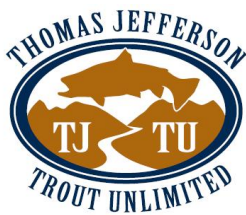


# Leadership Profile



**James “Chubby” Damron**  
**President, Thomas Jefferson Trout Unlimited**

James Damron, “Chubby” as he is fondly referred to by all who know him, is President of Thomas Jefferson Trout Unlimited (TJTU). Chubby is an angler with a passion for finding and catching trout. He is a fly fishing guide extraordinaire! Chubby is a leader who regularly motivates his team of TJTU members to serve as volunteers. Leading by example, Chubby mobilizes fly fishermen and fly fisherwomen to share their artful skills and love of the sport with others.



Chubby always finds a way to get people excited about protecting the natural resources where trout thrive. Whether it is the “Back the Brookie” program, stream clean-up or other education programs, Chubby is always in command of how best to get the job done. Chubby loves to teach and he makes his students want to learn.

Over the past several years, Chubby has spent hundreds of hours mentoring both of my sons for their respective Eagle Scout projects. Caleb, in 2003, designed the program curriculum and provided the leadership for the first **Adaptive Anglers on the Fly – Fly Fishing Camp for Disabled**. This program, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, is well established and a favorite of all who attend.



**Chubby sharing trout with cancer survivor**

Chubby also mentored Zach in 2008 for his Eagle project: **“Paths to Happiness”**



### *John Kostanecki Memorial Trail*

Zach designed and provided the leadership to make wheelchair accessible trails, two kiosks, and beautification of the TJTU “Catch & Release” section of the Moormans River.

If you want to learn about fly fishing, Chubby is the man to spend time with on the water. But more important, if you want to learn from a mentor who is one of the nicest, most dedicated and caring people you will ever meet, spend a day with James “Chubby” Damron.



**Chubby teaching fly tying to Adam, a blind angler aka the “Fish Whisperer”**



**Chubby & Zach with Eagle Project Plaque**