



# *Trout Tales*

## Rocky River Chapter Trout Unlimited

June 2009



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello to all RRTU members.

June is upon us and by the time you receive this, our finny friends in the Delayed Harvest streams will have a new place of residence. Most of them will be wearing the cornmeal overcoat, as **Don Yager** calls it. We continue to be blessed with rain this year and those fish that remain will have more places to hide, fishing might be a little more challenging. There is plenty of water, so get out and try your hand at catching a couple.

RRTU and Davidson Day School had our first Trout in The Classroom release on May 19 at South Mountain State Park. **Mrs. Carbone** and her 6th Grade Class of 13 students and 5 parents made the trip along with **Bill Thomas, Alen Baker, Jerry Maslar** and I. The students had written an 'Ode to Trout' and before the release, each student read their ode to the group. These students really enjoyed their experience with the TIC Program and learned a tremendous amount about water quality and Eco systems. **Ranger Rogers** from SMSP spoke to the students about SMSP and how the trout fit into the Eco system there and the diverse and inter connected wildlife and habitat there. The students were give a goodie bag by the NCWRC to take home with them. This was our first TIC Program and we were on a learning curve as much as the teacher and the students. Next year promises to be much better and hopefully bigger.

Our June Meeting will be held at REI at North Lake Mall at 6:30. Our speaker will be **Mrs. Vicki Carbone**, our TIC Instructor from Davidson Day School. Plan to

be on time as we are expecting a full house to here her presentation. We have 2 or 3 other schools that are interested in the TIC program.

We are also looking into starting a Companion Fishing Trip program. This is modeled after a similar program used by the Triangle Flyfishers with great success. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience in our Chapter when it comes to where to fish and what to fish with. Basically, here is how it works. We ask that a willing member donate his time and talent to take another member fishing. The donating member would set the 'donation fee' along with the details (day trip or overnight, lunch provide or pack your own, ride together or meet on the stream, etc.). The companion would pay the 'donation fee' to RRTU and in return would get access to rare knowledge, learn new water and expand their skill set. For example, Member A donates a day trip to his secret stream (likely a public stream that is not well known) and sets the minimum 'donation fee' at \$75 which includes transportation. Member B is first to come forward to take the trip for \$75. At a mutually agreed day and time, the two members meet, go fishing on the stream. As this is completed, member A can donate another companion trip as he wishes to continue to help raise funds for RRTU.

If this program would appeal to you either as a donor or recipient, please let us know. My e-mail address is [rtujim@gmail.com](mailto:rtujim@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you on the stream or at a meeting soon.

Jim Mabrey

We're up to 90.

Thanks to each of you and for those of you that still haven't signed up, please join us.

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June Meeting

Program: Mrs. Vicki Carbone – Trout in the Classroom

**REI**

**9755 Northlake Centre Parkway**

**Charlotte, NC 28216**

**Wednesday June 17th**

**Social Time: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm**