



Colorado Trout Unlimited's vision for a youth camp has endured for 14 years. Since its initiation in 2006, nearly 250 teens have attended the camp representing all corners of the state of Colorado and states beyond.

Campers complete a week-long program that balances STEM-based conservation education with building and improving fly fishing skills. They participate in hands-on conservation activities and receive one-on-one and group instruction in the art of fly fishing. Their experience is enriched as they make lifelong relationships, "finding their people" and bonding with peers of similar interests.



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COLORADO TROUT UNLIMITED'S

River Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp

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ABOUT US

Today's campers become tomorrow's conservation leaders



VISION AND MISSION

It is our vision to inspire the next generation of river stewards. We do this by providing youth a safe, fun and inclusive environment to learn how conservation and a passion for the outdoors and fly fishing come together in an overall ethic.

THE PROGRAM

River Conservation Activities

- Water quality
- Benthic macro-invertebrate sampling
- Stream hydrology
- Trout biology
- Native species restoration
- Invasive species
- Stream restoration site visit
- Land trust operations
- Water use in the west
- Colorado water law
- Local watershed project to repair habitat

Fly Fishing Activities

- Knots and rigging
- Fly casting
- Intro to stream entomology
- Fly tying
- Reading the river
- Water safety
- Angling ethics
- One-on-one Instruction
- Games and challenges to reinforce skills
- Journaling
- Fishing

OUR STAFF AND PARTNERS

The camp is run by Trout Unlimited volunteers committed to teaching and mentoring the campers. The staff includes counselors that attended camp originally as campers, and have successively filled the role of junior counselor, and are now senior counselors.

We partner with a number of organizations each year to provide programming and demonstrate potential education and career paths. These include professionals that work for Trout Unlimited, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Crested Butte Land Trust, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Shavano Conservation District, and Fly Fishing Film Tour.

CAMP DETAILS

Dates: June 7 - 13, 2020

Location: Silent Spring Resort, Almont, Co

Cost: Registration fee - \$50 (due with registration forms), Tuition - \$450

- SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE -

Eligibility: Youth 14-18 years are eligible to apply to camp

Apply at www.coloradotu.org/youthcamp

Application Deadline: April 1, 2020