited** #478

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Above: Jonathan Dunn Participating in the One Fly Contest at Rock Creek

Below: One of the Scout Leaders shows off his findings from the clean-up



Rock Creek cleanup and One-fly fishing contest

A fun day transpired at Rock Creek Saturday April 18. The day kicked off with the overnight campers arising for a hardy breakfast in the great outdoors. At 9 AM we all gathered at the Hemlock Grove picnic pavilion and joined the day arrivals for a trash pickup along Rock Creek. We were accompanied by three Troops of Boy Scouts from Lexington, Irvine, and Corbin along with students from the Job Corps at Pine Knot. Dividing into teams of two we covered the area in 2 ½ hours. The trash filled two pickups to overflowing. At noon the group consisting of 16 TU'ers, 12 kids from the Pine Knot Job Corps Center and six Forest Service employees, District Ranger Fred Noack, gathered to recount the adventures in trash collection and partake in the picnic provided by the Job Corps. The menu consisted of hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, and a big chocolate chip cookie.

Jeff Steele assisted by willing TU volunteers, put on the First Cast program for the Scouts. Ked Stanfield assisted by other TU'ers gave a class in fly tying, allowing each scout to tie their own fly. Lots of olive woolybuggers were seen after the class.

After the conclusion of First Cast, the TU'ers drew lots for the teams in the one fly contest. All fishermen were off to the stream for the meat of the day. Much frustration was felt by the participants as one after another lost flies, fish and partners. The contest was over at 5 o'clock as all participants gathered for the evening festivities. Matt Simmons of Richmond and father of a 6-month old girl, was awarded a hat and tee shirt from Bluegrass chapter as winner of the contest. Matt caught and released three rainbows. Rusty Hallett released his fly into the wilds in a record 7 minutes, others made the whole afternoon with the same fly. Howard Eaton stated this was the first year he did not lose his fly.

The evening began with 10 trays of hors'dourves that some said was enough food for all without any entrée. After a few adult beverages the entrée was put on the grill and the side dishes were prepared. Baked beans, fruit salad, pasta salad, pickled asparagus, squash gruyere with fresh dill seasoning, green salad with Italian dressing, grilled asparagus rounded out the side dishes. Lasagna ala Joy Eaton was the entrée of choice. Steaks, Trout and brats were all grilled over an open fire. The evening was capped off with a grand selection of deserts, Chocolate brownie, tiramisu, chocolate cake, and fresh fruit. The Boy Scouts of Troop 89 prepared two Dutch oven cobblers, one peach, one cherry, for all to enjoy. Most were too full to take a large portion

A good time was had by all and the softer ones headed for the Big South Fork Motor Lodge for a hot shower, promising to return in the morning.

Gary Rose, Bill Remaks, Larry Drake, Dale White and Sandy Broughman convened the Kentucky Council meeting at Hemlock Grove on Sunday morning. Bill Remaks was elected President of the Council.



Ked Stanfield, Charlie Ebling, and Kevin Koonmen teaching a group of boy scouts how to tie a Wolybugger at the Rock Creek Clean-up

Jeff Steele teaches a First Cast class to one of the three boy scout troops that joined us at the Rock Creek Clean-up



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From the President

The Rock Creek Clean-up was a great success and with the help of well over fifty volunteers we cleaned the creek in record time, and collected some interesting pieces of trash. The most interesting probably being a windshield found by Jim Eggum.

We have a lot of trips coming up this summer, and want you all to join us! Check the website or contact Rusty for information regarding the upcoming events.

Keep a drag free drift.....
Todd Martin, President

Editor's note:

If you have anything you want mentioned in the newsletter...such as pictures from a recent fishing trip, a write up about a certain stretch of water, or something to sell please send me an email. Also, if you support a paperless newsletter please contact me.



Attention Members!!!

Renewals are required every year. You should receive a notice from National TU approximately four months before your membership expires. If you don't renew they will keep sending a notice monthly until some time after your membership expires. After a certain time your local chapter will send you a final notice. You will save a lot of unnecessary mail along with work and expense for the local chapter and the national organization if you renew right away. Please, when you get the first notice do not put it down. Send in the renewal right away or go online at www.tu.org and get it done immediately. You might get a valuable coupon as a reward. Thanks - Charlie Ebling