Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited Youth Conservation & Fly-Fishing Camp

Sunday, July 21 – Friday, July 26, 2024 Au Sable River – Grayling, MI

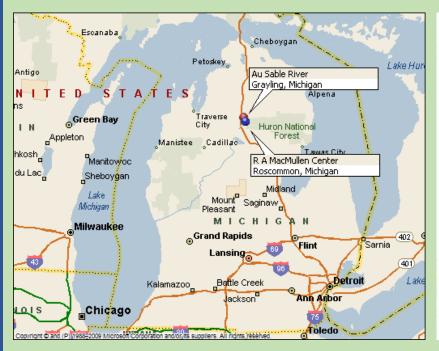


Trout Unlimited

- Founded 1959 Au Sable River, Grayling Michigan.
- Conserving, Protecting, and Restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds
- Not for Profit
- Over 300,000 members in 35 states.
- Over 2000 members in Illinois (4 chapters)



Au Sable River





One of the most stable rivers in the world.

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 & other Michigan Universities
- DNR Biologists (electro fish survey & stream improvements project)
- Naturalists & Historians from Hartwick-Pines State Park
- TU Volunteer Mentors

Cost: Deposit: \$75.00 (reimbursed if application

rejected by ILTU)

Full Tuition: \$675.00 (\$75.00 deposit plus \$600)

Scholarships are available based on financial need.



Camp Accommodations:











2022 Campers

2023 Campers





2024 will be the 15th 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 MI Dept. of Natural Resources (or others)











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 Michigan State 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.



Work on a conservation project with a professional crew.







Campers moving timber to a stream improvement site.





Build barriers to erosion and "lunker structures".





Campers operating the high pressure water jet drill to sink pylons deep into the stream bed.



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.

Each camper is assigned a private room.

