





2015 BUCKET BRIGADE

Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited (ENCTU)

Charleston, WV

By Jeff Nelsen

vision of Natural Resources had 3 employees led by John Rebinski.

The purpose of this liming project is to improve the pH water quality of the Middle Fork of the Williams so brook trout will continue their resurgence after being absent from the watershed for over 50 years.

802 buckets of limestone sands which equated to nearly 10 tons were moved by everyone along the ½ mile bucket brigade line to the dump site this year. Because the stream is within a wilderness area no machinery can be used to place the limestone hence the need for people power.

The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited (ENCTU) started making donations to WVDNR for limestone sand projects in 2005 and makes donations every year for 3 projects including the Middle Fork of the Williams. Funds to help with the Middle Fork liming project have come from the Wal-Mart Foundation, West Virginia Trophy



On June 13, 2015, the 8th annual Bucket Brigade was held in Monongahela National Forest on the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Williams River along West Virginia's Scenic Highway with 89 people attending. Thirty eight (38) Wal-Mart employees with their family and friends from several West Virginia stores including Summersville, Beckley, Flatwoods, Parkersburg, Vienna, Kimball and Hurricane, West Virginia participated in the event supported by Chris Ruppenthal with Walmart and ENCTU. West Virginia Trout Unlimited had 6 chapters represented with 48 members, family and friends. WV Di-





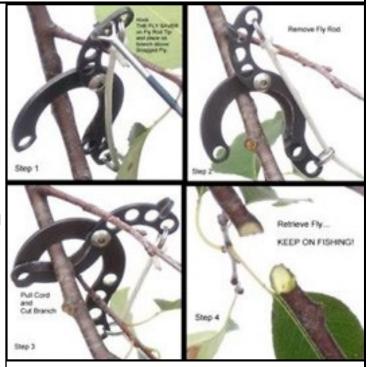
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Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, AEP Foundation, and ENCTU general funds. These total donations for the limestone sands' projects from all the named entities exceed \$78,000 and has been implemented with 800 volunteers for eight continuous years. ENCTU has donated with the support of everyone mentioned approximately \$8000 annually to WV Division of Natural Resources to maintain the fishery reestablished with the limestone sands.

The lunch was donated from the Summersville Wal-Mart store led by Dave & Cindy Herndon. Snacks and mid morning drinks were provided by Susan Nester and her sister Marcia Brady. A special thanks to Fred Mays for securing the donation of 100 new 3.5 gallon buckets from Pyro Chem in South Point, Ohio. They helped in completing the work more efficiently. Thanks to everyone for their time and commitment. This event gives us all a chance to enjoy friends and family while doing something for West Virginia's beautiful state fish, the brook trout.





Ever been on the stream with someone who was always checking out what species of tree that one was? If your like Randy Augustine you should know by now. Maybe if he sees this he'll buy one and I can borrow it, - just to see how it works! If you want to see how The Fly Saver works, or obtain one for yourself, visit www.theflysaver.com. You birches and elms out there, pay backs are hell, eh?

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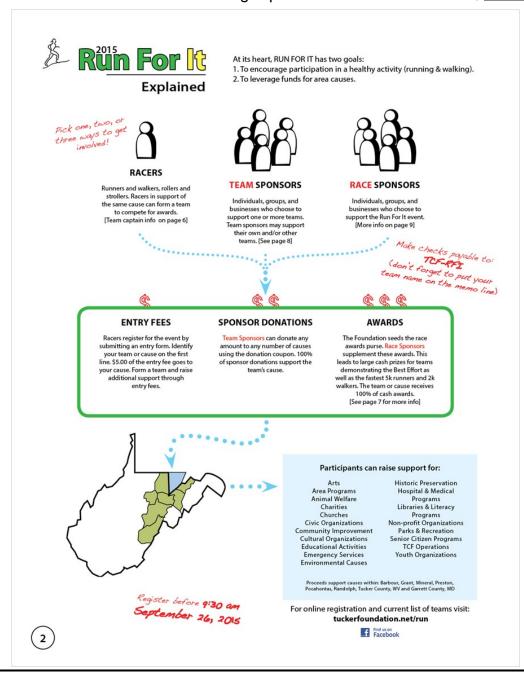
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WV council will be entering the "RUN FOR IT" charity event in Davis ,WV at 11 am on Saturday Sept. 26th. This is an event put on by the Tucker Endowment Fund The \$10 entry fee is split with \$5 going directly to WVTU BE SURE TO MENTION WVTU AS THE RECIPIENT! All of these donations will go directly to the Council. This event is a WALK AND/OR RUN EVENT, 2K and 5K, we are trying to get as many chapters involved as possible...the more people entered, the better are the chances to pick up participation prize money. Most teams have 15-20 people, with everyone having a good time. As a further enticement, one of the TU National Staff has generously offered to buy a keg of local brew for after the race libations, there will also be a grill and some brats and hamburgers. The Fall council meeting is also scheduled for that weekend at the Dolly Sods Nature Cabin on nearby Red Creek. WE ARE ASKING ALL MEMBERS TO CONSIDER PARTIC-IPATING AS THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW WAYS THAT COUNCIL HAS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE STATE COUNCIL. . Information and on line sign-up can be found on their website; tuckerfoundation.net/run





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Winning ticket to be drawn at 5:00 PM January 17th (Need not be present to win)





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UPCOMING ENCTU EVENTS

September 22, ENCTU board meeting, SCPL 6:30PM - 8:30PM

September 26, WVCTU Fall meeting, IPMGary Bertis' TU Conference Room Davis, WV

September 26" TU "Run for it" 11AM see pg. 3 October 3, Loop Creek SOS, 10AM, upper end of cemetery, Larry Orr, Coordinator, edhorse@suddenlink.net

October 3, Dunloup Creek Cleanup, sponsored by the city of Mt. Hope. Contact Mt. Hope if you can help out, this is not a ENCTU event, yet.

October 10, Elk River stocking, last one for the year, meet at the twin bridges 10AM, Steve Young, Coordinator, shy I wv@suddenlink.net

October 13, ENCTU membership meeting, SCPL 7:00 PM—9:00 PM. This months program speakers are Dustin Witcherman, Potomac Headwaters Project Leader and Chad Landers US Forest Service fisheries biologist. Subject is private land/stream and public land/stream restoration.

October 27, ENCTU Board meeting, SCPL 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM.

November 10, ENCTU membership meeting SCPL 7:00PM—9:00PM, This months program speaker is Don Mathews, steelhead guide on Lake Erie it's tribs and into Canadian waters.

November 24 ENCTU Board meeting, SCPL 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM.

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