

October 1995

## Combining Our Energies and Interest ..... Weekend At Reed Creek A Huge Success

On Saturday, September 8th, approximately forty Trout Unlimited members and other volunteers from Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina came together to direct their energy to a very worthwhile project.

Camp was set up inside the the boundaries of the *Chattooga Wild and Scenic River Corridor*. Friday evening, TU'ers and other volunteers were treated to a barbecue chicken dinner and blue grass music compliments of Jim Nixon and a few of the Foxfire boys. The food was delicious and the music fitting for such a beautiful setting.

Saturday morning dawned clear and sunny; it couldn't have been a better day for working in Reed Creek. Forest Service employees Doug Watson and Jerry Wood divided the crowd up into smaller crews and the work began. There was plenty of work to go around and plenty of willing hands to get the job done.

This project had been on the agenda for well over a year. Jim Kidd (US Forest Service, Tallulah Ranger District) had been working with Monte Seehorn (retired US Forest Service Fisheries Biologist) to coordinate the project. This was not your average "fisheries" project as Reed Creek flows within the

boundaries of the *Wild and Scenic River Corridor*. Getting materials and tools to and from the site was a challenge; portions of the bank bordering the main part of the Chattooga have sloughed off making it impossible to get a vehicle to the work site. A team of Belgium draft horses from Long Creek, South Carolina were used to move the large logs need for structure construction into a workable position.

Retired US Forest Service Fisheries Biologist Monte Seehorn had this to say about the project:

*"Water temperatures in the section of the Chattooga River at the mouth of Reed Creek are too high to support a self-sustaining population of wild trout. This water is managed as a "put and take" trout fishery with a substantial number of hatchery fish stocked periodically. When the temperature in the Chattooga River reaches critical levels, the socked fish migrate into the cooler waters of Reed Creek seeking relief. Reed Creek is a small shallow stream with only a limited amount of habitat suitable for these fish.*

*The US Forest Service, Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources, and Trout Unlimited, cooperated in an effort to improve and increase the amount of habitat. Channel constrictors were*

*placed at three locations where the stream was wide, shallow, and contained little or no cover for trout. The objectives of the structures were to narrow the channel, increase current velocity, resulting in scouring and the creation of a deeper pool. These structures contain several large logs that should also provide ideal overhead cover for both wild and hatchery fish."*

The workday was a success as all the structures were completed before the day was over. Thanks for all the help from some very dedicated volunteers. If you didn't make it, you sure missed a fun time!

### Make Plans Now! Busy Times Ahead

The next three months are always super busy as we plan for the Rendezvous and holidays approach. Please check the calendar on the next page and make plans to attend our meetings and other functions. The chapter needs your input and energy!

Apologies for the short newsletter.... The hurricane and power outage that followed kept Tom Landreth from making his usual contributions and caused me trouble at the print shop. Things will be back on track in November.  
Editor



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Russ Burken will entertain us with a report on his fishing adventure in Alaska. Other members are requested to bring videos etc., to share with the group.

Rabun County Library; social at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm.

Pre-planning session for Rendezvous in January. Formal Program TBA-Rabun County Library, 7pm.

December  
Dillard House

Couples Social and final planning for the JANUARY'S Rendezvous. Time and date TBA.

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