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Local Trout Unlimited Chapter and Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program Partner announce 2021 FREE Veteran Fly Fishing Class starting September 10 at County Recreation and Parks Location

Canton, Georgia July 21, 2021 – The Cherokee County Homeless Veteran Program, (CCHVP) and the Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited are pleased to announce the Fall 2021 free fly fishing program for disabled and elderly Veterans of Cherokee County. We are also pleased to announce that this year's classes will be held at the Cherokee County Recreation and Parks gym facility located at 7545 Main Street in Woodstock.

According Sid Wilson, Trout Unlimited Cohutta Chapter president, "the four week program will be led by chapter instructors and provide the following classroom instructions; Intro to fly fishing, equipment used, lines leaders and knots, clean water conservation and insect life, places to fish, fly tying, fly casting. The program will also culminate in a go fishing day on a local river.

Location: Cherokee County Recreation and Parks, 7545 Main St. Woodstock, Ga 30188

Dates:	September 10, 17, 24	12:00pm to 4:00pm
	October 1	12:00pm to 4:00pm
	TBD	Go fishing day

The free program will include use of fly fishing equipment and is intended to be focused on disabled Veterans as well as elderly Veterans of all skill levels. There are only 20 slots available for this program at this time. The announced fly fishing program is designed to focus on getting disabled Veterans out of the house into adaptive sports so that they can again be part of the community..

According to Jim Lindenmayer, Director of the Cherokee County Homeless Veteran program, “the Veterans Administration has placed a lot of focus on developing and conducting adaptive sports programs for veterans at a number of VA Medical Centers around the country. With Cherokee County being remote from these Medical Centers there is a great need for communities to develop such programs at a local level.”

Adaptive sports programs are not just for injured or disabled veterans. According to Lindenmayer, there are a number of groups that would benefit from adaptive sports programs to include:

- 1.2 million Disabled Veterans in the US, 181,000 of them from the Iraq/Afghanistan war. (www.CBSnews.com)
- 17,000 Spinal Cord Injuries suffered by non-military civilians per year in the US and there are an estimated 282,000 currently living in the US. (*NSC/ISC – National Spinal Cord Injury Statistic Center*)
- An estimated 367,069 people living with Down syndrome in the US. (www.CDC.gov)
- 800,000 people suffer from Strokes each year, with more than half of those over 65 suffering some type of reduced mobility. (www.CDC.gov)
- 2.35 million People suffer injuries/disabilities each year in automobile accidents. (www.ASIRT.org – *Association for Safe International Road Travel*)

“We are pleased to create this program in partnership with the Veterans of Cherokee County and CCHVP, added Sid Wilson. “Fishing is a sport for life and can be enjoyed at all ages and skill levels.”

If you are a disabled veteran or an elderly Veteran and would like be part of this clinic, please contact: Jim Lindenmayer, Director of the Cherokee County Homeless Veteran program, at 678.983.7590 or via email at jlindenmayer80@gmail.com and you will be send a program registration form.

The Cherokee County Homeless Veteran Program is part of the American Legion which is the largest Veteran support group in the U.S. with Posts in 14,000 communities around the country with 2.4 million members. For more information, go to: <http://www.legion.org/>

Trout Unlimited believes in an inclusive, collaborative approach to Coldwater conservation that integrates the needs and expertise of all stakeholders. We actively seek to build durable partnerships to leverage resources and ensure our projects and initiatives are multi-benefit. Our formula for success makes fishing better and emphasizes four key strategies: protecting intact habitat, often in the headwaters of watersheds on public lands; reconnecting fragmented fish habitat; restoring degraded habitat and at-risk native trout and salmon populations; and sustaining conservation gains and public support for them by building an active community of angler-advocates. For more information Please go to the Cohutta Chapter website (www.tucohutta.org). For additional questions click on contact button upper right corner of website or email robflyfisher@gmail.com

Cohutta Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing Registration Form

Topics covered

Intro to fly fishing, equipment used, lines leaders and knots, clean water Conservation and insect life, places to fish, fly tying, fly casting and a go fishing day.

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All equipment will be provided on all dates

Class limited to 20 people

Please indicate level of fly fishing experience

☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

Please Provide

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Cellphone: _____

Mail or fax registration form to; Jim Lindenmayer
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160 McClure St.
Canton, GA 30115

Please go to the Cohutta Chapter website (www.tucohutta.org) for additional information about the Trout Unlimited Cohutta Chapter. For additional questions click on contact button upper right cor