

January 26, 2008



Dear Maine TU Member,

Thanks for responding to our "Call for Staff" for our second Maine TU Trout Camp from June 22 through June 27, 2008. Attached is our application form.

Our two aims are: to collect enough information about your availability, interests and qualifications to fairly assign an appropriate role for you in the camp; and, to collect enough information to do reference and where appropriate, background checks on applicants. We've tried to make the form comprehensive enough to prevent us having to contact you multiple times to clarify information and to save you the inconvenience of having to submit a resume. We think we've met these goals with a single page. We appreciate that this is a more involved process than you may have undergone with your local chapter. Being a state wide TU program we have adopted measures that we feel are appropriate both to protect the campers and to satisfy insurance requirements.

We have room to sleep six staff in camp each night all week and hope to get at least that many people for the entire time to provide quality and continuity. If you can't stay the whole week, here is the tentative schedule (a.m. - p.m.) so you can offer your availability on the basis of your interest:

Sunday June 22, 2008	Monday June 23, 2008	Tuesday June 24, 2008	Wednesday June 25, 2008	Thursday June 26, 2008	Friday June 27, 2008
Staff prep, check-in	Casting & knots, fly tying	Casting games, stream habitat methodology	Trout dissection, fly tying	Trout life cycle, environmental impacts	Government speakers, wrap-up
Fly casting, equipment checks, wading safety, etiquette	Water inventory - assess 3 types of water	River habitat study	Stream habitat study	Beaver dam habitat study	

Additionally, the campers will have guided fly-fishing each night from supper to dark. We hope that your availability will lend itself to our scheduling you either all day or p.m./a.m. on successive days.

If there is not room on the form, please use the back of the paper or attach additional sheets. Please send completed forms via e-mail to GPonte@tds.net or mail to Greg Ponte – MTUTC Staff, 86 Mead Point Road, West Gardiner, ME 04345.

We're going to need the full support of all Maine TU Chapters to get the two to one student-instructor ratio we need, so please apply - and get your friends to apply as well!

Sincerely,

Greg Ponte

Maine TU Trout Camp