Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited
Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Camp

Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2020
Au Sable River – Grayling, MI
Trout Unlimited

- Founded 1959 Au Sable River, Grayling Michigan.

- “Conserving, Protecting, and Restoring North America’s cold water fisheries and their watersheds”

- “Not for Profit”

- Over 150,000 members in 35 states.

- Over 2000 members in Illinois (4 chapters)
One of the most stable rivers in the world.

Au Sable River
Camp Facts:
Girls & Boys aged 13 to 18 are eligible

Everything is included:
- Transportation to/from Oak Brook & Field Trips (Rental Vans)
- Housing & Meals
- Equipment & Supplies
  (Boots, waders, rods/reels, fly tying & flies, entomology equip., etc.)
- A Fly Rod, Reel & line is awarded to each camper on successful completion

Professional Staff (all volunteers):
- Professors from Michigan State & Western Michigan Universities
- DNR Biologists
  (electro fish survey & stream improvements project)
- Naturalists & Historians from Hartwick-Pines State Park
- Local property owners providing private river access
- Fly Shop owner
- TU Volunteers

Cost: Deposit: $75.00
- Full Tuition: $575.00 ($75.00 deposit plus $500)
- Scholarships are available based on financial need.
2018 Campers

2019 Campers

2020 will be the 13th year for the camp.
Learn to fly fish for stream trout with TU guides:
Campers enjoying success:
Entomology Studies:

Macro Invertebrate Capture

Adult Insect Capture (using a black light)
Macro Invertebrate Sampling:
Electro Shock Survey with the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources
Fly Tying Workshop(s)

Can you catch a trout on a fly you tied?
Trout Dissection

Study anatomy with a Michigan State University Professor.
Hydrology Study

Measure the flow of the Au Sable River with a professor from Western Michigan University.
Experience the History of Logging

Study the impact of logging on the Au Sable River & its trout.
Explore Fluvial Geomorphology

Use a “stream table” with a Michigan DNR Biologist to show how flowing water shapes the land.
Help With Stream Conservation

Work on a conservation project with a professional crew.
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Campers moving timber to a stream improvement site.
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Build barriers to erosion and “lunker structures”.
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Campers operating the high pressure water jet drill to sink pylons deep into the stream bed.
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Campers taking a well-deserved break!
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Illinois Camp Youth Protection Policy:

Camp mentors undergo annual background checks administered by TU National.

Camp Mentors are required to complete on-line youth protection training used by the Boy Scouts of America.

We use Boy Scout Policies at camp including:
   “No one-on-one contact”
   “Two Deep Leadership”

Camp Mentors are required to sign TU National’s Youth Protection Policy Document.