

# Trout Camp Facts

- Maine TU Trout Camp is co-ed for ages 13 through 17
- Students are provided three meals a day, starting with dinner on Sunday evening, the first day of camp
- Days are filled with fly-fishing, entomology, ecology, stream etiquette and conservation
- Classes will be held both in and outdoors where applicable
- Off-site trips will be used to compare and evaluate habitats
- Maine TU Trout Camp is proudly sponsored by the Maine Council of Trout Unlimited
- Trout Unlimited Chapters throughout the state have donated their time, materials to make the camp a success every year
- Applications need to be post-marked by April 15, 2010

A typical day at the camp will start with breakfast at 7-8 am, after which students will attend class until noon when they break for lunch. In the afternoon, students will spend their time learning about habitat and the ecosystem on the river. Dinner will be served at 5-6 pm followed by time to reflect and have fun. Learning the art of fly-fishing and how to use the equipment will be interweaved throughout the week. Lights go out at 11 pm. This is not just a chance to relax, but an opportunity of a lifetime.

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# Maine TU Trout Camp



At Evergreens Campground  
on the banks of the Kennebec River  
in Solon, Maine

Sunday through Friday  
June 27- July 2, 2010



# A Learning Experience of a Lifetime



## Evergreens Campground

After six very successful Maine TU Trout Camp's since 2004, we have again chosen Evergreens Campground for our 2010 location. Its rustic but comfortable cabins provide a true Maine camp experience while offering the comforts of home.

Evergreens Campground offers great meals, a spacious area for our indoor classes and easy access to the Kennebec River for fly-fishing and conservation studies. Located 30 miles north of Interstate 95 in Solon, the campground is reached easily while it's tall pines create an excellent environment for learning.

## Maine TU Trout Camp

Built on a model of other successful Trout Unlimited youth programs around the country, Maine TU Trout Camp is dedicated to educating youth about our cold-water fisheries. Our mission is to build tomorrow's conservation leaders, giving teens a solid foundation in conservation, entomology and biology, while keeping it fun and interesting with fly-fishing.

Supported by Trout Unlimited's national offices as well as numerous Maine businesses, educators and outdoors people, Maine TU Trout Camp will provide the learning experience of a lifetime!

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## Fly-Fishing

Every day students will learn the lore of fly-fishing. We'll cover fly casting and tying, equipment maintenance, reading water, etiquette and most importantly, safety. Students will learn where trout and salmon live and why, what flies work and when they're most effective. They'll learn how to become a successful fly-fisher. Many of the principles taught in our indoor classes, (fly-tying, ecology and conservation) will be put into practical use streamside.

## Ecology & Conservation

Our indoor classes will fall into two categories: ecology and conservation. The ecology program will cover the physical characteristics of rivers and ponds, cold water habitats, basic aquatic vegetation and life cycles of trout and salmon.

The conservation program will cover issues that many of our cold-water fisheries face. Some topics will include point and non-point source pollution, assessing streams and ponds for possible trout populations and an awareness of the laws that affect fisheries.

Both of these programs will be balanced in the field to provide a background of how and why streams and ponds support trout. Recognizing the importance of clean water and how it relates to everyday living will be the foundation for the Maine TU Trout Camp.



## Trout Camp Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Please provide the following with this Application:

- A written essay by the applicant about why he/she would like to attend the camp and what they hope to get from it.
- A recommendation on school letterhead from a teacher or student counselor including their address and phone number.

All applicants must be age 13 through 17 as of April 15, 2010.

***All applications must be postmarked by  
April 15, 2010***

Send your Completed application to:

**Maine TU Trout Camp  
Attn: Greg Ponte  
86 Mead Point Road  
West Gardiner, ME 04345**

For more information on Maine TU Trout Camp please visit:

**[www.troutcamp.org](http://www.troutcamp.org)  
or call Greg Ponte at 207-724-2861**

*The total cost for tuition, room and board is \$275.00. The Selection Committee of Maine TU Trout Camp shall make its selections based on the candidate's qualifications and desire. Do not send payments until you receive an acceptance letter. Sponsorship opportunities available. Equipment provided if needed.*

