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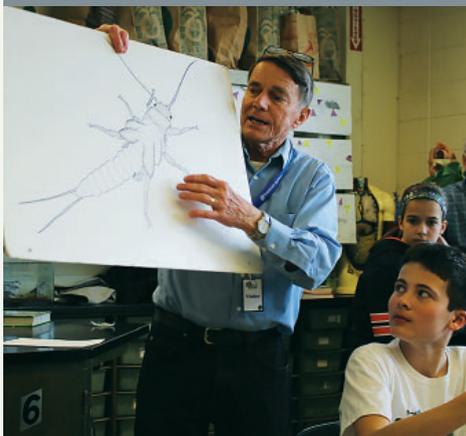


+ TU Chapters working hard to ensure that the next generation of conservationists get engaged and stay interested with Trout in the Classroom, fly-fishing clubs and projects on the ground.

Dean Hansen—Oak Brook TU Chapter’s “Bug Keeper”—Helps Chapter Complete 10th Year of “Trout in the Classroom”

Chicago’s Oak Brook TU Chapter has successfully completed its 10th year of supporting Trout in the Classroom. TIC is a program that allows participating schools to raise trout from eggs to juvenile trout in a classroom aquarium tank and release them in a northern Illinois trout stream. This past year OBTU supported a record 11 school programs. Students from these schools released their trout during the week of April 30th.

These release field trips are the culmination of a year’s activity for students, as they visit the trout stream, test the water quality for comparison to their school tank, and seine and survey for aquatic nymphs and organisms that are part of the trout’s ecosystem. This program could not have been successfully completed without the support of OBTU volunteers. In fact, this year between the April entomology presentations at TIC schools and the release week, 28 OBTU volunteers worked a total of 73 volunteer days.



Dean Hansen is OBTU’s “bug keeper,” providing an array of live aquatic insect specimens for a week’s worth of classes supporting the chapter’s TIC program. The OBTU program looks forward to Dean’s annual migration from his home in Minneapolis to Chicago every spring for his interactive entomology presentations featuring live stoneflies, mayflies, caddisflies,

damsel flies and hellgrammites. Now 75, and a retired commercial bee keeper, Dean continues to pursue his life’s passion studying insects. The 2017-18 school year marked Dean’s eighth year as the chapter’s featured entomology classroom expert presenter.

Dean graduated from the University of Minnesota with a zoology degree before pursuing a PhD in entomology where he studied aquatic insects in Western mountain trout streams. While Dean’s professional career focused on being a commercial beekeeper, his interest in aquatic entomology never waned as he volunteered for a variety of educational programs both locally in Minnesota and in support of Chicago’s OBTU chapter.

Dean has been collecting live specimens for youth educational programs for five decades and visits four to five streams to collect over 100 bugs needed for his hands-on TU presentations in the Chicago area.

—Jim Schmiedeskamp



Cornplanter Chapter Holds Successful Fundraising Event

PENNSYLVANIA

On Sunday July 29, 2018, the Cornplanter Chapter of TU, in cooperation with Allegheny Outfitters of Warren, Pa., held a dice run on the Allegheny River. With 112 registered boaters and many more paddling for the fun of it, the lovely mid-summer weather made for a wonderful time for all. Mike Fadale was the official greeter and launch assistant at the boat launch at the tailwaters of the Kinzua Dam. Shuttle service to the launch was available from the outfitters livery. Having the finish back at the livery made for a convenient end to the day after enjoying snacks and drinks provided by the chapter. Prizes were awarded to the highest and lowest totals from five dice rolls. Many paddlers commented about the organization of the event and the help of the many volunteers and the employees of Allegheny Outfitters. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the day an enjoyable and beneficial one, enabling the TU chapter to continue to fund their many programs in the area.