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## Weekly Update Sunday, January 7, 2018

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Looking Glass Falls, Saturday November 6th, 2018

*Photo by chapter member Ken Voyles*

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### [Pisgah TU Meets Thursday, January 11th!](#)

After a December off and the cold start to the year, it seems like forever since we all got together for some fun and fellowship over a beverage, so we're glad to remind you that this Thursday, January 11th kicks off what looks to be another busy year in the life of Pisgah TU.

Thursday's meeting is our semi-regular fly-tying extravaganza, featuring some of our most accomplished members. We went into a lot of detail about this a

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cases of cabin fever.

*IMPORTANT: We're doing new name badges and are asking everyone to stop by the front table and sign in. If you're a current Pisgah TU member, a name badge will be printed and waiting for you to slap on. If you're not, when you sign in we'll give you one and at the next meeting - PRESTO - you'll have an official printed badge!*

## **ABOUT THE MEETING**

We'll have a brief introduction and take care of some odds and ends of chapter business, and we'll introduce our first-time attendees. Don't be shy if that's you - stand up and say hello!

Then Zoe Mihalas and Alleigh Raymond will give a brief presentation on their experience at the national TU Teen Summit, after which we'll do a semi-organized group tying session with sit-in presentations by some of our chapter's most accomplished tyers (Heath Cartee, Justin McEntire, Landon Lipke, Dave Bender, Alan Broyhill, Mike Mihalas, Patrick Weaver and others) putting together some of their favorite flies right before your eyes.

**If you tie, consider bringing your vise, a light, some tools and materials and show off your mad ninja skills tying up your favorite go-to fly.** (Bring an extension cord.)

We're also hosting an informal materials and tools swap. Most of us have that big drawer or bin full of stuff we'll never use but can't stand to get rid of, so load it all up in a tub to do some trading or barter with other folks who've done the same. Who knows what lurks in those other tubs? One person's extras may be your essentials!

### [French Broad River Keepers / Mountain True Workdays](#)

Pisgah TU partners The French Broad Riverkeeper and MountainTrue are combating sediment erosion in our local waterways. Sediment is a major pollutant in our river basin, clogging fish and aquatic habitats, increasing water temperatures, and transporting toxic substances.

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out of the cabin, get some exercise and do a lot of good with some very fine people.

They are helping to reduce the amount of sediment that flows into our rivers by planting live-stakes along eroding riverbanks. These stakes will grow into trees that will stabilize the sides of the rivers and creeks where planted and will reduce the overall amount of sediment getting into the river. Lots of dates to choose from, so come out to one or more of the Paddle-n-Plant work days!

\*Please note the deadline to sign-up will be by noon on the day before the event.

Thanks!

To sign up: <https://mountaintrue.org/eventscalendar/>

Dates:

January - 17, 19

February - 2, 7, 27

March - 8, 13

Times: 10am - 4pm

Locations: French Broad River in Transylvania and Henderson Counties. Meeting locations will change, depending on water level, and will be emailed to you 1-2 days before the work day.

What to bring with you:

- Lunch
- extra change of clothes
- warm layers (we'll be on the water, so dress for weather, but also make sure it's things you don't mind to get dirty); we've got a couple dry bags
- rubber boots and/or waders (We have some, but not many so bring your own if you have them.)
- pocket knife (if you have one)
- water to drink
- really, just what you think you need to keep warm and dry that day.

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## [Member Surveys](#)

As we mentioned last week, we're trying hard to involve more chapter members in the everyday life of Pisgah TU, and we need your help understanding what you'd like to see more and less of, what your interests are and how we can better work together.

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Communications by clicking the button below. A page on Pisgah TU's secure website will open and a brief survey will appear. Please fill it out honestly and candidly. Your opinion counts.

All responses will be kept in confidence, and any publication of the results will include only compiled answers, and not individual selections. When necessary, a chapter leader may reach out to you for more information or to discuss concerns or ideas you may have.

Thanks for participating!

### Communications Survey

#### Tie One On

In addition to our chapter meeting on Thursday, please be sure to support our generous friends in the area as they host free fly-tying events for tyers of all ages and skill levels.

**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, and this week it's MIDGES, something near and dear to all our hearts. 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!

#### On The Calendar

**Thursday, January 11, 2018:** Regular Chapter Meeting at the DFR room in

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**Wednesday, January 17:** The French Broad Riverkeeper and Mountain True are planting live-stakes along eroding riverbanks on the French Broad River from 10AM - 4PM. All Pisgah TU friends and members are invited to participate in this important conservation effort.

For more information,

visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/138864396795655>

**Friday, January 19:** The French Broad Riverkeeper and Mountain True are planting live-stakes along eroding riverbanks on the French Broad River from 10AM - 4PM. All Pisgah TU friends and members are invited to participate in this important conservation effort.

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**Thursday, January 25, 2018:** Regular Board Meeting at the Mills River Restaurant in Mills River. All chapter members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Hear what's going on, get involved, and learn more about how our chapter operates. Have a fine meal while you're there. The fried pickles are amazing - and a HUGE serving. Meeting starts at 6:30.

**And don't forget the tie one on events, detailed in this update!**



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