

2008 Illinois Council Trout Unlimited Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp



Conservation and Youth Fishing Camp.

The Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited will host its first Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp on July 20 – 25, 2008 at the Ralph A. Mac Mullen Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan and at the Au Sable River. We feel it appropriate to conduct this camp along the Au Sable River, the birthplace of Trout Unlimited almost 50 years ago. The Camp is designed along the format of the nationally acclaimed Pennsylvania Rivers

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The camp curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in environmental sciences as well as fly fishing techniques. Classes are offered in river ecology, aquatic entomology, hydrology, and fish behavior. The students will also learn basic fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying and fly selection, knot tying, reading water, wading and stream safety, and streamside ethics and etiquette.



Time will be provided on stream for trout fishing on the Main, North & South branches of the famed Au Sable River. As well, the students will take part in a conservation project, installing in-stream structures to create additional trout habitat.

The camp is open to 12 youths from the age of 14 to 17, residents of Illinois, who can show an interest in the outdoors, wildlife conservation, and fly-fishing. The camp is co-educational, and acceptance is based on the candidate's written essay explaining their desire to attend as well as what they hope to learn. Also required is a brief letter of recommendation by a teacher or counselor. Applications will be accepted from February 1, 2008 through April 1, 2008.



Tuition for the camp is \$275.00 and includes all accommodations and meals, all transportation while at the camp, as well as bus transportation to and from Oak Brook, Illinois to the camp. Scholarships are available.

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