



ADAMS ANGLER

April 2017



Important Future Events and Activities

- April 18 – ACTU Chapter Meeting
- April 20 - South Mountain Partnership Lecture – From South Mountain to Your Glass: Preserving and Improving Our Water Supply.
- April 19 - Conewago Fly Fishing Stretch Stocking
- May 4, 10, 11 – Trout in the Classroom Release Trout Release Dates
- May 6 - Latimore Creek Youth Fishing Derby
- May 16 – ACTU Chapter Meeting
- June 3 – Southcentral Outdoors for Youth Day
- September 19 – ACTU Family Night and 40th Anniversary Celebration

Information on all these Events and Activities is covered in the Newsletter below

Southcentral Outdoors for Youth Day (SOY) ACTU Chair Joe Whitmore

This year's event will be held on June 3, 2017 at York and Adams Gun Club, Abbottstown, PA. This free event is open to all youths between the ages of 6-17 years. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the day of the event. Registration is available online until May 04, 2017, or on the day of the event from 6:30am to 7:45am.

Various activities include fly tying, fishing, archery, BB guns, trapping, black powder, .22, and shot-guns. There are also exhibits and demonstrations with the PA Game Commission, PA Fish Commission, snakes, predators, etc. All pre-registered youths will receive a free t-shirt and hat; lunch is served to all who attend. Although there is open registration between 6:30 am and 7:45am on the day of the event, to ensure adequate supplies, please register prior to the day of the event. For more information, visit www.adamscountysoy.org or call 717-579-7495. Please check in before 7:45 am, as the event starts at 8:00am sharp, rain or shine.

About SOY: South Central Outdoors for Youth (SOY) is a non-profit organization started in 1992 for the express purpose of encouraging youth's interest in the outdoors in a safe and controlled environment, with knowledgeable volunteers on hand to instruct and promote that interest. Its founders and volunteers believe that by giving youths and their parents/guardians a free day of various out-door activities, children have the opportunity to experience various sports without cost to the family. If the child decides to continue with the sport, there are many knowledgeable volunteers available to give information and instructions.

Adams County Trout Unlimited: Who are we?

We are 165 plus members in one of 56 Trout Unlimited Chapters in Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth has over 9,000 TU members interested in protecting our watersheds. We restore streams through habitat improvement programs and conduct classes on water quality and cold water fisheries management. With our partner we work to educate the next generation about the importance of clean water in Adams County through our Trout in the Classroom Program.

We are far more than a "fishing organization". The work we accomplish is also important to those who enjoy the outdoors and the sheer beauty of nature. Through Trout In the Classroom programs, we are reaching the next generation. We invite you to join our Adams County Trout Unlimited 323 ranks to help protect our clean water which is the life blood of all living creatures. We welcome you to sign up with us today.

ACTU – Conserving, protecting, and restoring cold water fisheries and their watersheds for future generations.

Adams County Trout Unlimited: Why me?

This question often originates at a very young age and many times this same question can be heard on our lips many years later--**Why Me?** Often it comes because of frustrations of dealing with a problem and other times it surfaces as a result of misguided expectations. At the worst, it may come from our lips while trying to avoid what we know is rightfully expected of us. On occasions, we may ask "**Why Me?**" when it requires our involvement or response. One can more readily find an excuse not to get involved. Just "cop an attitude" and leave the responsibility as our environment's protector, steward or conservationist up to someone else.

We have been granted a rich heritage through the legacy of dedicated sportsmen before us and those following us deserve the same. We owe it to the future generations to educate and teach these generations to protect, conserve and restore our cold water fisheries. Who is going to carry the torch in restoring and protecting our rich heritage? How long do we leave it up to someone else?

I have found many individuals in growing numbers, who do not view fishing, hunting and trapping as a valid and necessary means of wildlife management. Others wish to use our valuable state game lands for their personal non-hunting or non-fishing use. Some even despise the use of hooks for fishing or the use of firearms of any kind. YOU can play a significant role as a protector of our great hunting and fishing heritage.

WAKE UP, as sportsmen and women or just one of the ole timers, you and I have a job to do. Do you have memories of the first fish you caught? Of releasing that beautiful brook or brown trout back to the stream? Of fishing with a family member or friend? Or of a great hunt in the field? Is it time for you to "give back" for all the great outdoors adventures you've experienced? Please consider participating in our Chapter to give back some of what you have received.....**please get involved.**

This is a letter from a camp student that attended the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing School: Trout Unlimited Camp is.. by David Kelly

"This beautiful camp is a beneficial, valuable and once-in-a-lifetime experience for anyone, whether you have fly-fished for years or if it your first time on the stream. I have learned an extensive amount of information on conservation and the art of fly-fishing while having a spectacular week simultaneously. Not only do you learn, you also make lifelong friends, create memories and have a good time. I am grateful I had the opportunity to attend a quality conservation camp.

I had the honor to attend the first organized Rivers Conservation and Fly-Fishing and Conservation camp in the nation, located at Boiling Springs, PA...

...Fly tying was a great morning session where we first visually learned how to tie a fly, and then we did our own flies with camp materials.

...Nothing would have been possible if it wasn't for the wonderful staff who worked together to create a phenomenal week. I had no idea how to use a fly rod the first day and a gentleman assisted me with casting and proper form. I quickly developed my skills afterwards. There were two young staff members who were attending college and they helped me out as well.

... My favorite person helping on the river was a man by the name of Mr. Bob Moyer. Mr. Bob had taught me how to tie my line, how to locate the fish in the stream, improve on my casting, and many more educational experiences. My favorites were the "Wooly Bugger" and the "Terrestrial Ant". I caught several fish with the ant I tied myself.

...As much knowledge as I came home with, I was glad to spread it to the cub scouts as well. I taught fishing at Camp Acahela while covering conservation and taught fly-fishing as well. The younger children loved the fishing program and I was pleased to be able to fly-fish, teach and use my skill outside of the camp.

In conclusion, Rivers Conservation Fly-Fishing Youth Camp was one of the best weeks in my entire life and will be an experience I will remember for a lifetime. I hold the camp close to my heart because it had completely changed my outlook on fishing and the outdoors. I end by thanking anyone who contributes to providing such a wonderful week to the youth."

Trout in the Classroom

This year's Trout in the Classroom release dates at Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve are: **May 4th, May 10th, and May 11th.** These are the days when the students will release the Trout fingerlings they have raised into the stream. ACTU presents a short educational program to the students after the Trout are released. We need your help on these three days with the morning portion of this program that teaches the students how to spin cast and fly cast. **Please volunteer a few hours of your time to help make a difference with Adams Country students. Please contact ACTU Youth Education Coordinator Hank Rajotte and volunteer to help** at hank-carol@comcast.net or 717-408-8747.

ACTU Chapter Meetings

ACTU Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Adams County Conservation Building 670 Old Harrisburg Road in Gettysburg. (across from Weis Market and Adams County National Bank) No scheduled meetings in November or December. Come out and join us.

ACTU 40th Year Anniversary Celebration Family Event – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Presentation: “Native Wildlife” by Call of the Outdoors TV Show Host Jack Hubley

Free Admission Date: Saturday September 9th Light Refreshments

Place: East Berlin VFW Silent Auction, Raffles and Door Prizes

This will be the Chapter’s main fundraising event in 2017. This is what sets the stage for our continued success. More information to follow in the next few months.

Latimore Creek – Posting the Children Only Section



New signs being posted by ACTU Trustee Chris Plesic and the Plesic family along the Latimore Creek Regulation section for children-only. This is a partnership between the PA Fish and Boat Commission, ACTU Chapter, and Latimore Fairgrounds Committee.

***“THERE CAN BE NO GREATER ISSUE THAN THAT OF
CONSERVATION IN OUR COUNTRY”***

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

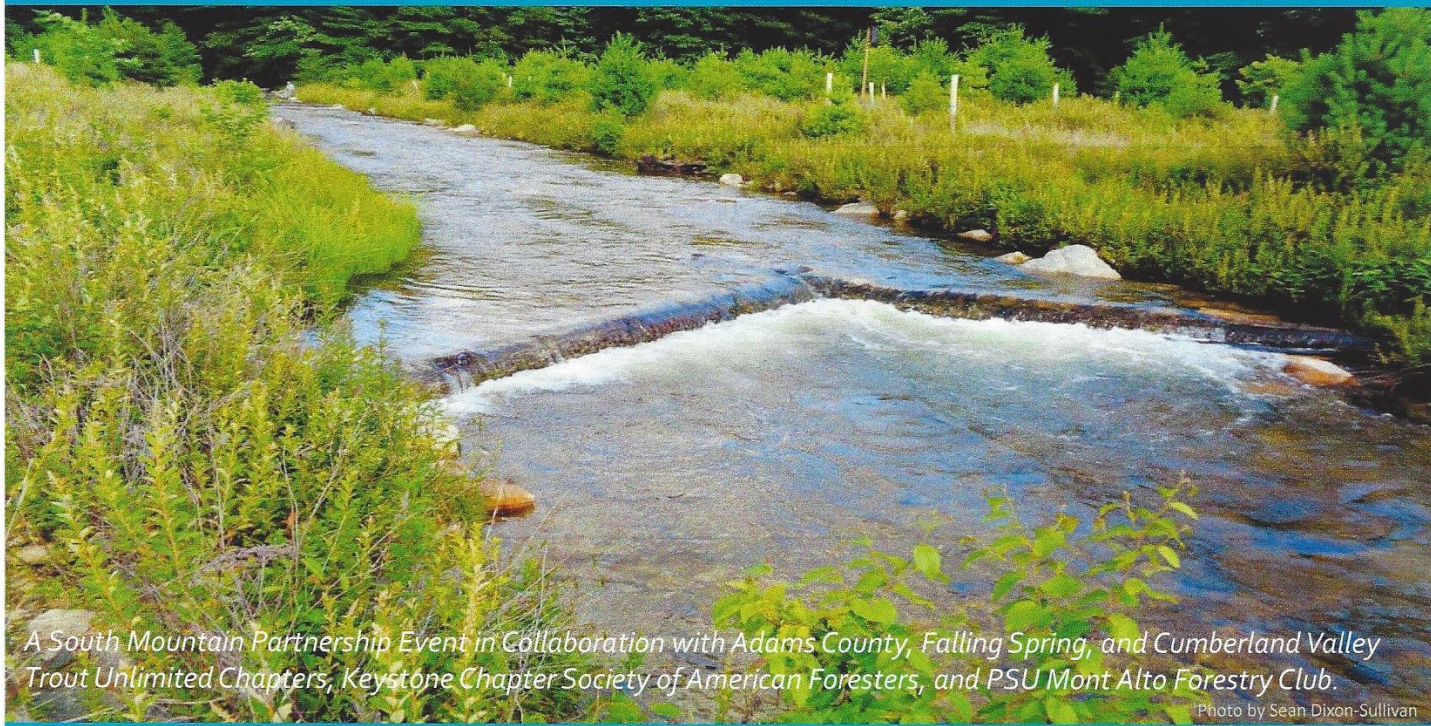
2017 Season

South Mountain Speakers Series

From South Mountain to Your Glass

Preserving and Improving Our Water Supply

More details at www.southmountainpartnership.org



A South Mountain Partnership Event in Collaboration with Adams County, Falling Spring, and Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited Chapters, Keystone Chapter Society of American Foresters, and PSU Mont Alto Forestry Club.

Photo by Sean Dixon-Sullivan

7:00 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2017

LOCATION: PSU MONT ALTO, GENERAL STUDIES AUDITORIUM

Do you drink the water from South Mountain? Do you fish in South Mountain streams?
Do you swim in or kayak on South Mountain Lakes? Do you care about South Mountain water quality?

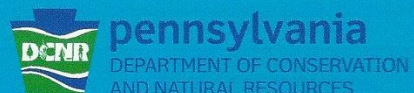
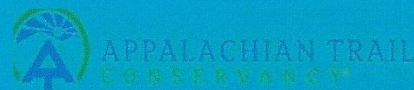
If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should attend this event to receive valuable updates on the South Mountain watershed. Learn about the status of the 2014 Conococheague Creek Restoration Project, a stream improvement project that restored the mud flats of a drained South Mountain reservoir to a native Brook Trout fishery, as well as the current environmental stressors affecting South Mountain streams, lakes, and riparian zones. Nate Reagle, DCNR Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist will present "From Mud Flats to Native Brook Trout: Birch Run Revisited," and Dr. Kristen Strock, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science at Dickinson College will present "South Mountain Streams and Stressors."

Please join us from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM for a Pre-Lecture Reception with light hors d'oeuvres and drinks (Compliments of our event sponsors!) at the Heritage Room in the Mill Cafe (just a five minute walk from the General Studies Auditorium). Those wishing to eat a more substantial dinner beforehand can also purchase dinners/drinks at the Mill Cafe (good food) and carry it to the Heritage Room just ten steps from the Cafe check out line.

Engaging the public on contemporary conservation topics and challenges to create a society that values and supports the preservation of the rich natural, cultural, agricultural, and recreational resources of the South Mountain region.



SOUTH MOUNTAIN
PARTNERSHIP



Trout Stocking in Adams County

The Chapter will need float stocking volunteers on April 19th at 12:30 PM at the Russell Tavern Road Bridge to float stock the fly fishing section of the Conewago Creek.

Unfortunately, we have been losing float stocking volunteers for this fly stretch which poses the problem of getting the trout spread out from Russell Tavern Road to Route 34. Please help with trout this stocking. Contact swopeda@hotmail.com to volunteer to help and/or to be contacted about future stream stocking dates.



Advertise in Adams Angler

If you are a business owner and would like to reach 200 members with a common interest in fishing and the environment, consider running your ad in the Adams Angler. There are 8 issues per calendar year. Cost of the ads are \$100 business card and \$300 half page ad.

MAY 6, 2017

7:30a.m. till 11:00a.m.

(7:30 Stocking / 8-11 Fishing)

Latimore Valley Fairgrounds Children 12 & under

- No Entry Fee
- Prizes awarded for largest trout in 4 age groups
- Keep your Catch
- Bait Fishing Only
- Lunch Provided
- Door Prizes & Raffles



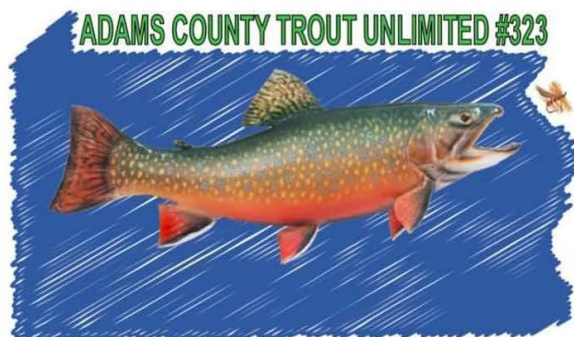
A Great Family Activity!

*Trout provided by Yellow Breeches
Anglers & Conservation Association*



10TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TROUT FISHING DERBY **Sponsored by: ADAMS COUNTY TROUT** **UNLIMITED, CHAPTER #323**

DIRECTIONS: Travel North on US Route 15, 2 miles North of York Springs, PA, turn right (east) on Latimore Valley Road. Go to first stop sign (old US 15 or Harrisburg Pike) turn right. Cross bridge, Baltimore Road, turn left. Latimore Creek at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds – Special Regulation Section



Managing Streams for Future Generations



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