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The Weekly Update for March 4, 2018

We apologize for the delay in delivering this weekly update.

Owing to the beautiful weather and freshly-stocked rivers close to his home, our editor spent the entire weekend with his arm in a cast.

Here's hoping you did the same.

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[Chapter Meeting Thursday](#)

Pisgah TU's next chapter meeting takes place this Thursday, March 8. Our presenter is Tara Granke, the National Headwaters Youth Program Coordinator for Trout Unlimited.

Tara will present STREAM Girls – an exciting new youth program and opportunity for Pisgah TU Volunteers to get involved with local Girl Scouts – and a way for our chapter to engage young people in the exciting work we do.

She will discuss the importance of the program to TU's ongoing mission, how it works and how

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girls fly tying, fly fishing, aquatic bug sampling and more on-the-water activities.

Come on out to Thursday's meeting to learn more about this program and how it's engaging the next generation of conservation-minded anglers.

Our Speaker

As National Headwaters Youth Program Coordinator, Tara Granke works to develop, promote and sustain TU's youth programs nationwide. She connects TU's grassroots volunteers with the resources available for youth engagement and develops partnerships chapter and community partnerships to support the mission of the Headwaters Program: to inspire the next generation of conservationists.



Tara is a graduate of Western Kentucky University where she studied biology. Her first job in the field was as a technician for the Upper Green River Biological Preserve.

Her career in conservation has taken her from Kentucky to New York to California – and a few places in between. Over the last ten years or so, she's worked for a variety of public, private and not-for-profit business and agencies.

Tara lives in Asheville with her husband Michael and their dog, Tink.

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employs STEM—education (science, technology, engineering, math) plus recreation and arts to explore a local stream. Every person is a citizen of her watershed, and TU has partnered with Girl Scouts USA to show what that means to us.

By visiting a local stream and having the opportunity to observe it as scientists, anglers, and artists, girls will get the complete picture of what their stream could mean to them.

Riffle Raffle

You don't want to miss this week's raffle at the chapter meeting.

A one-of-a-kind Pisgah TU logo flybox, some new merchandise and a chance to do a victory dance of mockery when your number is called could all be yours for just a few dollars. We even take credit cards.

[Pisgah TU Merchandise](#)

The new hats arrived this week, and they're fan-freaking-tastic! We just ordered a few to try out, because we hate the ones that don't fit worth a darn unless you've got a head like Herman Munster or a brain box that ends 1/4 inch above your ears.

We're happy to report that these don't give you "Munster head", make your ears stick out or ride so high up on your skull you look like you're wearing a yarmulke. (Terrible pictures follow, taken with an iPad in one hand while fending off a curious cat with the other.)

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These hats are the business -- lightweight for summer to keep your bald spot from burning and the sun out of your eyes, and you can pull 'em down to avoid eye contact with people who you just know are gonna ask "what are you using?" We probably should've ordered more to begin with, but we wanted to hear from you first.

We've also got some customizing options we'll discuss at the next chapter meeting. Get the Pisgah TU logo slapped on a shirt or other item of your choice for just a little coin and a short wait.

Come find out more Thursday night! Make your voice heard, make your order and pretty soon you'll be styling in ultra-cool PTU logo gear.

There MAY even be some gear discounts for meeting attendees only.

You just never know.

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**THE PISGAH TU 2018
FLY FISHING SCHOOL**
APRIL 28TH
8:30AM - 4:45PM

\$150 ADULT | \$100 YOUTH (12-18)
HARMON FIELD | TRYON, NC
LUNCH & COURSEBOOK INCLUDED
ALL GEAR PROVIDED

GEARING UP | KNOTS & LINE SETUP | CASTING CLINIC | STREAM STRATEGIES & TACTICS | FLY TYING

LEARN MORE & REGISTER: pisgahTU.org/FlyFishingSchool



Don't forget to share our flyfishing school with the folks at your office church, school, favorite restaurant or other organization. The monies raised go to support Pisgah TU's ongoing conservation and education programs, and the students will enjoy a lifetime of benefits from a day and a few dollars well-spent.

If you'd like to get some of these snazzy 8 1/2 * 11 handouts on heavy card stock to pass around, hang up on a bulletin board or share with your friends, come to the meeting Thursday night or contact our own Carole Deddy to get all set up.

Thanks for the support!

[Benthos Seminar - A Few Seats Remain!](#)

As fly fishers, we know it's all about what they're eating. If you've ever stood in the river and watched them eating something or other and thrown everything at them [including the kitchen sink](#) only to have them turn their snouts up at your fly, consider attending the Benthos Seminar at Clemson on March 17.

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For a measly \$20, including lunch and a take-home notebook, Clemson's Dr. John Morse, a renowned and highly-respected national expert, will spend a whole day helping us learn to identify what those buggy things are in the water, which will help you figure out what to use to entice them to visit your net.

Only a few seats remain! If you're concerned about the drive, you might consider attending Thursday's meeting where we'll try to arrange car pools.

Learn more and sign up here: <https://pisgahTU.org/benthosSeminar>

[The Green River Stocking Crew is at it again.](#)

If you've never been involved in stocking Delayed Harvest streams but always wanted to be, here's an absolutely golden opportunity. Terry Lynch and his bunch over in Hendersonville are pulling out all the stops, putting them back in and pulling them all back out just to make sure they got them all the first time.

Today's (Monday) stocking event is gonna be epic. Learn from seasoned pros where and what to fish, grab some awesome grub and a hot cup of joe, and hang out with some of the nicest people on the planet.

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No way we'll miss this one. Tell the folks at Microsoft and Apple you're giving them the day off, then give yourself one by joining in a morning of fun, learning and exercise.

<https://pisgahTU.org/fishStocking>

[Area Fishing Reports](#)

North Fork

Fish have been rising to midges and blue winged olives in the mornings, especially cloudy days, and blue quills and a few bigger mayflies have them looking up in some spots throughout mid-day hours. Look for risers in the tail-outs of runs or soft seams. As the water levels come down a bit in the next few days, the potential for great dry fly fishing will be there. Fishing dry/dropper in the riffles should also produce. Set your pheasant tail dropper fairly deep and look for most of the action there, but don't be surprised if you get a fish or 2 to blow up on a quick moving bushy dry fly.

East Fork

The East Fork just received a fresh stocking from the state and reports have been coming in of heavy traffic in the area. Crowds will likely thin as afternoon rolls into evening so parking spots may be more abundant later in the day. If you've fished freshly stocked waters before, you know the drill. If you haven't, tie pink squirmy worm on 4X with a y2k dropper and get out there and

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receive over the weekend. If things begin to slow down, try lighter tippet and some less obscure flies – a size 14 flashback pheasant tail for example, or move to a different spot.

Davidson

The Davidson has been fishing great and as we move farther into spring, the hatches will keep getting better and better. In the morning, look for risers in soft water sipping midges or eating blue wings. Blue quills should start popping around the middle of the day. We've also had some windows of good streamer fishing on rainy days. Keep in mind a couple things, even when the Davidson is fishing "great," it's no walk in the park. Use light tippet, make good casts, get great drifts and if everything comes together for a few fish, consider it a successful day. Also, even in perfect streamer fishing conditions, to find success takes a lot commitment and patience. It might take all day, but when a big fish comes out from under a cut bank and inhales your streamer, all the hard work will pay off.

Little River (DuPont State Forest)

Water levels are excellent at DuPont right now, and there are lots of big -- and we mean big -- browns patrolling the water. Morning dun hatches as the sun comes around the bend, so small (18-20) soft hackles in cream or olive work well. For the new hatchery fish, mop flies, squirmies (particularly chartreuse and hot pink!) are working. For the more "seasoned" fish, try out a small stonefly imitation in very black. Girdle bugs are also producing -- also in black. Variegated and brown were ineffective over the weekend. Many fish took right at the end of a swing, as the fly began to rise in the water column. Be ready!

(All reports except Little River reprinted courtesy of our friends, supporters and partners at Headwaters Outfitters -- keep up with them online at <http://www.headwatersoutfitters.com/stream-report/> and thank them with your business.)

On The Calendar

Monday, March 5 (10:30): Designated Harvest Trout Stocking resumes at the **Green River** (Fishtop Access/Saluda). To learn more and sign up to help that boisterous but hardworking gang, visit <https://pisgahTU.org/fishStocking> or email stocking captain [Terry Lynch](#).

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00: Regular Chapter Meeting of Pisgah TU at the DFR Room in downtown Brevard. Come early to enjoy social time, the best cookie selection and a cold beverage. This month's speaker is Tara Granke from TU National, who'll tell us all about

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Saturday, March 10 at 10:00: Climate Advocacy Training at Hendersonville, NC.

Thursday, March 15 at 10:00: Our first 2018 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Day! Jim Rumbough gets the coffee and doughnuts rolling, and then we make our world a more beautiful place. Who's gonna find the weirdest thing this time? It'll be hard to top the miscellaneous parts to somebody's Honda from last time out. To volunteer, contact program coordinator [Jim Rumbough](#) or visit <https://pisgahTU.org/adoptahighway>.

Saturday, March 17 at 9:00: Benthos seminar at Clemson. Free, but registration will be required as attendance will be limited to 26. Registration is underway. (See article in this update.)

Saturday, April 28: Pisgah TU's 2018 Flyfishing School. Whether you're a student or volunteer, it's gonna be a great time! Be sure to save the date on your calendar.

<https://pisgahTU.org/ffSchool>

Friday May 4: Fly Fishing Film Tour, FREE SHOWING at Oskar Blues Brewery in Brevard. Bring a lawn chair and an appetite, come thirsty and stuff a few bills in your pocket to win fabulous raffle prizes and support your favorite chapter of Trout Unlimited!

Monday Nights at 6:00: Tyin' and Lyin' at ECUSTA Brewing, presented by Landon Lipke from Davidson River Outfitters. Pizza available by the slice, and a percentage of every Dead Drift Pale Ale ordered goes to support Pisgah TU.

Tuesday Nights at 6:30: Tuesday Night Fly Tying at Brevard Brewing, hosted by Headwaters Outfitters. Every week a different fly is featured. Conjure up something near and dear to your heart. Drop in for tips, tying and a delicious craft beverage.

Tuesday Nights at 6:30: FLY WARS at Wedge Brewing (Foundation) in Asheville, hosted by JEB Hall from Davidson River Outfitters. Fly tying meetup with weekly competitions, new product demos, prizes and giveaways! Pizza and a pint of outstanding beer for only \$10!

Wednesday Nights at 7:00: GET DISTANT series at ECUSTA Brewing.



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