

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

**Sunday, July 20 – Friday, July 25, 2025**

**Au Sable River – Grayling, MI**

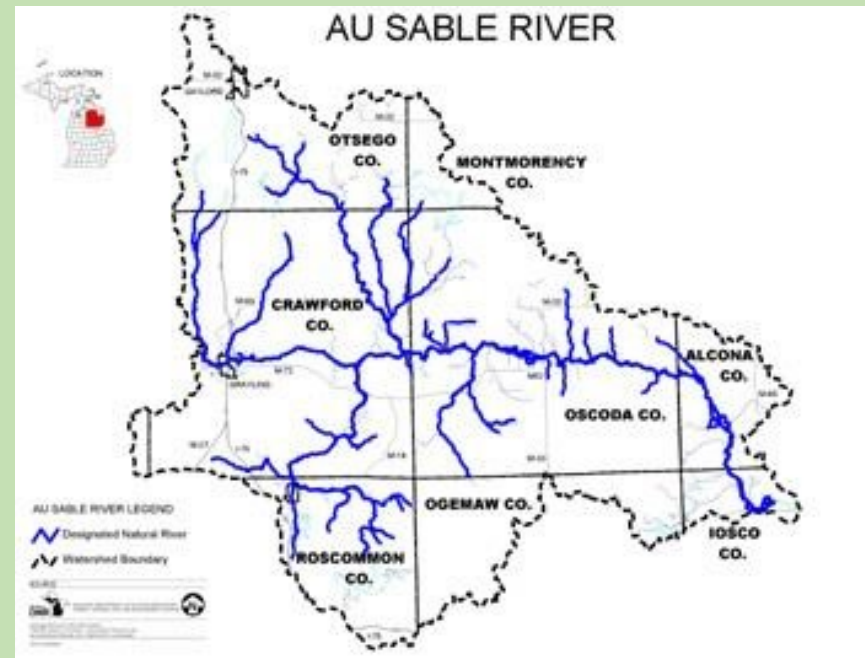


# Trout Unlimited

- 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 Accommodations:





# 2024 Campers



# 2023 Campers



2025 will be the 16<sup>th</sup> year for the camp



## Learn to fly fish for stream trout with TU guides:





## Campers enjoying success:



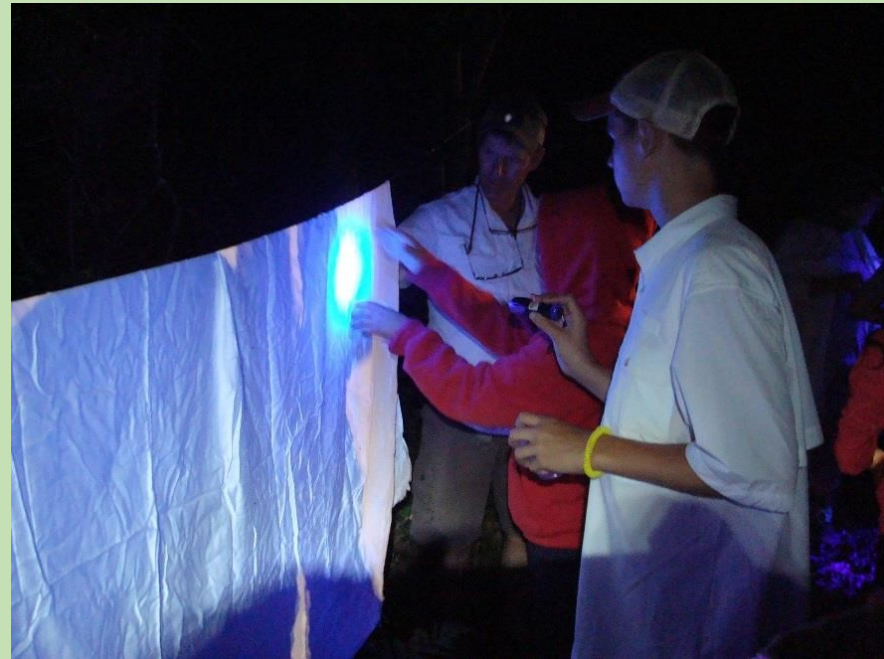


# Entomology Studies:

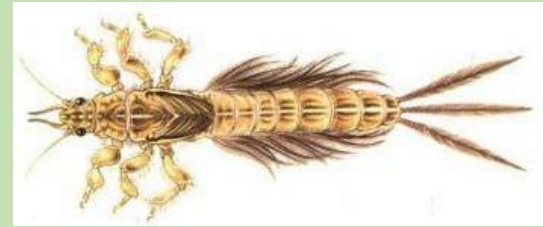
## Macro Invertebrate Capture



## 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.



# Help With Stream Conservation



**Work on a conservation project with a professional crew.**



# Help With Stream Conservation



**Campers moving timber to a stream improvement site.**



# Help With Stream Conservation



**Build barriers to erosion and luncker structures**



# Help With Stream Conservation



**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.

Each camper is assigned a private room.

