



Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited 2025 Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Camp

Who: Girls & boys ages 13 to 18

When: Sunday July 20 to Friday 25, 2025

Where: Headwaters of the Au Sable River, Michigan.
(Lodging at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan.)

Included: Food, lodging, transport, & a fly fishing outfit
(A fly rod, reel & line is awarded to each camper upon successful completion.)

Learn to fly fish for wild stream trout on the pristine Au Sable River (the birthplace of Trout Unlimited).

Field studies with university professors and Michigan Department of Natural Resources biologists.

Camp tuition is \$675.

Scholarships are available based on financial need.



Field Studies Include:

Fly fish for wild stream trout on several sections of the Au Sable with instruction from skilled TU Guides on casting, fly fishing tactics, safety & more, tailored to each camper's experience level.

Capture and identify stream insects with a Michigan State University professor to learn the trout food chain.

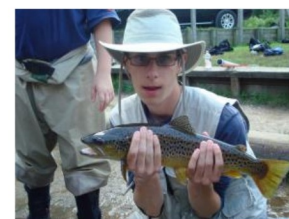
Conduct an electroshock fish survey with Michigan State professors or DNR biologists to assess trout populations & health.

Work on a stream conservation project supervised by a professional biologist & crew to improve trout habitat.

Tour old growth forest and study the impact of logging on the Au Sable and its fish with naturalists from Hartwick Pines State Park.

Study trout anatomy with a MSU professor.

Learn fly tying at a TU workshop.



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(Find the [camp overview](#) and an [application form](#) at: [Youth Summer Camp - Trout Unlimited \(obtu.org\)](#)).