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

Sunday, July 20 – Friday, July 25, 2025 Au Sable River – Grayling, MI

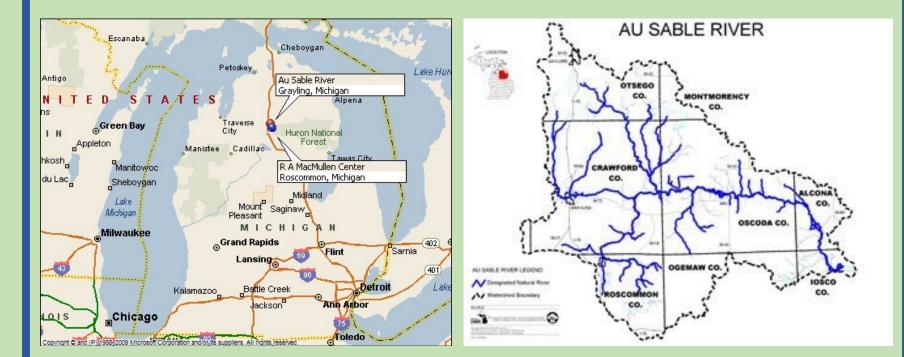


## **Trout Unlimited**

- 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 Facts:**

### Girls & Boys aged 13 to 18 are eligible

### **Everything is included:**

- -Transportation to/from Oak Brook & Field Trips (Rental MiniVans)
- -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**

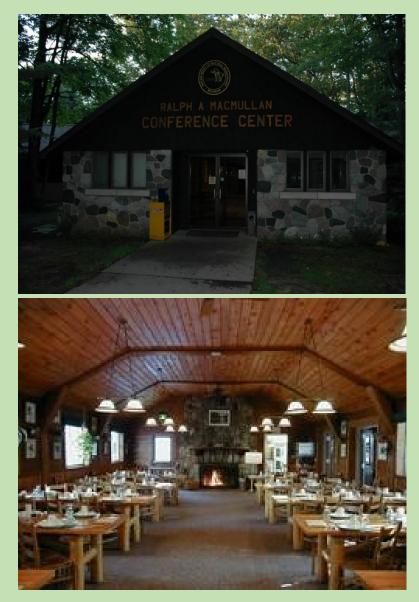
Cost: Deposit: \$75.00 (reimbursed if application rejected by ILTU)

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

Scholarships are available based on financial need.



## **Camp Accommodations:**









## 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.



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!**

### **For More Information, Contact:**

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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.

