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Trout Unlimited sponsors fly fishing event for disabled veterans

The Forbes Trail Chapter of Trout Unlimited (FTTU), in partnership with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc., will welcome military veterans to fish at Foggy Mountain Lodge near Stahlstown (117 Foggy Mountain Lane) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

This is a means of showing support for veterans who proudly served their country. The event is intended to introduce disabled veterans to the sport of fly fishing as a means of relaxation and healing. Project Healing Waters has had extensive experience and success across the country teaching fly fishing and related activities to disabled veterans as part of the rehabilitation process.

The event is open to any veteran with a disability rating from the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Participants must provide their own transportation to and from the event. All fishing equipment, lunch, snacks and drinks will be free.

Expert mentors will provide one-on-one instructions and support.

Both the lake and restroom are ADA accessible.

Trout will be stocked but there are also plenty of bass and pan fish to be caught.

Boy Scout Troop 465 of Greensburg will be on hand to prepare and serve lunch as well as offer assistance as needed.

To register, contact Larry Myers at 724- 454-9345 or myersld@comcast.net.

Because of limited resources, and with this being FTTU's first event of this type, the organization is limiting participation to the first 12 registrants. FTTU wants this to be a quality experience for everyone. If there are more registrants than it can handle, the organization said it will keep the names of extras and prioritize them for future events.

Enjoying the camaraderie of fellow veterans in the spring setting of a mountain lake is a therapeutic experience in itself. Catching your own trout for lunch is a bonus. The goal is to make this a truly memorable event for veterans.

Hopefully some will decide to continue on with the sport of fishing as a means to relax and join the ranks of stewards for coldwater fisheries. Let FTTU know if there is anything it can do to make this experience more rewarding.

For more information about Trout Unlimited and Forbes Trail Chapter activities, visit the website at www.forbestrailtu.org.

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