



September 2011

### Back-the-Brookie Interns

A team of six Georgia TU Back-the-Brookie interns worked with GA DNR and USFS in the Chattahoochee National Forest this summer.

- Alex Kiser - Gainesville State (Returning from 2010)
- Aaron Ducker - Haywood Community College
- Micah Dukes – University of Tennessee
- Ethan Franklin – Abraham Baldwin College
- Billy Hensley - Tennessee Tech
- Seth Sullivan - Gainesville State College



2011 EBTJV Interns

L to R: Seth Sullivan, Ethan Franklin, Billy Hensley, Micah Dukes, Alex Kiser, Aaron Ducker

### 2011 At – A – Glance

Twenty one brook trout streams were monitored and evaluated this summer as part of our study to gauge the effectiveness of our stream enhancements and restoration work.

Seventy two structures were built enhancing seven brook trout streams.

Rainbow and brown trout were removed from three brook trout streams covering three miles of restoration.

Five previously unstudied streams were sampled. Two of the streams were found to support brook trout. Genetic studies are pending.

All thirteen GA TU Chapters plus Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, Georgia Women Flyfishers and NGTO financially supported Back-the-Brookie with generous contributions.



### 2011 Volunteer Hours

Trout Unlimited volunteers put in 1,330 man hours of stream enhancement work on four stream projects in 2011.

- North Moccasin Creek
- Bryant Creek
- Ammons Creek (Trout Camp)
- Martin Branch

Along with planning hours by the GA TU Back-the-Brookie Committee, your efforts equate to a \$42,000 contribution this year!

Since Back-the-Brookie began in 2006, volunteer hours are valued at over \$250,000.

### Enhancements

*Chattooga Watershed:* Ammons Branch

*Chattahoochee River Watershed:* Martin Branch

*Hiawassee River Watershed:* Big Net Creek

*Tallulah River Watershed:* Flat Branch, North Moccasin Creek, South Moccasin Creeks

*Toccoa River Watershed:* Bryant Creek

### Restorations

*Chattooga Watershed:* Walnut Fork

*Tallulah River Watershed:* Tate Branch

*Toccoa River Watershed:* Stover Creek

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