

Fish & Game Conservation Officer Chris Egan speaking with campers

How do I get started?

Interested applicants are asked to submit the following documents before the due date shown on the application:

- An application (**found** at nhcouncil.tu.org);
- A written essay (250-500 words) about why you would like to attend camp and what you expect to gain from your experience;
- Written recommendation letter(s) from a teacher, school counselor, Scout leader, Trout Unlimited Chapter member, etc., including the address and phone number of the writer.

Space is limited and application does not guarantee acceptance into the program. The selection committee will make selections based upon the candidate's qualifications and desire. Strong essays and letters of recommendations are encouraged. Do not send payment until you have been notified of acceptance.

Who We Are

About Us

The NH Youth Trout Camp is open to boys and girls beginning at age 13. Our progressive approach allows campers to build on their knowledge of fly fishing and conservation issues.

Camp costs are subsidized by Trout Unlimited NH Council, local Trout Unlimited Chapters and our generous sponsors and supporters.

Contact Us

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"Perhaps fishing is, for me, only an excuse to be near rivers." Roderick L. Haig-Brown, A River Never Sleeps



Youth Trout Camp





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New Hampshire Trout Unlimited



A Lifetime Pursuit Begins Now!

You are invited...

...to join us at New Hampshire's Youth Trout Camp. Our goal is to introduce youth to coldwater fisheries and to educate about the challenges facing them. We are building the next generation of conservationists and anglers.

Campers are introduced to the tradition of fly fishing through both classroom and on-water activities. Our volunteer instructors are experienced and dedicated—some are registered NH Guides, some are NH Fish & Game "Let's Go Fishing" instructors, some are Trout Camp graduates and others have been fly fishing for many years.

Campers will learn:

- Equipment and Casting;
- Fly Tying, selection and presentation;
- Fish habitat and ecology, entomology;
- Conservation, etiquette and ethics.

Our Three-Tier Approach

We believe that fly fishing and resource stewardship are lifelong pursuits. Our camps provide opportunities for campers to continue their learning by building on prior experiences.

You will do plenty of fishing!

"No angler merely watches nature in a passive way. He enters into its very existence."

John Bailey, Reflections on the Water's Edge

Tier I

Campers will be introduced to the basics of fly fishing. You will learn basic casting techniques, tie simple but effective flies, participate in a conservation project, learn to identify fish and where to find them, and more. You will leave camp with a fly rod and reel and a fly tying kit so you can continue to fish when you leave us!

Tier II

Campers who successfully complete Tier I are eligible to return the following year. You will learn more advanced fly fishing skills and reinforce your Tier I learning on some of the best trout water in the northeast.

Counselor-In-Training

Campers who successfully complete Tier II may be invited to be CITs at future Tier I camps.



Excellent on-water instruction by experienced volunteers.

Dates and Costs

Tier I

Lodging, all meals, equipment and supplies are provided.

Where: Barry Conservation Camp

When: August 10-14, 2024

Cost: \$375

Tier II

Lodging, all meals and supplies are provided. Campers should have their own fly fishing gear. (Some gear is available for borrowing.)

Where: The Glen at Bear Tree

When: June 26-30, 2024

Cost: \$450

Counselor-In-Training

Where: Barry Conservation Camp

When: During Tier I Camp

Cost: \$150