

# POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

Trout camp is managed and led primarily by volunteers. While we charge campers \$800 to attend camp, this cost does not fully cover the expenses of camp, and we have a policy of never turning away a camper due to financial need. The balance of our funding comes from donations from anglers like you. We would be very grateful for your support.



## OUR VOLUNTEERS

There are many folks that volunteer to make Trout Camp happen each year including:

**LEADERSHIP:** Directors organize and schedule all activities and ensure that all activities are handled safely.

**MENTORS:** Adult and older student mentors provide hands-on guidance.

**INSTRUCTORS:** We have an amazing group of volunteer instructors including college professors, biologists, entomologists, casting instructors, and Maine Guides.

# WANT TO ATTEND TROUT CAMP?

<b>WHEN?</b>	June 21 - June 26, 2026
<b>WHERE?</b>	AEvergrees Campground, Solon, Maine
<b>COST?</b>	\$800 per camper. \$200 deposit due upon acceptance.
<b>WHO?</b>	Youths from 13 – 17 interested in learning more about fly fishing, fly tying, sustainability, effects of climate change, the importance of native fish, and how they can become leaders in these vital areas.

**TO APPLY:** Scan the QR code below:



THIS COULD BE YOU!



# MAINE TROUT CAMP



**OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD  
TOMORROW'S CONSERVATION  
LEADERS, PROVIDING MAINE TEENS  
WITH A SOLID FOUNDATION IN  
CONSERVATION, ENTOMOLOGY, AND  
ECOLOGY, WHILE KEEPING IT FUN AND  
ENGAGING THROUGH FLY FISHING.**

Maine Trout Camp is a project of the Maine Council of Trout Unlimited. Trout Unlimited chapters across the state host and sponsor numerous educational events each year, teaching fly-tying and casting to youths and adults.

# MAKING AN IMPACT



## ONE CAMPER'S STORY

Cody Leighton recently graduated near the head of his class at Naraguagus High School near his home in Millbridge, Maine. Cody first attended Trout Camp as a student in 2022, and the experience made an impact on Cody.

Cody has returned several years to serve as a student mentor to younger campers and plans to continue his involvement in Trout Camp in the future. Cody used his experience at Trout Camp as the basis of his college application essay and this fall will be attending the University of New England as an aquaculture major.

*"I arrived at Trout Camp feeling out of place, but left with a family, new skills, and the courage to face the unknowns."* Cody Leighton



# COMPLIMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Trout Camp provides an integrated set of experiences designed to provide a balanced understanding of stream ecology and conservation with the skills necessary to enjoy a lifetime of fly fishing.

## FLY CASTING

Internationally certified fly casting instructors teach the basics of casting a fly line. Campers will have the chance to practice each morning and evening.



## STREAM ECOLOGY

Students spend several hours with Dr. Stephen Coglán from the University of Maine, learning about the basics of stream ecology. As part of this exercise, students help to electrofish a section of stream to inventory many of the interdependent creatures living there.



## ENTOMOLOGY

Campers get to spend an afternoon with entomologist Dr. Eric Frohmberg. With Eric's help they collect specimens from the river bed and identify them and watch them move using Eric's magnification and projection equipment.



## CONSERVATION

The Maine Forest Products Council brings their "stream board" to camp to show how culverts fail and how to design fish-friendly culverts and bridges. Students also get to visit real-world stream restoration projects and learn how dam removals and culvert replacements can impact stream ecology.



## FLY TYING

Several Maine Guides cycle through the tying bench teaching different patterns and techniques of fly tying. Over the years, the most successful flies at camp have been flies that the students tied themselves. There is nothing like the feeling of catching a fish on a fly that you have tied yourself.

