

2009 TROUTFEST

Great Smoky Mountains Fly-Fishing Exposition
75th Anniversary – Great Smoky Mountains National Park



Auction Donation Request

Dear Friend,

TROUTFEST 2009 Fly-Fishing Exposition will be held at the Townsend Visitor Center on Saturday & Sunday, May 16th and 17th. On Friday evening (May 15th), we will hold a rousing, fund-raising banquet and auction at a location to be announced soon. Tickets for the banquet and auction will be pre-sold to support our mission of "...conserving, protecting and restoring" native Brook Trout in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP). TROUTFEST is a GSMNP 75th Anniversary event.

While TROUTFEST celebrates fly-fishing, the Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited sponsors TROUTFEST as a fundraiser to support the Fisheries Department of the Park. In the past five years, LRCTU has raised and donated over \$60,000 to the Park for Brook Trout restoration projects.

Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All the proceeds from the TROUTFEST & Banquet will support our mission of conserving, protecting & restoring coldwater resources and watersheds in and around the GSMNP.

The 2009 TROUTFEST Fly Fishing Exposition is expected to be one of the largest outdoor events in the Southeast United States for fly anglers, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park offers you the most beautiful place on earth to fly fish for trout. The event will be held at the Townsend Visitors Center, where a 6,000 square foot tent will be attached to the Visitors Center and pavilion, which has 8,000 square feet under roof. Remember, there are over 800 miles of streams in the Park that hold rainbow, brook and brown trout, so you can easily combine the exposition experience with an "on the water" experience.

The auction will follow immediately after the banquet. Suggested donation item(s): Outdoor Equipment, Fly Fishing Gear, Lawn & Garden Furniture, Gas Grill, Mountain Bike, Television, Stereo Equipment, Video Camera, Digital Camera, Gift Card, wine, etc. If you can't make a donation to the auction, any monetary donation would be gratefully accepted.

Announcements have been sent to Trout Unlimited chapters in seven states as well as to the Federation of Fly Fishers, because Townsend and the GSMNP are one of the top trout fishing destinations in the USA. This is the perfect opportunity to help promote and educate others on these beautiful mountains & streams we call home.

To learn more about Trout Unlimited and our Annual TROUTFEST, go to our website: www.troutfest.org or www.lrctu.org .

We hope that you will join a growing list of donors to make this TROUTFEST an outstanding fund-raising event for the native Brookies on the 75th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. They're your Brookies, too.

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Thank you for your consideration.
We look forward to seeing you at the festival.

Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited
& the TROUTFEST Committee

