

Thank You!!!

We had a tremendous turnout for the 2019 Bill Bezell & Allen Robbins Memorial Tailwater Roundup. Over 120 of you turned up to help us clean up 13,240 pounds of trash and 5,500 pounds of tires from our beautiful rivers. That is absolutely incredible! We are so grateful to this community for showing up in a big way, as we collectively pulled a staggering amount of trash from our rivers. We also want to thank our major sponsors Orvis and TVA for providing dumpsters, bags, gloves, food, and great prizes. Several local organizations also donated prizes for the raffle and silent auction, who we are thankful to as well. Thank you again to everyone who made this year's clean up such a success!



Rocky Fork Work Day

Come help us install the permanent water quality sampling stations and temperature loggers at Rocky Fork State Park. This equipment will provide us with invaluable water data going forward.

Location: Rocky Fork State Park 501 Rocky Fork Rd Flag Pond, TN 37657
Date: Saturday, April 6th, 2019
Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Rocky Fork Fishing Day

After the work is finished for the water monitoring stations, stick around and fish Rocky Fork with other members from the chapter. If you have never fished Rocky Fork, this will be a perfect time to learn from some of the others that have. Whether you want to stay at the bottom end of the stream and catch wild rainbows or hike up to the headwaters and try your luck at some native brook trout, Rocky Fork offers something for everyone.

Location: Rocky Fork State Park 501 Rocky Fork Rd Flag Pond, TN 37657
Date: Saturday, April 6th, 2019
Time: 12:30PM



We will be having pint night fundraiser at the Gypsy Circus Cider Company in Kingsport on Wednesday, April 10th. \$1.00 for every pint sold will go to OMTU to help fund our current projects. Come on out and join us.

Location: Gypsy Circus Cider Co. – 2645 Fort Henry Drive, Kingsport
Date: Wednesday, April 10th, 2019
Time: 5:00PM – 10:00PM

Watauga Bluffs Work Day

The heavy rains and high waters over the past several months have really wreaked havoc on the Watauga Bluffs Fishing Trail. We plan to have a work day to cut fallen trees and remove debris from the trail on Friday, April 12th. If you are available, we would love to have you come out and give us a hand. Please bring rakes, pruners, chainsaws and gloves if you have them.

Location: 3511 Steam Plant Road, Watauga, TN
Date: Friday, April 12th, 2019
Time: 9:00AM

Mentor Program

It's fishing time again, and we'd like to help people catch more fish. So, we're starting a mentor program. We need two kinds of mentors, specialty mentors and general fishing mentors.

Specialty mentors will help people improve their cast, tie flies, swing wet flies, whatever. If you are good at a particular aspect of fly fishing, we need your help.

General fishing mentors will take people fishing, essentially guide people learning the sport. If you catch fish and like to help people, we need your help.

Commitments are limited. The mentor and improving fly fisher can work out how they want to go about it.

If you can help, please contact Bill Watkins at billwatkinsca@gmail.com or text him 805-705-5568.



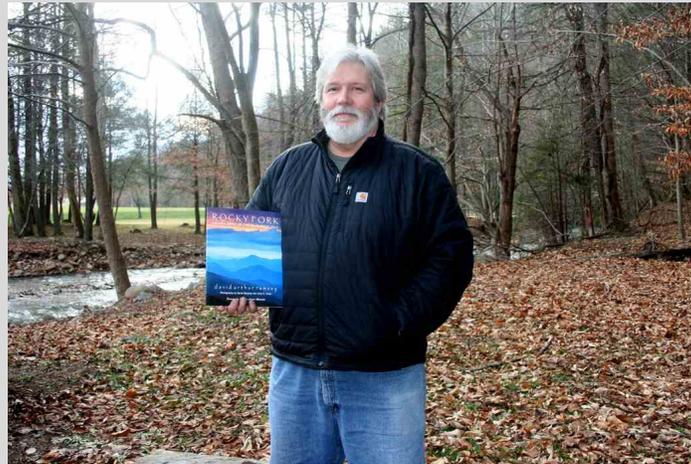
The Thirsty Orange is a craft beer festival in downtown Johnson City with over 150 craft beers to sample. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers for the chapter, with a percentage of all ticket sales from the event going back to OMTU. Please come out and support this event. Tickets are available online for \$49 at www.thirstyorange.com, the chapter also has a limited amount of tickets for sale at \$40. If you are interested in one of these, you can email us at ovemountaintu@gmail.com.

Location: Founders Park, Johnson City

Date: Saturday, April 13th, 2019

Time: 2:00PM – 6:00PM

Our Next Member's Meeting



Join us on Tuesday, April 16 as David Ramsey, author of *ROCKY FORK: Hidden Jewel of the Blue Ridge Wild*, comes to talk to us about Rocky Fork State Park. David will be discussing his new book, how Rocky Fork State Park came to be, and how to catch fish in the waters of Rocky Fork. David will have copies of his book available and he will hold a brief book signing after the presentation. David has graciously offered to donate a percentage of the books sales from this event to OMTU. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM, with a short business update at 6:30 PM and the presentation to follow. There will be a full food and drink menu available.

Location: Holiday Inn, 101 W Springbrook Dr, Johnson City

Room: Taylor C Ballroom

Date: April 16 19th, 2019

Time: 6:00PM