

2009 June 21st – 26th Schedule for the Maine TU Trout Camp

Time	Sunday 21st	Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
4:30 am 6 am		Optional Fishing at Evergreens	Optional Fishing at Evergreens	Optional Fishing at Evergreens	Optional Fishing at Evergreens	Optional Fishing at Evergreens
6 am 7 am		Wake-up and prep	Wake-up and prep	Wake-up and prep	Wake-up and prep	Wake-up and prep
7 - 8 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8 am	Staff preparations	Fly Tying Part 1 (Wet and Streamer Flies)	Fly Tying Part 2 (Nymph Flies)	Fly Tying Part 3 (Dry Flies)	Group A: K.R. Drift Boat Trips Registered ME Guides Sean McCormick, Todd Towle & Eric Nielsen 6 students Evergreens – Dunphy's	Cabin Cleanup and Packing
9 am		MTUTC staff	MTUTC staff	MTUTC staff		
9:30 am						
10 am		Drive to the Embden Hatchery				
10 am	Staff-only lunch	Embden IFW Hatchery Tour	Rock Basket retrieval	LaMotte Test kit presentation	Electroshocking and Beach Seining	Get Paid to go Fly Fishing LL Bean employees Debra Carr Brox Leslie Wagner
11 am		IFW Hatchery Manager Gene Arsenault	DEP Biologist Dave Courtemanch	ME TU Council Vice Chair Craig Denis Reg. ME Master Guide Jim Thibodeau	UM Ecologist Steve Coghlan	
Noon		NO CAMPER LUNCH		PHW Togus VA Coordinator Dave Hedrick	Rock Basket Retrieval At Williams Pool with MTUTC staff and LL Bean employees	
Noon	Registration and Move-in to Cabins	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Student Certificates
1 pm						<i>Parents invited</i>
1 pm	Camp Rules and Orientation MTUTC Director Greg Ponte Review the MTUTC rules of conduct and staff introductions.	Art class (drawing fish) ME TU Council Chair Dan Daly	Reading the Water Part 1 Sebago TU Vice President Reg. ME Master Guide John Files	Trout Dissection (hands on) IFW Pathologist Dr. Russ Danner	Group B: K.R. Drift Boat Trips Registered ME Guides Sean McCormick, Todd Towle & Eric Nielsen 6 students Dunphy's – North Anson Life Cycle of Trout IFW Biologist & Reg. ME Guide Scott Davis	Outdoor Barbecue with Two Grills Staff, Students, Parents
2 pm	Getting Started: Casting Introduction FFF Instructor Bob Dionne Equipment Check Safety Discussion Fly Fishing Etiquette	Historical Distribution of Maine Native Fish DEP Geologist Reg. ME Guide Dick Behr	Where Fish Find Their Food Reg. ME Master Guide Dick Babine		Electroshocking and Beach Seining UM Ecologist Steve Coghlan	
3 pm	Didymo Bucket demo MTUTC Director Greg Ponte	Maine Brook Trout Lakes & Pond Native, Wild, Stocked Reg. ME Master Guide Gary Corson	Penobscot River Restoration Project Executive Director Laura Rose Day	Streamside and In-stream Incubation DMR Biologist Dan McCaw	Rock Basket Retrieval At Williams Pool with MTUTC staff and LL Bean employees	
4 pm	Knot Discussion and Tying Kennebec Valley TU Willie Grenier	C & R Fishing Nets Kennebec Valley TU Ken Snapper Cashman	Patagonia 1% Outlet Asst. Manager Reg. ME Guide Scott Overbey	Reading the Water Part 2 Sebago TU Vice President Reg. ME Master Guide John Files		
5 pm						
5- 6pm	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	
6 pm	Fishing at Evergreens	Fishing at Evergreens	Fishing at Evergreens	Fishing at Evergreens	Fishing at Evergreens	
9 pm	Off the water by dark	Off the water by dark	Off the water by dark	Off the water by dark	Off the water by dark	
After Dark	Camp fire gathering	Camp fire gathering	Camp fire gathering	Camp fire gathering	Camp fire gathering	

Activity Descriptions:

Camp Rules and Orientation:

The director will introduce the staff followed by a review of the rules of conduct for the camp week with the students and parents. The camp week curriculum, meal hours, and campground layout will then be reviewed

Getting Started:

Basic fly casting technique will be introduced and taught to the twelve students with L.L. Bean 8' 6" Streamlight fly rods with 5 weight large arbor fly reels

Equipment Check, Safety Discussion and Fly Fishing Etiquette:

Student fly fishing equipment will be checked and loaner fly fishing equipment will be assigned as needed for the students use during the camp week. Wader safety and fishing etiquette will be discussed and demonstrated on the shore and in the Kennebec River.

Didymo Bucket demo:

Didymo (rock snot) invasive algae will be discussed and waders and boots for all of the staff and students will be disinfected with Kennebec Valley TU Didymo buckets with a 5% solution of salt.

Knot Discussion and Tying:

Knot tying for fly fishing will be demonstrated and taught at the Kennebec Valley TU tent. Discussion and demonstrations of knots needed to tie the backing to the spool, the backing to the fly line, the leader to the fly line, the tippet to the leader and various other knots for tying flies to the tippet.

Fly Tying Parts 1, 2, 3:

These fly tying seminars will introduce and teach the students to ty wets, streamers, nymphs, and dry flies in a skills-oriented approach at the Main lodge. Special emphasis on tying flies that can be used by the students during the camp week will be included.

Embden IFW Hatchery:

IFW Hatchery Manager will lead the students on a tour of the most modern trout hatchery in the state of Maine.

Art Class:

Hands on art class for the students to learn how to draw fish at the Main lodge and all art materials will be provided.

Historical Distribution of Maine Native Fish:

A presentation and discussion of the native fish of Maine from the ice age to the present time.

Maine Brook Trout Lakes and Ponds, Native, Wild and Stocked:

Presentation and discussion of the native, wild and stocked brook trout in the state of Maine.

Catch and Release Fishing Nets:

Demonstration on the making of a C&R fishing net with all students participating to make one fishing net.

Rock Basket Retrieval:

DEP Biologist will present methods and techniques used in real-world stream habitat study, focusing on the use of rock baskets, D-Ring nets and kick seine nets. Aquatic life will be quantified and identified during this activity. "Hatch Guide for New England Streams" by Thomas Ames Jr. and identification keys will be used for insect identification.

Reading the Water Parts 1 &2:

In depth discussion of where trout live in brooks, streams, rivers, ponds and lakes and a focus on how to fly fish for them.

Where Fish Find Their Food:

PowerPoint presentation of the many different types of food utilized by trout during different seasons of the year.

Penobscot River Restoration Project:

The Penobscot River Restoration Project is an unprecedented collaboration between hydropower company PPL Corporation, the Penobscot Indian Nation, seven conservation groups, and state and federal agencies, to restore 11 species of sea-run fish to the Penobscot River, while maintaining energy production.

Patagonia 1%:

Patagonia Outlet store Assistant Manager will do a presentation on his job and the company policy since 1985, where Patagonia has pledged 1% of sales to the preservation and restoration of the natural environment.

LaMotte Test Kits:

TU volunteers who are certified water quality monitors will present the LaMotte water quality test kit to the students and the students will also be instructed in their use on the Kennebec River.

Trout Dissection:

IFW Pathologist will guide students through the anatomy, physiology and dissection of a trout with a focus on how the fish finds, eats, and digests food. This is a hands-on section, with students performing guided fish dissections.

Stream-side and In-stream Incubation:

DMR Biologist will introduce students to the current Atlantic salmon telemetry study on the Sandy River and the techniques of stream-side and in-stream incubation currently in use to help regenerate Atlantic salmon in Maine.

Drift Boat trips:

Three Registered Maine guides will guide 6 students by drift boats on the Kennebec River from Evergreens Campground to Dunphy's and then from Dunphy's to North Anson. The first group of 6 students will float after breakfast until lunch and the second group of 6 students will float after lunch until supper.

Life Cycle of Trout:

IFW Biologist will teach the students the important aspects of the trout life cycle from egg to maturity on the Kennebec River.

Electro Fishing and Beach Seining:

UM Fishery Ecologist will electro shock and beach seine the Kennebec River in the Solon stretch.

Rock Basket Retrieval at Williams Pool:

Maine TU Trout Camp staff and LL Bean employees will assist the students to locate the rock baskets that were previously placed in the river. The aquatic insects that are found will be identified and if time permits students will fly fish at the pool.

L.L.Bean: Get Paid to Go Fly Fishing:

Presentation and discussion of career opportunities in the fly-fishing industry including retailers like LL Bean, magazines, books, TV, photography and more...

Conservation Talk:

Trout Unlimited National staff will present on TU activities regionally and throughout the USA.

Camp Fire Gatherings:

Each evening after fly fishing at the Solon stretch of the Kennebec River alongside Evergreens Campground the students will sit around the camp fire for one hour before going to bed to tell their fishing stories of what fish they caught but more importantly the story of the big one that got away!

After Lunch Activities:

Some of the lunch periods provide an opportunity for additional activities for students. These will be arranged dynamically, based on student interest, weather conditions, etc. Activities would include fly tying, fly casting, aquatic insect identification, time to try-out different rods/reels, and other topics of interest.