

Results – CFRTU Member Survey

Final Results, as of August 30, 2010



Survey Results



How long have you been a member of TU? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
0-2 years		24.1%	21
2-5 years		28.7%	25
5-10 years		24.1%	21
10 + years		23.0%	20
		answered question	87
		skipped question	0

What is your level of experience with Trout Fishing [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Beginner		11.5%	10
Intermediate		50.6%	44
Advanced		34.5%	30
Pro/Guide		3.4%	3
		answered question	87
		skipped question	0

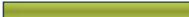
How many chapter meetings and/or events do you attend per year? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		37.9%	33
Occasionally (1-3 times per year)		40.2%	35
Regularly (4-9 times per year)		18.4%	16
Frequently (10+ per year)		3.4%	3
		answered question	87
		skipped question	0

Survey Results, Cont

Regular Chapter meetings are held in Wooster, Ohio. Do you think:

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		Response Percent	Response Count
This is a great location, and everyone knows where the meetings are every month. We shouldn't change anything.		44.7%	34
would be good to rotate locations through a few different locations, like we do once a year with the fly tying at Sippo Lake.		52.6%	40
A new permanent location for meetings should be selected (please indicate where and why below)		2.6%	2

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answered question 76

skipped question 11

Chapter Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:15PM.

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Its the best day and time for me, and we shouldn't change it!		79.2%	57
I would make more meetings if meetings were held on a different date and/or time (please indicate preferred date and time below).		20.8%	15

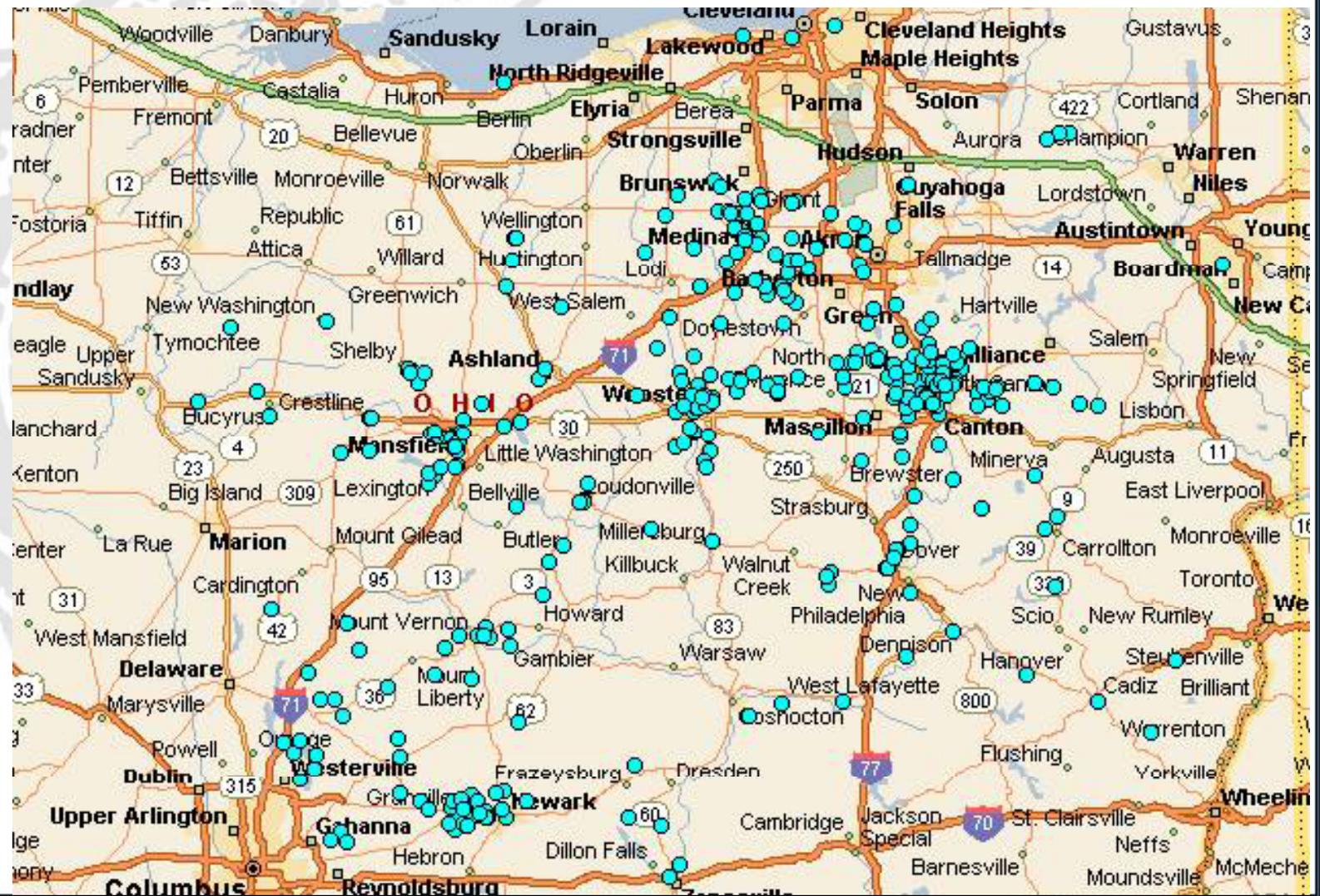
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answered question 72

skipped question 15



Member Distribution



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Chapter Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:15PM.

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Alternative Date/Time:

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1. Mondays are always booked for Church activity Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:14 PM [Find...](#)
2. 4th Monday of the month Wed, Jun 9, 2010 6:14 PM [Find...](#)
3. Maybe try a couple Sat. or Sun. meetings. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 5:49 PM [Find...](#)
4. 1st - Friday, 2nd Tuesday Wed, Jun 9, 2010 1:44 PM [Find...](#)
5. Saturday's AM Wed, Jun 9, 2010 9:53 AM [Find...](#)
6. Saturdays around noon Wed, Jun 9, 2010 1:46 AM [Find...](#)
7. 2nd Tuesday Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:04 PM [Find...](#)
8. On Tuesday Tue, Jun 8, 2010 5:56 PM [Find...](#)
9. 1st Monday of the Month Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:23 PM [Find...](#)
10. Sat. Noon Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:12 PM [Find...](#)
11. Wednesday or Thursday evenings Tue, Jun 8, 2010 3:12 PM [Find...](#)
12. I live in Zanesville. You guys enjoy. I just support. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:06 PM [Find...](#)
13. but other times might work also Tue, Jun 8, 2010 12:59 PM [Find...](#)
14. Mondays are always bad. Wednesdays-Thursdays Tue, Jun 8, 2010 12:42 PM [Find...](#)
15. the date and time is fine Tue, Jun 8, 2010 9:55 AM [Find...](#)
16. Tuesday or Thursday Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:43 AM [Find...](#)
17. See above comment about two meetings per year at Sippo on Saturdays. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:13 AM [Find...](#)
18. tuesdays or thursdays Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:02 AM [Find...](#)
19. 6:00 p.m. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 5:27 AM [Find...](#)

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Survey Results, Cont



3. Meeting Presenters are: [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
A good mix of topics and interests	<div style="width: 57.4%;"></div>	57.4%	39
Need to have more informational and how to sessions	<div style="width: 14.7%;"></div>	14.7%	10
I really like the fishing destination presentations....more of those	<div style="width: 16.2%;"></div>	16.2%	11
We are a conservation organization, so it would be good to have more conservation related topics.	<div style="width: 11.8%;"></div>	11.8%	8

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1. None Right Now Thu, Jun 17, 2010 9:55 AM [Find...](#)
2. My problem is that it takes an hour to get to the meetings. Unless they are held further to the south, there is no way around this. The presenters usually sound interesting, but rarely so much so that I am motivated to drive 2 hours on a work night. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:19 AM [Find...](#)
3. Fly tying events with well known regional experts, like Chris Helm. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:29 PM [Find...](#)
4. Have not been able to attend any due to work schedule. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 5:49 PM [Find...](#)
5. I would like to attend and have educational meetings on fishing areas and successful techniques for this area. I do not know any presenters. I'm in Mansfield area so it is a little difficult to always come there. Have not been in the Wooster area yet. I understand the problems you are having with attendees. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 5:02 AM [Find...](#)
6. Push fly tying, rod building. Expand the playing field. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:06 PM [Find...](#)
7. i like the last choice too Tue, Jun 8, 2010 12:59 PM [Find...](#)
8. More meetings related to our area Tue, Jun 8, 2010 11:08 AM [Find...](#)
9. It has to be difficult to keep it interesting, nice job. I would like to see more events related to keeping the mission and sport alive, such as trying to get younger folks involved. Not just young kids, but the 20-40 year olds. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 9:55 AM [Find...](#)
10. We should continue to have fly casting lessons (July), fly tying sessions as well as a good mix of speakers and topics. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:13 AM [Find...](#)

answered question 68
skipped question 19

Survey Results, Cont

1. What chapter events and outings would you like to see more of?

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Stream Cleanups	10.3%	7
Stream Enhancement Projects	54.4%	37
Fund Raising Events	1.5%	1
Education on Cold Water Fisheries	30.9%	21
Other (Please indicate below)	2.9%	2

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1. Fishing trips within driving distance Wed, Jun 9, 2010 4:30 AM [Find...](#)
2. Education on CWF. It is the future. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:07 PM [Find...](#)
3. membership recruitment of younger members, Tue, Jun 8, 2010 10:00 AM [Find...](#)
4. More projects at Clear Fork River Tue, Jun 8, 2010 8:11 AM [Find...](#)
5. Other than stocking Apple Creek, we have not conducted stream improvement projects on Apple Creek or the Clear Fork. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 6:20 AM [Find...](#)



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2. The chapter has limited funds and volunteer hours, so we have to prioritize our initiatives. Please Rank the following CFRTU Initiatives, with 1 being least important, 5 being most important. [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	1 - Least Important	2	3	4	5	6 - Most Important	Response Count	Avg Response	Avg Resp x # Responses
Developing the Apple Creek Trout fishery	4.1% (3)	12.3% (9)	9.6% (7)	11.0% (8)	19.2% (14)	43.8% (32)	73	4.6	335.8
Castalia Youth Fly Fishing Education	4.5% (3)	13.6% (9)	25.8% (17)	28.8% (19)	18.2% (12)	9.1% (6)	66	3.7	244.2
Chapter Communications - newsletters/website	1.5% (1)	18.5% (12)	26.2% (17)	29.2% (19)	18.5% (12)	6.7% (4)	65	3.6	234.0
Clear Fork programs (currently not active)	8.6% (6)	10.0% (7)	18.6% (13)	10.0% (7)	34.3% (24)	18.6% (13)	70	4.1	287.0
Finding presenters and speakers	10.6% (7)	30.3% (20)	21.2% (14)	22.7% (15)	12.1% (8)	3.0% (2)	66	3.0	198.0
Other Initiative (indicate below)	70.8% (17)	8.3% (2)	8.3% (2)	4.2% (1)	4.2% (1)	4.2% (1)	24	1.8	43.2

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1. Education--Fly-fishing fundamentals Mon, Jun 14, 2010 7:08 PM [Find...](#)
2. programs closer to home for ADULTS who wish to begin to fly fish. I run into many guys who are interested, but don't know how to get started. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:22 AM [Find...](#)
3. stream enhancement projects Thu, Jun 10, 2010 2:53 PM [Find...](#)
4. act as a resource for new folks to fly fishing Wed, Jun 9, 2010 6:18 PM [Find...](#)
5. No comment. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 2:07 PM [Find...](#)
6. develop "new" members from 20-40 yr old demographics Tue, Jun 8, 2010 10:00 AM [Find...](#)
7. create a more cohesive bond with the Mohican Fly Fishers and do a joint program for the Clear Fork Tue, Jun 8, 2010 7:07 AM [Find...](#)
8. All five initiatives are most important Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:52 AM [Find...](#)
9. Discuss possibility of stream improvements Thu, Jun 3, 2010 8:37 AM [Find...](#)



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[Hide replies](#) If No or Not Sure, please indicate why: 5

1. \$\$\$ is tight. Also, I am unsure whether TU's expenditure of funds in the midwest aligns with my ecological values (other than in the driftless area). Mon, Jun 14, 2010 11:48 AM [Find...](#)
2. This chapter is excellent and is the reason I joined TU; the endless barrage of TU mail and spam offering lifetime memberships and other BS was unexpected and is a big, big downer. Wed, Jun 9, 2010 7:20 PM [Find...](#)
3. I feel the Ohio TU chapters should play a bigger role in fishery politics and conservation efforts. Tue, Jun 8, 2010 11:11 AM [Find...](#)
4. A as national org. doing great work Tue, Jun 8, 2010 10:05 AM [Find...](#)
5. Currently I don't get the meetings in Wooster Tue, Jun 8, 2010 4:54 AM [Find...](#)



Survey Results, Cont (feedback)

Apple Creek

Apple Creek has me a little concerned in that I'm not sure our work there is really taking hold, especially since the day after stalking you get a bunch of bait fisherman showing up who keep whatever they catch regardless of size. I don't really see it taking hold unless you can make it fly fishing only and, here's the problem, enforce it as such. Last time I was down there, amongst all the other trash I saw (which was a lot by the way) I saw empty blue styrofoam bait containers and hooks large enough to land a small whale. It's sad really. I just don't know what can be done. I'd actually like to see more time and effort spent at The Clearfork because at least that location is pretty well enforced..

Apple Creek is a great place to flyfish; from the beginner to the highly skilled. I hope this little stream can continue to offer fishing to all.

I like the TU magazine and the Apple Creek work we do, I have helped once. I live about an hour away so attend infrequently

Beginners

In the past I've been a member of FFF and TU (as well as other fly-fishing groups in the Mohican area). These clubs were a great resource for me to advance my knowledge in the sport and a balance between the experience fisherman and beginner has value. My current schedule makes it challenging to attend regular meetings, but those that I have been able to attend (in the past) were valuable.

Part of the newsletter could have special skills and interests of members, kind of a free advertisement. For example, a friend of mine has old equipment that he needs help to refurbish. I'll be asking this question at the June meeting.

Since I am new to fly fishing, I couldn't fully participate in completing the survey. I do intend to begin regular attendance at the monthly meetings, so I can become a bigger part of TU. I do appreciate being asked my opinions.

Thank you for the survey. As a new member, I have not yet attended any meeting but plan to do so hence my choices. Would like to become better educated on the chapters programs and have found the one newsletter I received thus far helpful. I rank the chapter communication via letter or website of utmost importance and would like to see that continue. Thanks

Clear Fork

I live in Richland County, so the Clear Fork area is of interest to me, curious if any meetings could be held during the summer at the river or if more clear fork information could be gathered?

Since we are the clear fork chapter of TU, we should do more to get involved with that fishery. Can we bring in a presenter to speak about the Clear Fork?

Meeting Location

I live in Granville, which is quite a way from Wooster. Time and distance are the main factors preventing me from coming to meetings regularly. With that being said, as long as you feel you are accomplishing the mission of TU, keep it up. The ones who do the work get to decide what happens, as in any organization.

I think rotating locations might encourage more attendance. I suggest you try it for a year or so, and if it doesn't help, go back to just having them in Wooster. At least that way there's never any doubt about where it is.

I would like to get more involved if closer to Canton

Meeting Hospitality

You need a greeter or maybe name tags with name and where we live to help meet the other members. Just paper ones we fill out ourselves at the door would probably work. I like the conservation work TU does that I read about in their magazine. It would be nice to see us in that magazine.

More effort needed at chapter meeting to help people to learn others names and get to know people. Perhaps name tags might be useful. Perhaps one person could take 5 minutes at each meeting and introduce themselves.

This chapter is a bit "clickish". I have been to a few meetings over the years and do not always feel welcomed. Some small talk and they go right back to their buddies. Makes it tough to return.

Youth

I would like to see the youth education programs expanded beyond the Castalia Clinic (that serves very few kids from the Clear Fork region).

Conclusions

Finding	Action?
Meeting location is well liked, but there is a desire to have more meetings across our geographically diverse area	Need to consider more meetings and events away from Wooster (currently only 1 per year, consider 1 or 2 more).
Numerous comments from “beginners” and others that want to learn more about the sport.	More instructive presentations to draw members into the sport and chapter, and make them more active
Not as hospitable as we could be for chapter meetings.	Name Tags, assigned greeter?
Although Apple Creek is highest ranked, all identified initiatives were given a high rankings.	-In depth surveys on the 4 items -Initiative Directors

