

## Oak Brook Trout Unlimited Chapter to Host May 9 "Spring Fling" Open House in Naperville

The Oak Brook Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting a "Spring Fling" open house on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the White Eagle Homeowners Clubhouse at 4265 White Eagle Drive in Naperville.

The Oak Brook Chapter is comprised of over 1,200 members primarily from Chicago's western and south suburbs and is part of the national Trout Unlimited organization. The organization's "Spring Fling" event is free to its members, member families, friends and general public.

"The mission of Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds," said Jim Schmiedeskamp, Oak Brook TU director and event organizer. "This program is an opportunity for both our members and the general public to learn more about our conservation volunteer activities, youth education programs and fly fishing basics—from fly casting to fly tying for beginners.

The event features information about Trout Unlimited conservation volunteer activities planned for the 2015 spring, summer and fall seasons as well as youth education programs including "Trout in the Classroom," youth fly fishing Saturday classes this summer and fall, and a summer youth fly fishing camp in Michigan on the famous Au Sable River.

To support the organization's fund raising, the Spring Fling event will feature a used gear sale and a "One of a Kind" silent auction featuring guided fishing trips to

Wisconsin, Michigan, Montana, Idaho and Vermont as well as new fishing equipment and collectible artwork.

The event will conclude with a 2 p.m. presentation by Kyle Zempel, owner and lead guide of Black Earth Angling Co.—a Wisconsin guide service which offers trips in pursuit of trout, smallmouth bass and pike. "Our Spring Fling event has something for everyone and is timed to kick off the spring and summer fishing season after another long cold Chicago winter," said Schmiedeskamp.

A free lunch featuring grilled bratwursts and hot dogs will be provided for attendees.

### 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).

## Meetings and Events

### Save the date on your calendars

Chapter meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Oak Brook Recreation Center, Central Park West building near 31st Street and Jorie Blvd. In Oak Brook, Illinois.

**May 9, Saturday**  
Spring Fling Open House

**May 13, Wednesday**  
OBTU Directors Meeting

**May 16, Saturday**  
Learn To Fly Fish Day

**June 10, Wednesday**  
OBTU Directors Meeting

**June 13, Saturday**  
Coldwater River Entomology Study

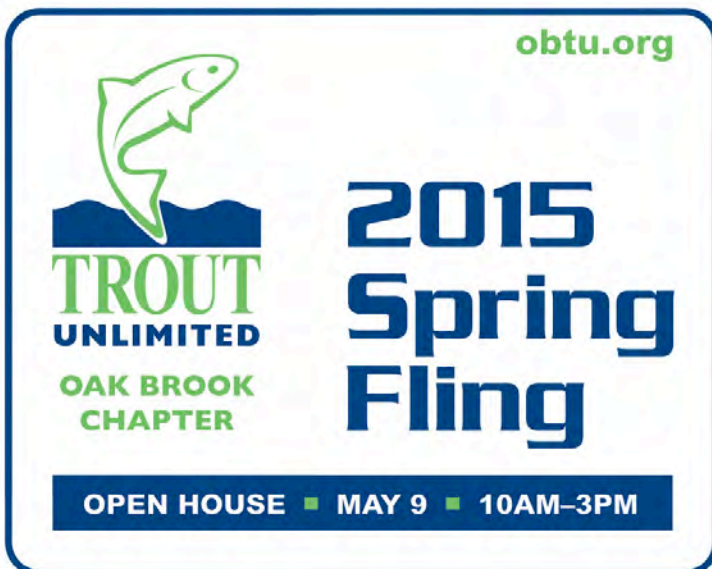
**June 20, Saturday**  
Learn To Fly Fish Day

**July 8, Wednesday**  
OBTU Directors Meeting

**July 11, Saturday**  
Learn To Fly Fish Day

**August 12, Wednesday**  
OBTU Directors Meeting

**August 8, Saturday**  
Learn To Fly Fish Day



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**2015  
Spring  
Fling**

**OPEN HOUSE ■ MAY 9 ■ 10AM-3PM**



## 2015 Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp July 26—July 31, 2015



The Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited will again be holding our Conservation & Fly Fishing Camp. This



year's camp will be held along the banks of the Au Sable River from July 26th to July 31st. Campers learn more about conservation and fly fishing in a week at camp than most of us learn in a lifetime. It is an enjoyable and educational experience. During

a week campers will learn about many aspects of conservation and preserving cold water fisheries. The fly fishing instruction includes fly casting (roll cast, overhead fly cast, false casting, shooting line, even the double haul!), fly tying, knots, basic entomology and what fish eat, reading the water, safe wading techniques, catch and release, leave-no-trace, and other outdoors and fly fishing related skills. Most importantly, camp is fun!!!



The camp accepts young men and women ages 12 through 18. The camp is all inclusive and provides transportation to and from the camp, food and lodging. Instruction is provided by Trout Unlimited volunteers and by faculty from Midwestern Univer-

sities and local professionals. All necessary gear is provided by the Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited for the campers to use while attending the camp.

Consider the Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp

for your daughter, son, niece, nephew or grandkids. The cost of the camp is \$575. Sponsorship is available for campers with financial need. Applications and additional information can be obtained by contacting Barry Coddens at ([bac248@northwestern.edu](mailto:bac248@northwestern.edu))



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## All Things OBTU...

By Stan Zarnowiecki

Well, spring is here and OBTU has another list of activities for May and June.

Saturday May 9 is our Spring Fling open house event. A lot of planning and a lot of volunteer man hours have been logged to make this a great event. All we need now is YOU! We are hoping for a big crowd to enjoy all of the activities that we have planned, please come and have a great time!

Before the event, the first week of May will be the time for the annual Trout in the classroom release days. Students from our schools that have a TIC program will be traveling to northern Illinois to release their trout that they have raised all year. OBTU volunteers will assist them with releasing the trout along with showing them some other interesting aspects of the stream and its other inhabitants.

May will see our first youth fly fishing skills day, Saturday May 16, a week after our Spring Fling. Marv Strauch has secured a new location for the classroom work and we will be fishing the cook county forest preserve lakes with the students. These classes will repeat every month throughout the summer.

June 13th, Saturday, we will be traveling to the Coldwater river for our invertebrate study. A lot of us will be going up early and fishing the area before and after Saturday. Please feel free to join us.

We will take a vacation in June, July and August with no general membership meetings but make sure you get out and fish or volunteer at another chapter's event. Throughout May, June, and July we will be assisting Orvis Yorktown employees with Orvis 101 and 201 classes. Every Saturday and Sunday classes will be held at the Yorktown store.

Please remember that we can always use volunteers to assist at all of the events that we have planned. You will learn a lot and have a good time too. Contact any of the board or committee chairs to find out where you can pitch in. This is your chapter and we strive to have activities for everyone. I hope to see you at one of our many events.



Dean Hansen explains where a burrowing mayfly nymph lives and what it eats

## The Librarian's Corner

by Phil Young

**Rivers of a Lost Coast** narrated by Tom Skerritt  
(Skinny Fist Productions / 2009)  
86m / DVD

**Red Gold** (Felt Soul Media / 2009)  
55m / DVD

**Rivers of a Lost Coast** is the story of the famed salmon rivers of northern California, the people who fished them, and how, in one generation, fishermen who remembered tens-of-thousands of fish passing them in one day would later see less than a hundred salmon in an entire season. It is the story of how over fishing, fisheries mismanagement, dam building, clear cut forestry and agricultural pollution decimated fish populations and destroyed spawning habitat. But it is also the story of the people now trying to save these rivers.

**Red Gold** is another story of a location with an abundance of salmon. The Bristol Bay region of southwest Alaska is home to the Kvichak and Nashagak Rivers, the two most prolific sockeye salmon runs left in the world. The proposed Pebble Mine is an open-pit and underground mine to be located at the headwaters of these two rivers. Interviews with mine proponents and local residents tell what is to be gained and what is to be lost if mining takes place in this last complete salmon ecosystem.

You should view both of these important conservation films. One for what was lost, the other for what could be lost, and to remember why you joined Trout Unlimited.

These DVDs, as well as others in the chapter's library, are available for check out at chapter meetings. If you are holding any of the chapter's other videos, please return them when you are finished so that others may view them.



Students learn hands on about living insects as Dean Hansen discusses characteristics of what's in the tray in front of them.




## 2015 Coldwater River Macroinvertebrate Survey Scheduled June 13

Oak Brook TU (OBTU) members will return to the Coldwater River and tributaries on Saturday, June 13 to conduct our second year of macroinvertebrate surveys in 2015. The OBTU chapter conducted its first set of spring and fall surveys in conjunction with the Coldwater River Watershed Council (CRWC) in May and October of 2015, and will be returning to the same sites annually going forward in the spring and fall.

Interested volunteers need only bring a pair of waders – and their fishing equipment if they want to wet a line afterward. The Coldwater River sites are a three-hour drive from Chicago and most volunteers make the roundtrip in one day and enjoy a good cookout and some local fishing before heading home. To learn more about the actual survey techniques, see the OBTU 2014 November-December Flyer newsletter story on the website – obtu.org.

Marv Strauch represents OBTU as a member of the CRWC board. OBTU member Rich Ference will lead the 2015 Coldwater Study volunteer activity on June 13. Contact either Marv (mjstrauchjr@gmail.com) or Rich (richardf1213@yahoo.com) with questions and/or to volunteer.

### Operating Fund Donation Form

Please donate to our Operating Fund to help Oak Brook TU cover expenses for chapter meetings, guest speakers, special events and communications programs. OBTU is a 501(3)C non-profit and donations are fully tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

\$15   
  \$ 25   
  \$ 50   
  \$100   
  \$ Other

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Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact the following board member regarding volunteer activities or other questions

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