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National TU announces program for veterans

With 140,000 members and 400 chapters throughout the country, Trout Unlimited will engage its extensive network of volunteers to introduce wounded and returning veterans to TU's conservation work through fly fishing.

Teaching fly casting basics and providing an introduction to conservation issues throughout the country, TU chapters and partner organizations will provide instruction, camaraderie and local networks of anglers to veterans around the country.

"TU members will have a greater opportunity to thank the people who have served our country in so many ways by offering the healing experience of fly fishing while at the same time, working on rivers and streams throughout the country," said Bryan Moore, Trout Unlimited's director of volunteer operations. "This program will allow TU's 400 chapters to coordinate with veterans groups in a new, comprehensive manner."

The project will work with veteran rehabilitation groups across the country, assisting veterans in rehabilitation after physical and emotional injuries.

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Photo by Diane Daugherty

Students complete a habitat repair project as part of the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp.

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp applications being accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the 17th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. The camp will be held June 19-24, 2011 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County. The camp was begun in 1995 by Fish and Boat Commissioner Enoch S. "Inky" Moore Jr. and the late Dr. Jack Beck.

The camp intends to educate students in the importance of coldwater conservation. As the late Dr. Beck was fond of saying, "If we give the best and the brightest

students a bit of knowledge today, when they become their communities' leaders in a few years it will pay off."

Classes include principles of ecology, geology, aquatic vertebrate and invertebrate sampling, riparian buffers, hydrology, trout behavior, trout stream entomology, the biology of pollution and the politics of conservation.

The camp also provides hands-on classes in fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, the evolution of an angler, wader safety

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Ken Undercoffer

Well, here I go again. Dave Rothrock has stepped down as president of PA Council and I volunteered to step back in until somebody else comes forward to do the job.

I want to thank Dave for the time he served as president and for the years when he was an active participant in Council activities. His fly casting demonstrations were great and a big draw for many of those who attended the fall membership meetings. We'll miss you Dave!

Deb Nardone is also moving on. Deb headed up the Coldwater Heritage Program from its beginning in August of 2002 until the end of last year. At the time she came aboard, I was concerned that it would be difficult to find enough stuff to keep her busy. It turns out that wasn't a problem. She found plenty of things that needed done and built the program way beyond anything we could have imagined. Deb's accomplishments are too long to be listed here. They are an article in itself. I'm sure she will be just as big an asset to the Sierra Club as she was to PA Council. We wish her the best in her new job. Deb plans to remain an active TU member and be active in Council activities. I'm sure she will!

I have been active with the Trout Management Committee since stepping down as Council president and coordinated the PATU Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture for PATU.

I was pleased when the PFBC picked John Arway as executive director. It's always nice to see somebody move up through the organization. Typically, somebody who has worked their way up knows the "ins-and-outs" of how the

organization functions far better than somebody from the outside. I can't think of a better person to head up the PFBC than John. I have had many informal discussions with him in the past about fisheries management. We may not have always agreed, but he was always willing to listen. He never took it personally when we had a disagreement on some issue or another. He will listen to what one has to say, agree or disagree, and then leave it at the table when the discussion is over.

Before Arway took over as PFBC executive director, he often added well-directed and valuable advice to PATU. He was active in organizing Coldwater conferences and other PATU functions. Our Trout Management Committee will be meeting with him to discuss the PFBC Trout Management plan for 2010-2014. I was a participant in the planning committee along with a group of representatives from sportsmen's clubs, co-op hatchery managers, anglers and others who worked with the PFBC to put together the plan.

There is a lot of good stuff in there. I encourage all PATU members to read it and tell the PFBC what you like and don't like. Especially important is our support for advances that are being proposed to the way Pennsylvania manages its wild trout fishery in the future. We have fallen behind many other states in the way we manage streams with viable wild trout populations, especially those in the west.

TU's mission is about preserving and protecting wild trout and the coldwater streams where they live. That's what we will be discussing with Executive Director Arway on February 20.

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In addition to the therapeutic value of fly fishing, veterans will be introduced to TU's conservation, youth education and community outreach initiatives.

Alan Folger of Hendersonville, N.C. is the project's program coordinator.

Folger is a lifelong conservationist, a fly fisherman and disabled veteran. He served throughout Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He can be reached at 828-290-3730 or by email at afolger@tu.org.

The program will receive primary funding through the generous support of the Telos Corporation.

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and survival, and streamside botany. The students will also participate in a watershed project to repair stream habitat. Plenty of time is set aside for the students to fish the world famous Yellow Breeches Creek.

Camp faculty includes professionals from various environmental fields and state agencies such as the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Dr. Robert Behnke of Colorado State University considered the foremost trout biologist in the world is again expected as the keynote speaker.

Said Angela Coco, a student in 2010: "Before the camp, I had no experience with fly fishing. I was familiar with spin cast rods and a can of worms. I had never even seen a real trout or had worn waders

before. There was a long-existing interest to learn the majestic art, but I had nobody to teach me. My math teacher, Michael Romanowski, had often told me stories and encouraged me to try out for the camp. I am very grateful to him."

The camp is limited to 32 selected students, aged 14 to 17, who were born between June 24, 1993 and June 19, 1997. The selection committee will choose students based upon each candidate's qualifications and their desire to attend as stated in the application. The cost to attend the event is \$350. Tuition assistance is available for qualified students.

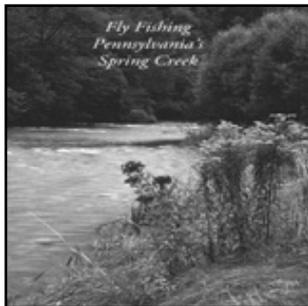
For more information or to download an application, go to www.riverscamp.com. You may also contact Mike Klimkos at 717-243-3056, or via e-mail at klimkos@embarqmail.com.

The mailing address is: Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp, P.O. Box 71, Boiling Springs, PA 17007.

Book on Pa.'s Spring Creek available for purchase

Pennsylvania Council is offering for sale copies of Dan Shields's "Fly Fishing Pennsylvania's Spring Creek," at a cost of \$20 each, including tax and shipping.

All fly-rodders should appreciate this book about the Centre County stream that has played such a significant role in the development of the sport and, even more importantly, how it has proven the benefits of catch-and-release as a fisheries conservation tool. The author



examines what makes this fishery what it is, its angling history and, of course, the fly patterns and techniques for successfully fishing this limestone stream.

The author is a former partner of a State College fly shop and one of the first to become a Federation of Fly Fishers certified casting instructor in the eastern U.S. Dan teaches fly fishing and fly casting, with over 2,500 students to his credit.

Dan also authored the "Penns Creek River Journal" and compiled the book, "George Harvey: Memories, Patterns and Tactics." To quote Joe Humphreys: "Fly Fishing Pennsylvania's Spring Creek is a 'must read' for anyone interested in fishing and conserving Spring Creek."

You can order your copy of this book by sending a check for \$20 payable to "PATU" to George Kutskel, 107 Simmons Street, DuBois, PA 15801.

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PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the January 8, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting
PFBC Stackhouse Training Center
Bellefonte, PA*

Officers in attendance: Dave Rothrock, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Brian Wagner, Ken Undercoffer, Jack Williams, Fred Bohls, Chuck Winters, Greg Malaska and Fred Gender.

Others in attendance: Greg Grabowicz, Ben Bartoli, Samantha Kutskel, Al Budinsky.

President Rothrock convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Minutes of the Oct. 3, 2010 EXCOM meeting previously distributed were approved on a motion by Williams/seconded by Bohls.

Treasurer's report presented by G. Kutskel was approved on a motion to receive and file by Bohls/
seconded by Wagner.

Trout in the Classroom report was presented by S. Kutskel and contents of regional trunks were outlined for regional VPs. Regional VPs were requested to include Kutskel on their agendas for future regional meetings. There are 40 chapters currently involved with TIC programs.

Awards Committee report submitted by Frank Viozzi stated that a new electronic submission form should make it easier to submit nominations this year. Regional VPs were asked for help in identifying an additional member for this committee and are also requested to actively promote increased chapter participation in submitting nominations. Pennell is to develop a list of past award recipients to post as a reference on patrout.org.

Development Committee report presented by G. Kutskel outlined positive results to date from year-end appeal letter. Bartoli suggested utilizing Facebook/Twitter as tools to reach a wider audience in the future and agreed to serve on the Communication Committee to develop a plan to accomplish this. The next Development Committee meeting is to include development of criteria and a strategy for hiring an executive director.

Communication Committee report presented by Pennell outlined the problems associated with initial attempts at electronic distribution of the newsletter and reported that the next issue will be posted on patrout.org only with an e-mail message directing members to the website.

Membership Committee report submitted by Malaska was supplemented by a committee meeting held on Jan. 7 at which Rowland Harrison presented a number of worthwhile ideas to be further developed by the committee. Malaska emphasized that a "farm system" at both the Council and chapter levels is an essential ingredient for leadership development. Regional VPs for the Northcentral, Southeast and Southwest regions need to identify representatives to serve on this committee.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership report submitted by Deb Nardone listed the current applicants for CHP grants which will not be awarded until mid/late February, pending the hiring of a new CHP coordinator.

Dave Spotts of PFBC has agreed to serve as facilitator of the grant selection process.

Keystone Coldwater Conference for 2012 was discussed, and Jack Williams and Terry Morrow have agreed to act as coordinators. The theme, "Marcellus/Part 2," was suggested, but other topics will also be considered. A total of \$22-25K will need to be raised from outside sources.

National Leadership Council report submitted by Williams included the reminder that chapter bylaws must be reworked to the National TU model by yearend. Regional VPs are to instruct their chapters to enter bylaws into the "Leaders Only" chapter sites on tu.org when completed. Rothrock is to follow through on getting Council's strategic plan submitted to National. Pennell reported that Council's proposal to host the 2012 National Meeting was submitted and we are hoping to receive approval after National's annual board meeting in the next month or two. Williams requested agenda items for discussion at the NLC conference on Jan. 20, and one topic suggested



was what National can do to make their bulk e-mail service more "user friendly." Williams will follow through with National to find out why the de-chartered Black Cherry Chapter continues to be included on the active list.

Pennell is to put together the list of mandates required for chapters to maintain active status and send to regional VPs for distribution to their chapters.

Environmental Committee: Grabowicz outlined the schedule for future Coldwater Conservation Corps training sessions. Grabowicz has agreed to coordinate the training between Council and National, replacing Bob Volkmar who has resigned. G. Kutskel is to provide funding information on CCC training to Grabowicz. The feasibility of partnering with USGS to apply for a ColCom Foundation grant to cover Marcellus monitoring in western PA was discussed. Rothrock is to follow up with Elizabeth Maclin to clarify National's involvement, and Grabowicz will coordinate Council's efforts with the USGS in Harrisburg.

Legislative Committee: Bohls explained his involvement with putting together a PA sportsmen's coalition which he is coordinating with a broader program Katy Dunlap of National is developing to address Marcellus issues. A meeting is scheduled in Williamsport for Jan. 13. The goal of the PA group is to organize a rally at the Capitol during the Eastern Outdoor Sports Show in February. Bohls also reported that Dave Hess has agreed to help facilitate a meeting for PATU with the new Governor, or at least his staff.

Stream Access Committee: Winters announced that the next committee meeting is planned for March 6 at the Cabin Fever Show in Pittsburgh.

Trout Management Committee: Dick Soderberg's report outlined PATU's concerns which need to be addressed in a meeting with John Arway on Feb. 20 to review the PFBC Trout Plan. Undercoffer has agreed to co-chair this committee.

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture: Undercoffer's report summarized the brook trout restoration project work

completed last year in PA under the auspices of the EBTJV.

Northeast Region: Malaska reported that a regional meeting is planned for Feb. 26 at the Cabela's store in Hamburg.

Southeast Region: Gender reported that the Little Lehigh Chapter is starting to make some progress with revitalization since being transferred to the SE Region.

Northcentral Region: Rothrock is to set up a meeting to bring chapter leaders together and identify a candidate to replace Bob Volkmar who has resigned as regional VP.

Other New Business:

- Rothrock appointed Undercoffer as head of a search team to identify candidates to fill the positions of president and vice president for next fiscal year.
- Bohls stressed the need for PATU and the PA Fly Fishing Museum Association to develop more of a synergy, and Rothrock suggested that PFMMA submit a proposal for EXCOM approval.
- G. Kutskel tasked the regional VPs with polling their chapters to determine the most effective method of distributing TIC raffle tickets. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m. on a motion by Gender/seconded by Wagner.

The next EXCOM meeting will be at the Stackhouse facility on March 26.

-- Bob Pennell, PATU Secretary

Treasurer's Report by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

Much has happened within PA Council since the last newsletter. By now many of you know that Coldwater Heritage Program Coordinator Deb Nardone has left us for the Sierra Club, where she will help develop their natural gas policy. This news came just as we were starting our annual appeal to all members.

The main thrust was to be able to bring on staff that would help take the burden off of Deb and help make Council even more effective. Deb's departure left a real vacuum in day-to-day operations. Imagine a company with an income of around \$250,000 and no manager to oversee it. I know for myself that holding a full time job and answering the questions that pop up for Council, it is a problem.

All of us can be thankful that several members of Council see this as a major problem and are taking steps to correct this issue so that we are not left in a vacuum again.

Thanks to those of you who made a contribution to our annual appeal. We can at least start the ball rolling toward hiring a part-time executive director. We do not, at this point, have all the details of how we are going to do this, or are we able to post the job to take applications, but by the spring EXCOM meeting we will. If you've made a donation we thank you. If you haven't, there is still time to do so. In fact we have made it very easy to make

a donation. Just go to our website (www.patrou.org) and click on the "DONATE" button. We can take credit cards for donations only.

"Help Wanted" – There's a sign you don't see very often, but with us it's always out. Most of our committees could use a few good members. As an example, the Trout Management Committee had, at one time, more than 45 members. At the last meeting we had less than 10 show up. Attendance at all of the meetings is not a requirement, but one would think that with more than 11,000 members more people would want to have a voice in how things get done, or help form the direction we take.

Every committee could use more help – not necessarily boots on the ground – but offer ideas on how to do things. How about having the opportunity to earn some extra cash? We moved this newsletter to the website mainly due to the loss of advertising income. Surely one of our members has a background in sales. If someone could generate the kind of income we had two years ago, we could think of sending this newsletter to everyone and not just those who have bought subscriptions. We seem to have gotten into a rut that "it's getting done" so why get involved.

I know from the many letters that I receive from our members when they
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Marcellus Shale presentation coming to a chapter near you

TU's Marcellus Shale Field Organizer, Dave Sewak, will be bringing his presentation on the "Marcellus Play in PA" to several TU chapters over the next few months.

Dave's 30-minute presentation explains Marcellus Shale hydrofracking; its loca-

tion, the process, environmental concerns, what TU is doing about it, the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps, and what the future holds.

The schedule of presentations will appear on www.patou.org. You can also see the Coldwater Conservation Corps trainings, done in conjunction with ALLARM.

You can contact Dave at dsewak@tu.org or 814-659-1772 to get additional information and also to schedule a presentation for your chapter.

DCNR develops Brook Trout Conservation Plan

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, issued a Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) Conservation Plan for 2010-2015 prepared by Emily H. Just. PATU and National TU were contributors along with the PFBC, Pennsylvania USGS Penn State Cooperative, DEP and the Coldwater Heritage Partnership.

The plan starts with a brief description of the evolution and distribution, past and present, of the Eastern Brook Trout. Then it describes in detail the life history of brook trout, its physiology and the significance of brook trout to the history of trout fishing in Pennsylvania. Aquatic habitats that support brook trout and their classification by the various state government entities involved in preserving and protecting our trout fishing heritage are covered. Stressors and threats are described, as are policies to achieve brook trout conservation.

Management activities and the need for further assessment of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams is recommended. Suggestions are made as to how best ways to restore those that have been degraded by past abuses and to protect the remaining relatively intact streams from degradation.

Contact Ken Undercoffer at kcoffer@atlanticbb.net for a copy.

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order one of the items we have for sale, they usually start with, "I'm a member of 'XXX' Chapter but I don't go to the meetings." What I would love to see is, "I work (or worked) in 'XXX' and I would like to help you at the Council level."

Please take some time to look at the committees that we have and if you could donate 5-12 hours per year it would be a boon to Council.

Trout in the Classroom – Last year our Trout in the Classroom raffle was a moderate success. It wasn't until we started advertising tickets in the newsletter, and our members started to buy them, that we began to realize the income needed to keep our education specialist employed.

I'm trying to find the right balance

for this year's ticket. We have a custom bamboo fly rod as First Prize, but have not yet put the final list together. I know that last year during my chapter's functions where the public was passing through, people would pick them up and I would ask, "Do you have children at 'XXX' school?" If the answer was "yes" then I told them that they needed to purchase a ticket because it benefitted the students in that teacher's class – SOLD!

If we could multiply that by 50, just think – instead of training a new education specialist every one or two years, we may be able to hang on to them for good. We are also going to give chapters that want to earn some extra cash to help with their match a way to do so.

Watch your e-mail, or better still, make sure that you attend your regional meetings.

2011 Little Juniata Collectible Patch



The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is offering a special set of collectible patches, to individuals as well as to TU chapters. By George LaVanish of Wilderness Editions, this is the fifth and final patch in this series. The 2011 patch features the Little Juniata River. The set includes one 6-inch and one 4-inch patch. Sales are first-come / first-served, as PATU's quantities are limited.

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The goal in changing our method of distributing future newsletters from a print medium to electronic distribution is to save a substantial amount of money that can be used directly for other worthwhile projects related to PA Council's mission: "To conserve, protect, restore and sustain Pennsylvania's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, especially our wild trout resources." It is our belief that this move serves the best interests of our PA Trout Unlimited members.

Please review the following options:

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2. If you are a current PA TU chapter member, you will automatically receive a notice by e-mail when each new issue of PA Trout is posted at www.patrou.org, provided that your e-mail address on file with National TU is current. If not, then you should log on to www.tu.org and

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Just send your check payable to "PATU" to George Kutskel, 107 Simmons Street, Dubois, PA 15801.

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The chapter contributed \$2,000 to the Pocono Heritage Land Trust to assist them in purchasing an easement from the Learn family. The easement will allow anglers to access a portion of the Pocono Creek that crosses the Learn family's property in Pocono Township. This is near the current Monroe County campus of Northampton Community College. The section of stream will be the site of a future stream improvement project improving habitat for trout. We also hope that it might become a special regulations area such as Delayed Harvest. Mike Schwartz and I have participated with Heide and Dae Cebrick in assisting veterans in the Project Healing Waters program run by Stanley Cooper Chapter. Mike and I presented the idea of hosting the veterans at Indian Mountain Rod & Gun Club this spring. The members of this private club voted unanimously to host Project Healing Waters. I also received an invitation from the Pohoqualine Fishing Club to look at their pond to see if the veterans could use it for an outing. January 8, 22 and 29 the chapter offered its annual fly tying course. Scott Cesari, a state fly tying champion who also demonstrates in Tyers' Row at the Somerset, N.J., Fly Fishing Show each year, was the lead instructor. Todd Burns, the chapter's vice president, led when Scott was at the Somerset show. They were

assisted by most of the chapter's board of directors, so each participant had one-on-one instructional help. The chapter is working toward its banquet held at the end of March. There are some wonderful prizes thanks to a bequest from Dr. Horace Butler, a longtime member who passed away last year. His executor, Inez White, graciously donated a large amount of tackle and materials to us.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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The chapter has a new website at forkstu.org. Elections were held at the November meeting. The chapter purchased supplemental accident medical insurance provided through National TU. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at Stockertown Rod & Gun Club at 7 p.m. The annual Holiday Raffle was held on Dec. 1. We participated at a gift wrapping fund-raiser at L.L. Bean on Dec. 20. Planning has started for a spring event to be held on March 26. The chapter conducted our third annual trout redd survey on Bushkill Creek on Nov. 26. We conducted our fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. The chapter provided supplies and support for our five Trout in the Classroom set-ups for this school year. The chapter had a representative at a Lehigh River Trout Work Group meeting on Sept. 30 and a Lehigh River flow plan meeting on Nov. 1. Chapter planned to hold fly tying classes starting in January.

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We have a good working relationship between board members and committee chairs, organizing stream clean up and meetings. There will be a fly tying course raffle and a combined meeting with Lehigh Valley Chapter in March. No other fund-raisers are scheduled to date. On Oct. 25, 10 chapter members along with two men from the PFBC and workers from Allen Township and the Northampton County Conservation District, Essroc Cement Inc., and Ruggiero Trucking completed the stream bank restoration project on the Hokendauqua Creek at the Kreidersville Covered Bridge area. The remaining work will be completed in spring

when we will add topsoil and riparian grasses and shrubs. Trout in the Classroom projects will be conducted by Janet Reichelderfer, a Hokendauqua TU member and science teacher at Catasauqua High School. Fertilized trout eggs were obtained from the state hatchery and were considered of poorer quality this year as compared with past years in so far as there were numerous dead ones in the shipment. Some of the fertilized eggs hatched and there are about 30 viable so far. There are 35 fry in another tank and seven adult brook trout in a third tank. The First Cast program will also be conducted in part by Janet and her students along with members of our chapter. Bob Cericola will be collecting flies this year for the Casting for Recovery program and members are requested to contribute some of their favorite tried and true patterns to Bob for the program event to be held in September, 2011. There are two youth field days being planned for 2011. Fly tying classes are being offered free of charge to Project Healing Waters veterans. Equipment for tying was purchased for them to use. Waders were purchased for stream fishing outings for 2011, and two outings are in the plans for next year. Monies for these items and fishing outings come from National PHW funds. Our winter edition of the chapter newsletter was ready in mid-December. Michael Churetta has done an excellent job with arranging our website. Check calendar for meetings and events. Members and guests have planned two or three fishing trips for next year. Check the website calendar for information and or contact Dave Abraham and or Dale Ott for further details. Our 26th annual Fly Tying Course will be held each Saturday in January and February at Northampton Junior High School's cafeteria. Contact Dale Ott and our website for further details. There are advanced fly tying sessions held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Egypt Fire Hall. Anyone is welcome to participate.

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Monthly meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month and resumed at the DAR House, Bethlehem, in September. One of our priorities has been the re-establishment of a program committee which is now headed by Jeff Shafer. He is working on an initiative that would facilitate "presenter swaps" among other local chapters. Erik Broesicke continues to serve as chapter liaison with the City of

Bethlehem in the pursuit of a dam removal on the Monocacy in Johnston Park. Our October meeting included the election of officers and board members, the latter now numbering 14. Our chapter once again will participate along with Forks of the Delaware and Hokendauqua chapters in our 9th annual Spring Event. This has always been a great fund-raiser for the Lehigh Valley TU chapters. The guest speaker was to be announced in January. A visit from Greg Malaska, the NE region vice president, highlighted our November meeting. He presented PA Council directives, offered training opportunities and participated in a general chapter discussion. We wish him all the best in his new leadership position. New chapter member Gary Fenstermacher has been instrumental in getting us online by recently launching www.monocacytu.org. We are now looking forward to being able to reach out to more members in the pursuit of our conservation goals. In addition, we can now better communicate chapter meetings, events and issues, as well as providing interesting fishing-related information. We are now able to post our 2011 schedule online in addition to a hard copy that is mailed yearly to each member. We appreciate Gary's enthusiastic pursuit in our website development.

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Matt Wishneski was sworn in as president at the October meeting. The chapter hosted Don Baylor, who presented "Pocono Hatches" in a very informative PowerPoint presentation. In November, we had the owners of A&G Outfitters inform us about fishing along the Lackawanna River and their Orvis store with new products for 2011. For our January meeting we hoped to have regional VP Greg Malaska and fly tying. We have started to plan our spring conservation banquet to be held on March 26 at Lukan's Farm Resort (contact Matt at 570-685-5420). We requested the participation of volunteers to monitor stream waters in Pike and Wayne Counties, including testing and sending data to the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. We are hoping that the Marcellus Shale gas extraction is not going to happen in upper Wayne County due to the issues pertaining to the Delaware River. We have started to think about our veterans with the idea of conducting hunting and fishing trips with Wounded Warriors and Project Healing Waters. We meet the second Monday of the month at Cora's 1850

Bistro on the corner of Church and Wellwood Avenues in Hawley.

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Officers are in place for the coming year with only a few changes. Bruce Herb takes over the vice president chair and Jerry Humick takes over one of the director slots. A pig roast will be our main fund-raiser again this year. A committee meeting for planning was to be held on the second Tuesday of January. Our chapter will be joining with the Northern Swatara Creek Watershed Association in a stream improvement project on the Upper Little Swatara Creek. The project will be just upstream from Sweet Arrow Lake, Schuylkill County's first county park. This is a nice stream with a great canopy to help water temperatures. Landowners are on board and it looks like great cooperation from all. Results of this project should be a nice upgrade to a stream section that can use it. Fly tying classes were scheduled for three weeks late in January and into February.

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Our Oct. 12 meeting was a Fisherman's Flea Market where participants set up a table with fishing equipment to sell. November 9 was a regular member meeting with Rod Rohrbach presenting a program called "Good Eats." He described how to present some good eats to trout, recipes included. There is a good description of the program at Rod's website: www.littlehighflyshop.com. November 16 was the monthly meeting of the Wyoming Valley Fly Tyers - "Donate Your Fly Night" with flies tied before and during the meeting donated to Project Healing Waters. December 7 was a monthly board and membership meeting. A Christmas party was held afterwards. Wyoming Valley Fly Tyers meets the third Tuesday of each month and is open to anyone interested in the art of fly tying. Attendees are encouraged to bring their vises and materials. At the Dec. 21 meeting, the following raffle prizes were awarded: 1. Orvis Helios 9-foot, 4-weight, 4-piece rod; 2. Sage VT2 486, 4-piece; 3. \$50 Gift Certificate from AA Outfitters. Project Healing Waters continues

to meet with our veterans on a monthly basis at the VAMC in Wilkes Barre. This holiday season they held a party to honor our veterans; participants received fly fishing gifts. The chapter continues to reach the public and members through timely website and e-bulletin updates. Philip Mancini is our webmaster and Mike Matsko and Kim Mancini are our e-bulletin editors. The website address is www.SCTU.org and those interested in receiving the e-bulletin can sign up by sending an e-mail to chapter president Philip Mancini. Items for inclusion in the e-bulletin may be e-mailed to KimLMancini@verizon.net.

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Due to scheduling conflicts, the chapter has been unable to meet. The proposed officers planned to arrange an informal gathering in January to discuss the future direction of the chapter. WPTU is always seeking new volunteers in the Carbon/Hazleton areas. The chapter is working with the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit on its first Trout in the Classroom project at CLIU's Palmerton campus.

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Chapter elections were held at the November

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meeting and the results were: President - Brian Yeager; Vice President - Wayne Michael; Secretary - Frank Misiti; and Treasurer - Robert Christ. We finally have our first TIC program up and running at the Central Columbia School District Middle School. The eggs arrived on Nov. 3 and there were 650 eggs, with 564 viable. The students and staff are all excited about the program, and hopefully we will have a good survival rate.

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God's Country had two chapter meetings this quarter: one in October and one combining November and December. The October annual PATU meeting was exciting for our chapter as we received the Best Small Chapter Award. In addition, chapter member Bob Volkmar received the Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to council and was also elected as regional VP for the North Central Region. All eight of us at the October chapter meeting patted each other on the back! Ted Bear and Bob Volkmar continue to serve on the PATU Environmental Committee, as well as volunteering to help pack eggs for the TIC program. As frustrating as the political/environmental situation seems to be, we will continue in our attempt to keep Potter County truly God's Country! We continue

stream monitoring on the upper Allegheny and many of its tributaries, the upper portion of the First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek, and Pine Creek. Currently, eight chapter members are monitoring 20 streams. At the Potter County Marcellus Gas Task Force meeting in November, a survey was taken about what most concerned citizens. The majority overwhelmingly felt stream water quality and drinking water issues were the biggest concerns. Discussion has and will continue to take place with the county commissioners, the Potter County Conservation District and our chapter members about how best to facilitate a Potter County concerned citizens water monitoring program. On Nov. 10 at the Coudersport High School auditorium, our chapter partnered with the Upper Allegheny and Upper First Fork Watershed Associations to sponsor a screening of the movie *Gasland*. We had over 175 people attend and were pleased to have Bill Belitskus, board president of the Allegheny Defense Project, give a presentation on the state of the commonwealth on Marcellus gas issues, both political and environmental. Both were real "eye openers." We followed with a question and answer session that showed how little the "average citizen" was aware about what is happening in and to our beloved "God's Country" with regards to Marcellus gas development.

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The chapter continues to monitor local streams that flow through Marcellus Shale drilling activity. There nothing unusual to report to date.

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Chapter members met with the new Trout in the Classroom teacher at Bucktail High School to get acquainted.

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The chapter had a successful family banquet in November. Our speaker was Dr. Mel Zimmerman from Lycoming College. His presentation, "The Susquehanna River - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly" was informative and interesting. We had the honor of having state council President Dave Rothrock and PFBC Executive Director John Arway in attendance. Bill Ferguson was awarded the "in

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chapter” plaque for his work as co-director of the TIC program in the Jersey Shore Middle School, along with his work as a chapter director and fly tying instructor. The “out of chapter” plaque was presented to Steve Davis of the US Fish and Wildlife Service for his work in coordinating the fishing events for children, the handicapped and senior citizens at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar. Chapter members re-elected Dave Russo, Tom Lucas, Ray Rathmell and Bill Bailey to another three year term as directors. The holidays and hunting seasons brought a halt to our active participation in events, but planning continued for fly tying classes, updating our bylaws, getting a 2011 calendar of events put together and preparing for a Marcellus Shale monitoring training session. Our two TIC programs, Jersey Shore Middle School and Central Mountain Middle School, are doing exceptionally well as the eggs hatched, fry survived and are starting to swim up and eat fish food. Hopefully things will continue to go well and the students will be able to release their healthy brook trout into area streams in the spring.

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Our October meeting featured representatives from the local Sierra Club explaining the club’s activities and concerns, mainly the Marcellus Shale drilling. Our November meeting featured Pennsylvania Game Commission WCO Dirk Remensnyder, who updated the chapter on the latest changes in PGC seasons and regulations. Our December meeting featured Samantha Kutschel and the TIC program. In January, the chapter participated in the annual Winterfest at R.B. Winter State Park. The chapter’s 10-week fly tying class started Jan. 10.

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The chapter has been recruiting members and others from our community to assist the townships of College and Harris in a program to label storm drains. Townships provide the materials. The curb at each storm drain is spray painted with a notice that lets people know that those drains discharge directly to Spring

Creek. One of our members, Mark Belden, a fly fishing instructor at PSU, recruited several of his students to paint over 70 storm drains in one area. This is an excellent community awareness project aimed at keeping our Class A stream clean and healthy. Our board is currently reviewing our by-laws to bring them in line with the most current National TU standard for chapter by-laws. The three members of our By-laws Committee are Bob Eberhart, Chris Haser and Judi Sittler. Chris Hennessey is currently reviewing our youth summer camp objectives. This program is run with the cooperation of our local Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department. We have identified several details that we plan to adjust. For example, a small detail would be to see that our chapter name is included on the TU logo printed on the T-shirts given to the children and staff. A bigger detail is to add more activities that bring home the SCCTU mission statement to conserve, protect and restore Spring Creek’s coldwater fishery and watershed. The annual banquet is our primary fund-raiser and will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Ramada Inn, State College. We plan to have Dick Stevenson and Jim Purtell attend the PATU fund-raising seminar and present some of the banquet activities that work for us. Bob Donaldson is spearheading plans to do some work on a section of Spring Creek in the Oak Hall area. Issues that need to be addressed in this stretch of the stream include bank stabilization and a stormwater channel that is actively eroding as it approaches Spring Creek. The landowners in this area are being very cooperative in these efforts. It’s a pleasure to see how positively they respond when the professionals explain why the stream bank is eroding. Much of the erosion has been caused by over-clearing the vegetation. On Nov. 17-18, we assisted the PFBC in its yearly counting of redds on Spring Creek. One of our members, Al Phillips, has been doing this for years. Brooks Fost, a PSU grad student, is also a seasoned hand at this. He belongs to a chapter in his home state. We took this opportunity to get him on our chapter’s e-mail list so he can get the local TU news. Both men showed the SCCTU president how to identify redds.

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The chapter hosted a public meeting at Lycoming College in September at which

John Arway, executive director of the PFBC, presented the challenges posed by the Marcellus Shale gas development on fisheries protection and the manpower resources of the Commission. Representatives of more than a dozen local watershed associations, conservancies, planning commissions, environmental groups, conservation district and gas industry companies attended. On Oct. 16, the chapter organized and participated in an outdoor educational program for the North Woods District Camporee of the Susquehanna Council, Boy Scouts of America at Trout Run Park. More than 120 scouts and leaders attended hands-on sessions featuring Lycoming Creek habitat and restoration by US Fish & Wildlife, riparian buffers and invasive species by Lycoming Creek Watershed Association, water quality sampling and testing by Seewald Laboratories and Williamsport Municipal Water Authority, aquatic biological monitoring by Lycoming College Clean Water Institute, and fly casting instruction and contest by E. Hille and members of the SQTU Chapter. Chapter members are working with Lewis Township Supervisors and the Lycoming Creek Watershed Association to install a handicapped fishing platform at Trout Run Park in conjunction with the FGM stream improvement project designed by US Fish & Wildlife. Members of the SQTU chapter have been active in numerous activities related to educating the public and working with state and local agencies to proactively protect the region’s water resources as the Marcellus Shale gas development ramps up. Members made presentations at the PFBC meeting held in Williamsport on Oct. 4 and have assisted in Waterdogs training courses for citizens interested in monitoring local streams and keeping an eye on gas development activities. On Jan. 12, the chapter hosted its annual Watershed Summit Meeting, with many north-central PA watershed associations, college organizations, conservancies, county government and other water resource agencies reporting on their activities over the past year and their plans for 2011.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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At the November meeting we elected new officers: Bill Paulmier as president, Larry Harris as vice president, George Schuler as treasurer and Sheila Harris as secretary. This is our fifth year since reorganization, and we

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are proud that with membership averaging only 95 members we logged an astounding 1,745 volunteer hours this past year. As one of our latest conservation efforts, we built a deflector dam on Asaph Run in midsummer and are planning another one upstream by the campground next year. Our road cleanup is planned for early spring. The chapter's community outreach and education efforts were expanded this year. We hosted a "Stand Down on the Stream" in the fall for some of our area veterans. It included two nights and two days at a camp on Pine Creek. They learned how to fly fish on some well-stocked ponds with lessons in casting and tying flies. They also had time to talk to other vets about their experiences. We plan to run the program again this year. Thank you very much George Schuler and Ed Vandegrift for putting on a very memorable weekend for the vets. George and Ed are also vets. We are sponsoring Trout in the Classroom for the second year at four local schools. We also support after-school fishing clubs with funds and chaperones for a day of fishing. In the spring, we will once again host our annual "First Cast" day of ecology, entomology and all aspects of fly fishing, ending in an opportunity to catch a fish. This is a free event for youths 6 to 16. The chapter again participated with casting lessons at the Youth Outdoor Day at Ives Run in August. This event allows our county youths the opportunity to experience many aspects of the outdoors including shooting, archery, trapping and, of course, fishing.

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The chapter had good turnouts at its last two meetings with an average of 20 members. The chapter held its election of officers and directors in October; the current officers were re-elected, and two new directors were also elected. Todd Deluccia and Kelly Williams joined the board at our re-organizational meeting held in November. Youth Chair Eric Wilson and George Kutskel met with students and teachers of the Brockway Area Schools to restart their TIC program. It was a good day and looks like a strong partnership is being formed. Eric has started an after school fly fishing club at the DuBois Area High School. He will be teaching them how to tie flies and

to cast. We hope to have a fishing day with the students in the spring. The chapter will again be helping with the DuBois Middle School's Environmental Day to be held on May 27, 2011. As always, we need volunteers to come out and man the two stations that we host. We are looking forward to bringing at least one more school into our TIC program this year, which would bring our total to seven. The chapter will have a weekly fly tying roundtable again this year, but no fly tying classes. We felt we needed to take a year off since the number of students wanting to participate has fallen over the last two years. We learned that our desire to see the Camp Run and Rock Run tributaries of Cooks Run cleaned up has made some progress. Drill samples show a fair amount of coal reserves still on the site, and re-mining can be done at a smaller cost than originally thought. We had wanted to construct a "bio-reactor," but because of all the geological faults in the area



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it would not have cleaned up both tributaries. Several chapter members have been keeping a watch on Marcellus Shale drilling activities in the Moshannon and Elk State Forests. We have also applied to the Coldwater Heritage Partnership for a grant to do an assessment of Irish Run in Clearfield and Jefferson counties.

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We are in the process of finalizing plans for fly tying classes which will be held each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., from March 9 through April 6 at the Corry Higher Education

Building. All four TIC classes are up and running.

Cornplanter Chapter #526

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The chapter resumed activity in September after a summer break. Several organizational issues were resolved, including new bylaws, election of officers, long- and short-range strategic plans, and revised banking procedures. The board developed an annual work plan and a longer term strategic plan. The priority focus for this year is the Morrison Run Restoration Project and Trout in the Classroom. On the horizon, but not yet in focus, is training and work on monitoring for Marcellus Shale and other oil and gas activity on important watersheds in our area. New officers for 2011 are as follows: President - Jim Lawson; Vice President - Gary Kell; Treasurer - Troy McDunn; Secretary - Rob Arnold; Board Members - Mike Fadale, Gary Candraia, Bob Stanton and Tom Buser. With the help of Kylie Maitland of the Western PA Conservancy, funding applications were submitted to several sources to address areas of concern near the mouth of Morrison Run. Funding is being sought to construct a rock ramp at the base of a plunge pool at the downstream end of the railroad trestle, to move and replace the private access bridge adjacent to the lower dam, and to remove the lower dam. Completion of these three projects will open fish passage through the lower third of the stream. On Oct. 14, the WPC, USFS, DEP and a local landowner attended a pre-application meeting at the site of the lower dam to begin preparation for the submittal of a permit to remove the structure, a

PA Natural Diversity Inventory Environmental Review application was submitted by WPC for the site, and all "hits" have been addressed and cleared with the corresponding agencies. The dam removal is anticipated to occur during the summer of 2011, depending on funding. Kudos to board member Mike Fadale his work on behalf of the chapter in this endeavor. On September 25, CTU, PFBC, USFS and WPC continued installation of in-stream habitat improvement structures in the headwaters of Morrison Run. Thirteen volunteers and employees, using only hand tools, constructed two log-faced stone deflectors and one modified muddsill. In addition, three children assisted by cleaning up trash along the surrounding area.

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Mark Hanes and Jack Williams attended the annual PATU meeting in October. New officers were elected in October, with the following persons elected: President - Mark Hanes; Vice President - Mark Orlic; Treasurer - Terry Morrow; Secretary - Bill Kodrich. Two new committees were formed: Education and Fund-raising. Matt Baker will chair the Education Committee with his main role being the coordination of the TIC programs. As part of this, the chapter highlighted TIC at the chapter's January meeting at Keystone High School. This gave the members the chance to see firsthand how this project is done and how it affects the students in a positive way. Evan Say was elected chair of the Fund-raising Committee with his main role being coordinating the annual banquet being held April 9. In October, the chapter held a road cleanup along Piney Creek near Limestone. Terry Morrow has been doing work on a passive treatment system in the Mill Creek watershed. This work should greatly improve the stream in the future. We were lucky to have some great speakers at recent meetings. In November, Jeff Dietrich gave a talk on his angler study on the effects of the PFBC Brook Trout Enhancement Program. The talk was very well received and informative. In December, Chuck Keeports, hydrologist for the Allegheny National Forest, talked about the proposed and completed Marcellus Shale wells within the Allegheny National Forest. The chapter is looking forward to working more with Chuck in the future in conjunction with the Coldwater Conservation Corps. We are very excited

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to be sponsoring a CCC training session on March 19 at St. Joseph's Church in Lucinda. Our yearly fly tying classes will be taught again this year by Mark Hanes. The dates are Feb. 19, Feb. 26 and March 5 at the Brookville Municipal Building.

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At our meeting on Nov. 22, Samantha Kutschel, the new PATU TIC coordinator, gave a presentation on the Trout in the Classroom program. With this being our first year of having a TIC program, she did a great job of answering our questions and providing us with the latest news about the program. Thanks, Samantha. Plans are progressing for our spring banquet which will be held at the Radisson in West Middlesex on March 26. We have booked Glenn Weisner of Glenn River Fly Company as our guest fly tyer. Glenn always does a great job of showing tips and tactics for tying the flies that will catch the big ones. We will again have a raffle of a flat screen TV and a lot of other fine prizes including several rods to win. Contact any board member for tickets, or stop in the Neshannock Creek Fly Shop if you are in the area on a fishing or shopping trip. In November, Mark Sausser of the PFBC visited the Cool Spring DHALO area and conducted a survey of the stream which provided us with a plan of needed stream improvement projects to do. He is currently working on a three-year plan to address the areas on the stream that are in need of the most work. Our first project based on his plan will be done this summer, so watch your newsletter and the website for workdays to be announced.

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The chapter, along with the Gem City Outdoorsmen Club/Fly Tiers, SONS of Lake Erie and the PA Steelhead Association, joined with individual donors to purchase and distribute 140 fruit baskets as landowner appreciation gifts. They were delivered on Dec. 18. We now have TIC programs running at Strong Vincent High School and the Waterford and Iroquois Elementary schools. We also have one student

who applied for the 2011 Rivers Conservation Camp. We are in the process of starting up a Project Healing Waters program with the local Veterans Administration Hospital.

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Our good friend Wayne Wilson passed away on Dec. 5. He was a member of OCTU's board of directors and will be greatly missed. We had our annual chapter Christmas party/dinner on Dec. 14. The 28th annual fund-raising banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, at the Quality Inn in Franklin. The Growing Greener Grant awarded to OCTU was used to restore the eroded bank just above the trestle on Little Sandy Creek. This work was completed on Sept. 27 as a result of engineering assistance and partnerships with the Venango County Conservation District, PFBC, DCNR and DEP, plus a lot of volunteer hours provided by OCTU members. This summer we assisted the Venango County Conservation District in providing wildlife food plots in Two Mile Run Park. The plots are looking good. The Venango County Conservation District reported that all of the dirt and gravel road projects that we proposed except one were approved in June. The projects were to have been completed by the end of November. All five of the classrooms involved in TIC programs received their eggs on schedule, and at last report were doing very well.

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At our January meeting we held our annual Conservation Fund-raiser Auction in which chapter members donate items, fishing related or not, that we auction off to raise money for our streamside projects. On March 5 we will hold our annual banquet, our biggest fund-raiser of the year, at a new location, the Pinecrest Country Club in Montgomeryville. The chapter had a busy fall working on riparian buffer projects in three different watersheds. Chapter members assisted the Aquetong Watershed Association with a large project, 500 trees and shrubs were planted along a headwaters branch of Aquetong Creek. We also partnered with a local church to plant 90 trees on the church property in the Watson Creek watershed. This project was not a riparian buffer project in the typical sense as the planting area was not immediately adjacent to the creek. However, it was an opportunity to show the public and chapter members that not every stream project has to take place on streambanks. The benefits of a forested watershed include better infiltration of ground water and the leaching of organic compounds from leaves to form "watershed tea" – an important component to the base of the aquatic food web. This planting was the first phase of a larger project that will eventually reforest approximately two acres. Finally, chapter members and Cooks Creek Watershed Association members planted 85 trees and shrubs and 350 wildflower plugs along Cooks Creek. The Cooks Creek buffer project was the last of three projects funded by a Growing Greener grant for the Cooks Creek Watershed. We had grant funds still remaining and we were able to have an informational sign created that explains the benefits of riparian buffers. It will be placed along the road adjacent to the project. We also produced a brochure that we can hand out to landowners titled, "Streamside Landowner's Guide to Caring for a Healthy Stream." DEP also approved the purchase of various stream monitoring equipment that includes: macroinvertebrate sampling gear, automated stream temperature loggers, water quality monitoring kits and a professional-grade meter that measures dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, temperature and ORP. This gear will be housed at the Bucks County Conservation District office and will be made available to all watershed organizations in the county. In September, chapter members collected all 32 stream temperature loggers that

we had placed in the Mill Creek Watershed on July 1. This is a watershed-scale stream temperature survey with the intent of linking land use practices and in-stream ponds to elevated stream temperatures. All of the loggers functioned and recorded stream temperatures every 30 minutes continuously through the study period. Chapter members will be working on a report of our findings this winter, the report will be posted on the chapter website.

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The chapter held its annual trout stocking on Nov. 6 and stocked more than 300 brown and brook trout throughout the fly fishing only section of Ridley Creek. The chapter assisted Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association with tree planting and vegetation maintenance along the fly fishing stretch of Ridley Creek on Oct. 2. This activity was part of CRC's ongoing Tree Vitalize stream buffer project. The project was a recipient of a 2010 Community Greening Award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Members of CRC and Delco Manning were present at the awards ceremony on Nov. 7.

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With the support of regional staff and chapter members, the chapter is in the midst of reorganizing and revitalizing. As the oldest TU chapter in the Lehigh Valley, we feel a special responsibility to our community as we work to address the issues common to many waterways which are challenged by increased development. Please come visit us on Facebook, and watch for updates and events, or follow us on twitter <http://twitter.com/littlelehigh>. We are seeking motivated individuals to join us in revitalizing the Little Lehigh Chapter and ultimately protecting our jewel of the Lehigh Valley. We invite interested parties to join us for our strategy meetings. Chapter leadership will be attending PATU's fund-raising workshop with the goal of developing a fund-raising strategy to help with the chapter revitalization.

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The chapter held elections on Dec. 20, electing Chaz Macdonald as president, and board members and other officers for the coming year. January 18 was the first membership meeting of the year and featured a presentation about Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania. The chapter has obtained some excellent prizes to be used in future fund-raising efforts at the membership meetings. Check the chapter website for announcements. On Dec. 9, Chaz met with nine interested parties concerning a

dam removal located at the American Legion Post on Route 29. American Rivers, PFBC, PWC and the Soil Conservation Service are among the partners for this project. The dam is on the American Legion property just below the mouth of Hosensack Creek on the Main Branch of Perkiomen Creek. The chapter completed the Longacre Project in September, and on Nov. 1 we surveyed spawning beds on the project section and found several over the entire length of the property on the West Branch of Perkiomen Creek. Farther upstream, redds were found from below the State Game Lands to the bridge above the SGL.

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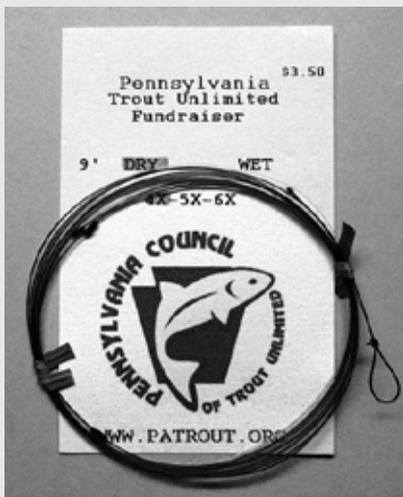
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In October, there was a work day at the Land Trust in Horsham, headwaters to the Pennypack. Between the deer and the dry summer, the trees that had been planted previously are not doing well. Plastic tubes may be used for additional plantings as the mesh around the trees has not worked out well. In November, a fall stocking of trout took place in the Pennypack, in the section that runs through the Pennypack Trust Area. With the water levels down in the southeastern part of the state, the fish have found the deeper parts of the stream. We will be setting up a table to sell raffle tickets

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during the March Fly Fishing Show that will be held at the Valley Forge Convention Center. We received two set of eggs for Trout in the Classroom, and both are doing extremely well so far. Several of the students are really getting into the project.

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Rick Bell led a fly fishing clinic on the Tully. Basic entomology, fly casting and fly fishing were taught to the students. A recently held a raffle which raised approximately \$2,800. There are plans for a few smaller conservation projects in 2011.

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The chapter is looking into updating our recently updated bylaws to comply with the National TU model. Our treasurer, Frank Donohoe, and other board members participated in the PATU fund-raising training meeting in January, 2011. Our fall fund-raiser generated a maximum return to the chapter. The first-place prize of \$1,000 went to Steve Burgo, Tredyffrin Township engineer. We raffled and auctioned off Carl Dusenberre memorabilia at the Jan. 13 Victory Brew Pub meeting. March 5-6 is the Fly Fishing Show at the Valley Forge Convention Center. We will have a table and raffle off a donated Umpqua guide fly box loaded with flies. March 31 is our annual Trout Show which will feature a presentation by Ed Engle. It is our biggest fund-raiser of the year. Doors open at 7 p.m. Crabby Creek's restoration section received its Rapid Response Repair with the work being completed within the funding grant's deadline. The work appears to repair the stream to a stable condition until we can find permanent fix funding, perhaps two years down the road. Our negotiations with the PA Turnpike continue over the stormwater issues involved in the Turnpike's widening project from the Route 29 Slip Ramp project to the Valley Forge interchange. The chapter's involvement with a Chester County Marcellus Shale Coalition continues. The coalition continues to grow, take on a life of its own, and have an impact.

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The chapter's board met on Jan. 12 and planned a discussion on easements and public access and its importance in the future of fishing in the Commonwealth. The chapter's strategic plan received approval by the board, as did the budget for 2011. This will be the sixth consecutive year for the member incentive program. New officers elected for 2011 are: President - Dave Swope; Vice President - Terry Sipe; Treasurer - Peg Bucher and Secretary - Robert Marchio. A Christmas gift certificate for Hoss's Restaurant was presented to landowner Mr. Rodgers from the chapter. The following topics were discussed with some approved: donation to PA Trout, donation to TU Rivers Conservation School, donation to Reel Recovery, membership profile, Children's Water Festival - Gettysburg College on May 24, SOY donation. The chapter has one banquet committee meeting under its belt and is working on the 30th banquet for our chapter. It looks good that we will have it in March. At the meeting, different ideas and fund-raising ideas were discussed. The committee talked about the ideas and started to narrow them down. Chapter members will instruct fly tying for Southcentral Outdoors for Youth on June 4 at the McSherrystown Fish and Game Association. The chapter will partner with two high schools and an education center with Trout in the Classroom program starting in 2011.

Plans for 2011 stream restoration work are under advisement by the stream committee. A letter was sent to State Rep. Moul on Marcellus Shale gas drilling, mentioning our concerns on water withdrawals from our watersheds without receiving any compensation from industries, as well as returning degraded water which needs treated before drinking.

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In 2011 we plan to update our bylaws and create a long-term plan for our chapter, based on templates and other info from both PA and National TU. Another primary goal is greatly improve chapter-wide communication, and hopefully attract some members willing to become more active. The primary tool will be a new e-newsletter. We have found a candidate to sponsor for this year's TU Rivers Conservation Camp, and we're guiding him through the application process. Our chapter's primary focus this winter will be grant applications. We are trying to secure funds for several projects involving stream improvement, monitoring and a land acquisition opportunity. The new Jefferson/Codorus sewage plant should be going online sometime early in 2011. We will be keeping an eye on the plant's operation during its early stages to make sure everything is up and running properly.

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The last quarter saw our chapter involved in several events and the long-awaited completion of the Big Spring project. The Big Spring work involved removal of dam remnants, narrowing and realignment of the stream, in-stream work to create riffles and fish habitat, and stream edge erosion control along with riparian planting. It turned out great and the fish moved in almost immediately. We again sponsored Project Healing Waters with wounded warriors from Walter Reed Army Hospital and it was a successful event, both with regards to the fishing and the opportunity to visit with the participants and show our appreciation for what they have done for the country. The fishing was great with some vets fishing until dark. We initiated a project for the

officers at the Army War College to introduce them to fly fishing as well as the fundamental purpose of Trout Unlimited. It went well, so we expect to expand it in 2011. We provided gillies for a ladies' fly fishing day hosted by the South Central Regional Office of the Fish and Boat Commission. It was obvious that all had a good time. I want to remind everybody that we will again have a booth at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show located adjacent to the fly casting area. As usual, we will be selling flies substantially cheaper than anywhere else. We performed a number of stream cleanup projects mostly to remove downed trees or remove debris disrupting stream flow. We raked the stream bottom in a section of the LeTort to expose and loosen the gravel to assist the wild brown trout spawning. Substantial numbers of fish were observed using that section.

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The chapter installed its new slate of officers at the annual meeting in September, and successfully transitioned several of its key executive positions to new individuals during the last quarter. Additionally, the chapter relocated its regular meeting place to the training room at GTS Technologies. GTS Technologies is an engineering firm and a corporate TU member. In October, the chapter organized its first "Adopt a Highway" clean-up on SR 325, Clarks Valley Road. Chapter members collected trash from the two-mile section of road adopted by the chapter this year which parallels the Delayed Harvest Fly Fishing Only section of Clarks Creek. The chapter has been actively involved in Trout in the Classroom. This year we are assisting two new classrooms in the Palmyra School District to establish their projects. Our Education Committee has decided to add an adult fly tying class to the schedule for the spring of 2011. This class will coincide with the second annual youth fly tying class which was a success last year. We have reorganized our banquet committee with a new individual taking the leadership role. Many details have already been decided, including the date of April 9. We have also started selling our annual raffle tickets. Winners will be drawn at the banquet in April.

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Our December chapter meeting featured five of our members demonstrating their tying skills. Participants rotated through the five tying stations and interacted with the tiers. Preparation has begun for the annual fund-raiser/banquet scheduled for April 2. Two meetings were called by fund-raising Chairman Dan Brandt. Lists of contacts were distributed to committee members. Contacting and collecting began in earnest in January. The Conowingo Creek project on the Herb Weaver farm in southern Lancaster County has been 96 percent completed. Stream work was finished and trees and grass were planted. The only component remaining is some permanent fencing. Flyways Excavation and Wild Resources teamed together to produce a valuable showcase for stream restoration. After paperwork and weather delays, the Climber's Run project has been 98 percent completed. Some fencing will be repositioned this winter by our chapter to accommodate the owner's concern. US Fish and Wildlife, under the supervision of Adam Smith, did an excellent job restoring the stream. Two high school groups, DTU members and several master gardeners worked together to plant 400 trees from our tree nursery. Our conservation chair, Bob Kutz, did a terrific job coordinating all of the partnering participants.

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The chapter meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Norlo Park in Chambersburg. We had our 36th annual banquet this past October and it was a big success. I would like to thank all who attended and helped organize the event. This past summer, biologists from the PFBC did electroshocking on the upper reaches of the stream and were pleased with the number and age classes of the trout they found. This prompted a new project for 2011 where we will be improving the stream around the Frey's Dairy section of the Falling Spring to help reduce sediment deposition. This project should get under way early summer. We are holding our annual fly tying classes, which started in January. This is a great class for beginners and intermediate fly tyers of all ages. This year we are hosting our first Trout in the Classroom project at the Chambersburg Area School District.

Muddy Creek Chapter #575

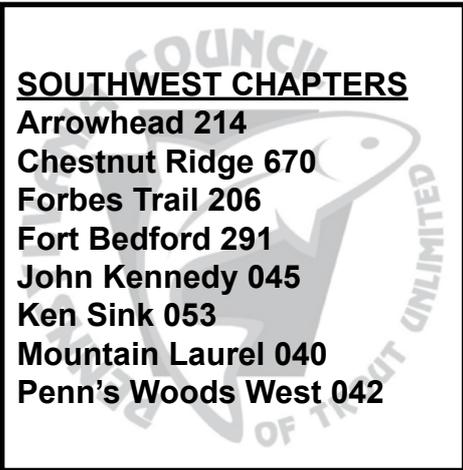
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The chapter ordered buttons and decals for fund-raising to pay for nursery trout in 2011. Fall stockings of 1,000 catchable sized trout and 250 holdovers from the MCTU cooperative trout nursery provided some enjoyable fishing this fall in the watershed after a summer with high water temps eliminated most of the trout in the main stem of Muddy Creek. MCTU planted nearly 100,000 eyed brown trout eggs in the streamside incubators along three tributaries in the watershed. The hatch of brown trout fry was successful.



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The chapter is planned on holding a beginner fly tying class this January if a sufficient number of applications were received. Samantha Kutskel was the featured speaker at our December meeting and provided an informative presentation on Trout in the Classroom, including an overview of the educational materials available to our youth contained within PATU's regional trunks. The chapter's

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January meeting will feature Dave Sewak, TU's Marcellus Shale field organizer, who presented an overview of what chapters can occasion relative to identifying problems and concerns relative to local gas drilling operations. The chapter is currently selecting area youths to participate in the second annual Wayne's Cold Water Kids fly fishing outing at Wayne Harpster's Spruce Creek farm. The chapter is also searching for area youths who would be interested in attending the Tri-County Trout Club's initiative to train and mentor boys and girls in the art of fly fishing and fly tying. Officers are currently reviewing the chapter's bylaws to ensure all mandatory provisions outlined by National TU are incorporated with respect thereto. Preparations for Arrowhead's annual banquet in March will commence immediately following the holiday season.

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The chapter anticipates sponsoring two new Trout in the Classroom projects in the Frazier and Brownsville school districts. We look forward to hearing the adventures that will be forthcoming from these schools regarding the TIC Projects. The chapter's annual fund-raising banquet will be held on March 19 at the Uniontown Holiday Inn. The litter pick-up along Dunbar Creek is tentatively scheduled for early April. Although the amount of litter along Dunbar Creek seems to decrease each year, there is always litter that needs to be picked up. We'll spend the morning picking up litter and then go fishing in the afternoon. Remember, many hands make light work. Jonathan Run – The lack of a substantive response from the DEP to the chapter's requests for information on the status of AMD treatment facility is disappointing. However, the chapter will continue to work toward restoring Jonathan Run to its Exceptional Value (EV) designated use, which included a native brook population. Morgan Run – Additional sampling to monitor the AMD passive treatment process is anticipated in the spring of 2011. In the not too distant future, the chapter hopes to re-establish a native brook trout population in Morgan Run. However, all of our past work and future plans could be for naught if Amerikohl's appeal is granted to reverse the Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board's denial of Amerikohl's request for a special exception for a strip mine. Glade Run – Additional alkaline sand and

sampling paid for from a Growing Greener Plus Grant are anticipated in the spring of 2011. The chapter is cautiously optimistic that its Mini-Watershed Grant application to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for future alkaline sand addition will be funded. The Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation officials have stated that there is no other technology available that can beneficially influence so many miles of stream at such a low cost. Nursery – The chapter received a check from DNR Hydro for \$4,140 as compensation for the August, 2010 fish kill. The money recovered from DNR Hydro will be used in part as a match for a grant from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to reimburse the chapter for repairing the nursery and installing a third rearing pen. The chapter, along with the Washington County Conservation District and the Washington County Watershed Alliance, is hosting PATU's Cold Water Conservation Corps training on Feb. 12 at the Chartiers Township Municipal Social Building. Deer Lake – In the summer of 2010, the dam was breached to allow sediment that had accumulated at the bottom of the lake to be removed. The sediment was to be trucked and disposed of on a local farm. After the dam breaching, the farm was sold, suspending the sediment removal. Unfortunately, sediment, pike and other water species were observed in Meadow Run, a valuable cold water fishery to the area. Spring runoff will only bring additional sediment from Deer Lake into Meadow Run. The chapter has appealed to the Deer Lake Homeowner's Association, the

project sponsor, and the DEP to correct this situation as soon as possible.

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After an extensive member survey, directors concurred that 2011 Forbes Trail meetings should achieve a 50/50 mix of conservation (in the winter), and trout angling as spring approaches. We have developed a new outreach and membership development program to introduce women in our area to fly fishing and coldwater conservation. We solicited and received a year-end donation of \$500 from a local non-profit to support the First Cast Youth Program that began in January. We are applying for a Coldwater Heritage Partnership implementation grant to continue conservation work on our Mill Creek Conservation Plan. We will hold our 38th annual fund-raising banquet on March 5. We dedicated our November meeting to PATU's Coldwater Conservation Corps volunteer monitoring program, and presented informational training for potential volunteer stream monitors, including Marcellus Shale wells, the permitting and drilling processes, and finding where they are (PowerPoint presentation and on-line Web tools). We participated in Marcellus Shale public meetings in Johnstown and Ligonier and assisted in a showing of the film *Gasland*.



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We volunteered to sponsor Southwest Regional CCC training on Jan. 15 at the Winnie Palmer Nature Center. We're working hard to make our monthly meetings more interesting for members and guests. We're fortunate to be able to hold our meetings at the new Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve on the campus of St. Vincent College, Latrobe. This "green" state of the art facility, a gift from golfer Arnold Palmer to our community, allows us to host speakers that use more appealing multimedia presentations. This was especially helpful when at a recent meeting we demonstrated to both members and the invited general public the online tools useful in monitoring Marcellus Shale activities, such as the state's eNotify and FrackTracker. Fish-With-A-Member is a new 2011 Forbes Trail program to promote member participation in chapter activities. FWAM day trips and events will help members explore new places to fish, improve their fly fishing skills and get to know more about the chapter.

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The chapter hosted Dave Sewak, TU's Marcellus Shale field organizer, for its Jan. 11 chapter meeting. Dave's 30-minute presentation, "Marcellus Play in PA," explains Marcellus Shale hydrofracking; its location, the process, environmental concerns, what TU is doing about it, the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps, and what the future holds. The chapter also began its 15th year of offering the public its free fly tying classes on Jan. 15. They are held every Saturday through March 19th at the Bedford County Conservation Offices. Members are also in the planning stages of a monofilament recycling program.

This includes constructing and placing waste monofilament collectors at various locations throughout the area.

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The chapter held a special meeting on Jan. 4 to vote on new chapter bylaws. We will be selling raffle tickets on two fly rods at the Outdoor Times and Jaffa shows in February of 2011. We will also be selling flies at the Jaffa Show. Fly tying classes started the second weekend of January. Dave Sewak, TU's Marcellus Shale field organizer, was the guest speaker at our Feb. 1 meeting. The Little Juniata River Association and JKTU met with DEP, PFBC and US Army Corps of Engineers representatives at the Sandy Run wetlands site to identify areas that could have habitat work done with minimal disturbance to wetlands.

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The chapter had its re-organizational meeting in October. In November we had Joe and Amy Gablick from the Contented Angler shop in Lower Burrell demonstrate tying tube flies. Our December meeting was our holiday party. Our delegates, Noah Overman and Ryan Grant, respectively from the TU Rivers Conservation Camp and Penn State Leadership Conference, talked of their experiences. The chapter's annual fly tying classes started in early January. Our fly tyers' round robin was Feb. 8. Plans are being made for our annual fund-raising banquet

on April 2. Several grants are being pursued for projects. We will be working with a local school who wishes to apply for the Trout in the Classroom program.

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The chapter released its "fish water plan" for the tailrace fishery below Quemahoning dam. This will be the first "new" tailrace fishery created in a long time, and the first in our area. Our chapter was named Best PA Chapter, and Missy Reckner won the Dr. Jack Beck for Youth Outreach Award at the annual fall state council meeting.

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The chapter continues to do multiple projects on our local Pine Creek. Of special concern this summer is to see the impact of excessive siltation caused by the dredging of North Park Lake. It is hoped that high winter and spring flows will flush the mud into the Allegheny River. Our Cabin Fever show will be on March 6 at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry, just north of Pittsburgh. Family Tyes will again be presenting their youth program. Our annual fly fishing seminar is scheduled for mid-March after Cabin Fever. The chapter's annual bus trip is on May 21 to the Little Juniata River.

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2011 Calendar

March 20-23: Advanced Rivers Conservation Camp. Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Pa.

March 26: EXCOM meeting - Saturday. PFBC Stackhouse Training Center, Fisherman's Paradise, Bellefonte, Pa.

June 25-26: Committee meetings TBD - Saturday; EXCOM meeting - Sunday. PFBC Stackhouse Training Center, Fisherman's Paradise, Bellefonte, Pa.

September 30-October 2: Annual membership meeting - Friday, Saturday; EXCOM meeting - Sunday. PFBC Stackhouse Training Center, Fisherman's Paradise, Bellefonte, Pa.

Trout in the Classroom Report

by TIC Coordinator Samantha Kutskel

The last few months I have been traveling around to chapters talking about the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program, discussing ideas to get chapters involved in TIC and how to get students involved in Trout Unlimited.

It has been a great experience learning what chapters are doing and how active each chapter is.

In January, I attended Iron Furnace Chapter's monthly meeting. Sophomores and juniors from Keystone High School and sixth graders from Clarion Elementary presented information about TIC to the chapter, their parents, and the community. The students expressed their excitement for the program and what it is teaching them about coldwater conservation.

Students talked about what they have observed over the year, why this program is important to them, how raising trout has helped them to understand their local watershed, why they should protect it, how

the aquarium runs and what daily care is needed.

Matt Baker, the science teacher from Keystone High School, explained to me that he hopes that the students realize the impact that humans can have on the environment, both the positive and negative, and the inter-connectedness of environmental systems.

Della Kurtzhals, the Clarion Elementary gifted program teacher, focuses her TIC program on the awareness of the streams and rivers in their local area and why it is important to keep them clean.

Besides working closely with Iron Furnace TU, she also works closely with Trudy Alexander, the watershed specialist from the County Conservation District. Students have had the opportunity to explore their local watershed and to see a reclamation site, which has given them a better understanding of coldwater conservation and why it is important to protect

our watersheds.

It is opportunities like TIC and other programs that chapters are involved in that make me realize we are taking a large step in protecting the future of Pennsylvania's streams.

This has to do with each of you reading this article. Program partners are a big part of the success of the TIC program, and I would like to thank all of you who contribute your time to this program and other youth programs across the state. After all, the kids today are the next generation of Trout Unlimited members.

I'm sure many other chapters are doing similar activities. If you would like to share them with PATU, please send me an e-mail describing any youth events/activities your chapter is involved in.

Also, if any chapter is interested in having a presentation at a chapter meeting or have any questions about TIC, please feel free to contact me.



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