

August 13-16, 2020

Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Youth Fishing Camp



One-on-one instruction

Photo: Bob Haase



Fly tying

Photo: Heidi Oberstadt



Insect identification

Photo: Wayne Parmley



DNR on-stream presentations

Photo: bob Haase



Guided trout fishing

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Aquatic organism identification

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Spin fishing for trout

Photo: Wayne Parmley



Fishing on Pine Lake

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Location: Pine Lake Camp south of Waupaca

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DNR electroshocking demo



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Fly casting instruction

About the Youth Fishing Camp

Open to youth ages 12-16, this annual camp helps kids develop the necessary skills for fresh water trout fishing and other species using conventional tackle and/or fly rods and reels. With an emphasis on fishing safety, ethics and sportsmanship, and conservation, the camp serves to directly uphold the organization's mission to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds so future generations of children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Each TU Chapter in Wisconsin will be given the opportunity to sponsor one child. Participants will register on a first-come, first-served basis until the maximum capacity of 20 kids is reached. Estimated cost to sponsor a camper is \$250 which will include all lodging, meals, materials (handouts, flies, lures and bait) and the use of camp rods, reels and waders if needed. Chapters will pay the fee.

Each camper is expected to bring suitable clothing including a hat, jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent and personal hygiene products. A liability release will be provided and must be signed by a parent or guardian.

It would also be helpful, but not required, to bring a pair of waders and their own fishing gear.

About Pine Lake Camp

Pine Lake Camp is Located 9 miles south of Waupaca, Wis., on beautiful Pine Lake. This 137-acre lake features plenty of access to shoreline where panfish, bass and pike can be caught. There is also a wonderful swimming area with lifeguard supervision. Campers will stay in the main retreat facility where accommodations include many amenities such as bedding and towels, etc.

Schedule of Activities

Day 1 - Thursday (Check in 1:00-3:00)

Campers will participate in an orientation session which includes introductions, expectations and an explanation of the schedule of events. We will take time to get acquainted and share stories and fishing experiences.

- Distribution of handouts and materials
- Assigning of mentors
- Talk on Trout Unlimited conservation
- Evening of fly tying

Day 2 - Friday

This day will include a number of fun activities including gear rigging, casting and learning fishing techniques followed by an afternoon of fishing. The evening will feature a hands-on presentation about what trout eat.

- Trout fishing intro
- Learning knots
- Rigging of fly rods and fly casting basics
- Spinning gear and casting techniques
- Live bait fishing gear and techniques
- Review of sportsmanship and ethics
- Fishing free time on Pine Lake & local mill pond
- Aquatic insect & invasive species presentations



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Wisconsin Brook Trout

Day 3 - Saturday

Highlights of Day 3 include a lot of time in the field, the morning at a restoration site and the evening full of on-stream demos followed by fishing.

- Morning field trip to area stream:
 - DNR stream electroshocking demo
 - Learning about the entire habitat of streams
 - Water monitoring and protecting streams
 - Hands-on stream restoration work
- Afternoon casting contest and more fly casting
- Evening of on-stream demos and trout fishing on a local stream with guide/mentors

Day 4 - Sunday

On our final day, campers and guide/mentors will practice what they learned on-stream fishing.

- Morning trout fishing on a local stream with one-on-one guide/mentors
- Back at camp at noon:
 - Wrap up session
 - Noon cookout (Families welcome)
 - Presentation of certificates, awards & prizes
 - Departure 1:00-1:30

