

Oak Brook Trout Unlimited (OBTU) will host the STREAM Girls program for the fifth year in 2026. The free program is open to girls 11 to 14 years old and being a scout is not required. All equipment is provided by OBTU. STREAM Girls in Illinois is a one-day program, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Developed in collaboration between Girl Scouts USA and Trout Unlimited national, STREAM Girls employs STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) plus Recreation and Arts to explore a local stream. Every person is a citizen of her watershed, and OBTU has partnered with Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois and of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to show what that means to us. By visiting a local stream and having the opportunity to observe it as scientists, anglers, and artists, girls will get the complete picture of what their local stream could mean to them.

Over the course of multiple sessions, OBTU volunteers will lead the girls in observing a stream, sampling macroinvertebrates, fly tying, and fly casting. The program also gives the girls time to explore the natural area and record their thoughts and observations in detailed handbooks.

Program size limited to 12 participants. If you have a group of at least 8 interested girls, please contact Alexa (see below) to discuss scheduling a specific date.

PROGRAM SEGMENTS

- Stream walk and watershed discussion
- Macroinvertebrate survey
- Stream volume calculations activity
- Fly tying
- Fly casting
- Fishing
- Make a bracelet/keychain representing the day
- Discussion and reflection throughout

For information about the Oak Brook chapter, including our other youth and adult programs, visit obtu.org

2026 PROGRAM DATES: June 27 and July 18

Girl Scout Camp Dean
46W253 Camp Dean Rd.
Big Rock, IL 60511

To register or ask questions, please contact OBTU volunteers:

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To watch a promo video for the program, visit:
vimeo.com/296060481

Note: the video shows the overnight program conducted in other states. OBTU's program is one day.

