TROUT UNLIMITED

OAK BROOK CHAPTER

2026 Youth Fly Fishing Program

Sponsored by Oak Brook Trout Unlimited

Oak Brook Trout Unlimited is now in our 22nd year of offering introductory one-day youth fly-fishing classes. The program is open to boys and girls 11 years and older. We provide an easy-to-understand overview to the sport of fly-fishing. All fly-fishing equipment and fly tying materials are provided by the Oak Brook Chapter Trout Unlimited.

There is no cost to participants.

The program is designed around the requirements of the Scouting America Fly-Fishing Merit Badge, so scouts who successfully complete the class will have met all the requirements of the merit badge. The staff includes merit badge counselors. Scouts are responsible for reading the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge book and bringing their blue "Application for Merit Badge Card" signed by their troop leader.

CLASS SIZE LIMIED TO 15 STUDENTS, SO REGISTER EARLY!!

WHO TEACHES THE CLASSES

- Adult members of Oak Brook Trout Unlimited
- Scouting Certified Merit Badge Counselors

WHAT WE COVER

- Understanding fly tackle: rods, lines, leaders and flies
- Basic fly-fishing knots
- Fly tying – two types of flies
- Outdoor safety practices and first aid
- Outdoor ethics, care of the resources, and the Mission of Trout Unlimited
- Fly casting – overhead and roll cast
- FISHING – practicing catch and release

WHAT TO BRING

- Lunch
- Weather appropriate clothes, including a hat
- Sunglasses/eyeglasses (for eye protection)
- Fishing license (for ages 16 and older)

WHEN (Five Separate Classes—Pick one date)

(All classes are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

- **May 9; June 6; July 11;**
- **August 8; and September 12**

WHERE

Classes are based at the Camp Sagawau Environmental Education Center
A unit of the Cook County Forest Preserves (CCFD) located at:
12545 West 111th Street, Lemont, IL.

We will begin at Camp Sagawau, then proceed with casting and fishing
At Maple Lake – 95th Street and Wolf Road in Willow Springs, IL.

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