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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Trout Unlimited Chapter Offers Free Youth Fly Fishing Classes

The Oak Brook chapter of Trout Unlimited—serving Chicago’s western and south suburbs—is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of offering free introductory one-day youth fly fishing classes. The program is open to boys and girls 11 years and older. Participants receive an easy-to-understand overview to the sport of fly fishing.

All fly fishing equipment and fly tying materials are provided by the Oak Brook Trout Unlimited chapter. There is no cost to participants. Classes consisting of 15 participants are scheduled at the Camp Sagawau Environmental Education Center in Lemont.

The Youth Fly Fishing Program runs from 8am to 4:30pm on five Saturday dates as follows:

- May 7
- June 18
- July 16
- August 13
- September 10

Class participants learn:

- Understanding fly tackle: rods, lines, leaders and flies
- Fly casting: the overhead cast, and roll cast
- Basic fly fishing knots
- Fly tying
- Outdoor safety
- Outdoor ethics, care of the resource, and the mission of Trout Unlimited.
- FISHING!!!!

Classes are based at the Camp Sagawau Environmental Education Center – a unit of the Cook County Forest Preserves located at 12545 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Lemont, IL, with fishing on nearby Cook County Forest Preserve ponds and Lakes in the Palos area.

Parents of interested boys and girls interested in enrollment should contact:

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### About Oak Brook Trout Unlimited

Oak Brook Trout Unlimited is dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring cold water fisheries and their watersheds in the Midwest. The Oak Brook Chapter is comprised of over 1,200 members from Chicago’s western and south suburbs and downstate Illinois and is part of the national Trout Unlimited organization ([www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)). Oak Brook Trout Unlimited fulfills its mission through advocacy and education efforts regarding the impact of pollution and soil erosion on water-based ecosystems, and by engaging volunteers in hands-on projects to improve and rehabilitate cold water river systems. For more information about Oak Brook Trout Unlimited, visit [www.obtu.org](http://www.obtu.org)

**PHOTOS AND CAPTION (Note: High resolution photos are available upon request).**



**Caption:** The Oak Brook chapter of Trout Unlimited—serving Chicago’s western and south suburbs—is offering free introductory one-day youth fly fishing classes. The program is open to boys and girls 11 years and older.