



# WVTU Council Brief

Spring 2017

### About us:

WVCTU's mission is to conserve, protect, and restore the state's trout populations and the watersheds they call home. Across the Mountain State, WVCTU's eight chapters and 1,500 members form a vast network. In addition to supporting its member chapters, WVCTU allows TU members throughout West Virginia to speak with a unified voice on issues affecting our trout fisheries. We have a passion for giving back to the resources that provide so much enjoyment for us all. For information about chapter activities near you visit [wvtu.org/chapters](http://wvtu.org/chapters)

### WVCTU Officers

Lee Orr  
Council Chair

Steve Pugh  
Vice Chair South

Anthony Lafferty  
Vice Chair North

Derek Edwards  
NLC Representative

Randy Kesling  
Conservation Chair

Larry Orr  
Treasurer

## Discover Nature Day

The West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited (WVCTU) sponsored a youth education event at the Seneca Rocks State Park Discovery Center.

As part of Discover Nature Day, hosted by the United States Forest Service (USFS), WVTU council members provided instruction in fly tying.

Approximately 60 kids attended the fly tying table and each went home with the fly that they tied- a Woolly Bugger variant in most cases.



West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited and other volunteers help attendees tie flies at Discover Nature Day

The Council also staffed an informational table where members answered kids' questions about TU and spoke about West Virginia's native Eastern Brook

Trout and its habitat. For more information about council events visit our [News & Events](#) page of our website.

## Spring Council Meeting

On May 5, 2017 the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited (WVCTU) conducted its annual Spring meeting. Among other topics discussed was the pending open Council Chair position. WVCTU By-Laws limit the Chairperson's term to three consecutive years.

Current Council Chair, Lee Orr, completes his term in September and as of yet a potential replacement has not been identified.

Present at the meeting was Rob Shane, Volunteer Operations Coordinator from the TU National office.

Earlier this year WVCTU accepted the opportunity to host the Southeast Regional Meeting in 2018. Rob spoke about expectations and requirements for the planning committee to consider.

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### *New 2017 WVTU Hats Available!*

WVTU hats are back! Due to the popularity of last year's hats, council purchased more for 2017, now available in three colors.

So get out, volunteer, have fun and pick up one of these awesome hats while you're at it!



*These WVTU hats are now available at local TU events for only \$15*

Get social: Follow us on Facebook to keep up with all that's going on around the state!



## *Upcoming Council Events*

The West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited will hold its Fall meeting September 23, 2017 immediately following the Tucker County Foundation Run For It 5K run/2K walk in Davis, WV. The Run For It run/walk is the biggest fundraising activity for Council and allows us to provide funding for important events such as Project Healing Waters and Discover Nature Days. Council is in need of both run & walk participants for our team along with Sponsors.

WVCTU will receive 100% of money donated from team sponsors. More information on joining our team and team sponsorship can be found here: <http://www.tuckerfoundation.net/run/team-info/>

The Fall Council meeting is open to any that wish to attend. We will be electing Executive Committee members and a new Council Chair at this meeting. More details concerning meeting location and agenda will be coming in the future.

One of the easiest ways to follow WVCTU activities and notices is to like our [Facebook page](#) and periodically check-in to see what is going on. As always, we need as many volunteers as possible for all Council and Chapter events. We can never have too much help!

## *TU Staff Notes*

Did you know that West Virginia hosts one of TU's largest groups of professional staff in the nation? Staff works on both public and private lands to make the fishing better by restoring riparian and in stream habitat to reconnect isolated headwater populations of brook trout back to main stem rivers to strengthen these populations and promote the survival of large fish.

TU staff works on both private and public lands and provides a Turn Key Conservation operation assisting landowners with funding acquisition, conservation planning, stream design and permitting, project implementation and monitoring.

Volunteers are engaged in select projects to monitor streams, plant trees, and help spread the TU mission.