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Big prizes await Cherokee anglers

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The year’s biggest cash prizes are on tap for anglers in this year’s Qualla Country Trout Tournament, Sept. 2–4 in Cherokee. The tournament offers \$20,000 in prizes. All ages and fishing methods are welcome.

The tournament takes place in Cherokee Enterprise Waters (excluding catch-and-release waters) and runs from 6 a.m. Friday until 5 p.m. Sunday. Tagged fish are worth up to \$5,000.

Entry fee is \$11 everywhere Cherokee fishing permits are sold. To obtain a permit, required to fish in Cherokee streams or ponds, the cost is \$10 for each person 12 years and older. Permits are available at a variety of businesses in Cherokee or can be purchased online. A list of locations is available at FishCherokee.com.

For information, contact the Cherokee Welcome Center at 498 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee 28719, or call 800-43438-1601. Email: travel@nc-cherokee.com. See more at: <http://visitcherokeenc.com/events/detail/the-qualla-country-trout-tournament>. Additional contact information: Michael LaVoie at 828-359-6113.

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a sovereign nation with more than 15,000 enrolled members and is the only federally recognized Native American tribe in North Carolina. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians makes its home on the 56,600-acre Qualla Boundary in five Western North Carolina counties about an hour west of Asheville and at the entrance to Great Smoky Mountains National Park.