

## TROUT WATERS APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please provide the following with Application:**

- A written essay by the applicant stating why he/she would like to attend the camp and what they expect to get out of the camp.
- A recommendation from a student counselor or science teacher to include their name, address, Email and phone number should we need further discussion.
- All applicants must be at least 13 by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and all applications must be post marked by the same date.
- A committee of staff at the camp will review applications and notify applicants as soon as possible after May 15
- Total cost for tuition, food and board is; \$450.00 (paid if accepted)

### **Send completed application to:**

Trout Waters Youth Program

Attn: Ronald Urban

PO Box 815

Port Ewen, NY 12466

For further information call: (845)339-5938

Or Email: [Ronsgonefishing@aol.com](mailto:Ronsgonefishing@aol.com)

*The selection committee will make selections on the qualified candidates by desire to attend and desire. Along with a supporting letter from a science teacher or school counselor.*

# TWYP 2016

July 17<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>



## **New York State Council TU Youth Program Conservation Camp At Land of the Vikings**



Conservationists and Leaders for the Future

## TROUT WATERS PROGRAM FACTS

- Trout Waters is a co-ed camp for ages 13 to 17
- Students receive three meals a day starting with dinner Sunday through lunch on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July
- Well balanced meals begin with breakfast and end with snacks at night after putting their equipment away for the next day
- There will be classroom activities and outdoors as well
- Days are certainly filled with activities from morning until lights out at night. This year we will have some free time for the campers to get in some swimming.
- Guest speakers are certainly professional in the field of conservation, fly fishing and tying.
- As mentioned they will learn, tying skills, casting, entomology, conservation, stream restoration, ecology, watersheds & ecosystems and stream etiquette
- TWYP is fully insured by TU National and the state Council
- Many TU members and chapters have assisted the Council in making this camp one of the best in the past and developing new ideas and programs for the future
- Many industry companies have donated materials and items for the camps success
- Council and chapters also have sent members to be fishing buddies with the students at night to teach on stream techniques and casting while looking for the insect hatches that fish are feeding on
- A licensed guide, trained in CPR and basic medical needs is always present and local emergency are nearby should a need require medical attention

Any special needs must be discussed with camp directors prior to camp so accommodations can be made for anyone.

**We will be returning to Land of the Vikings in Sherman, PA near Hale Eddy on the West Branch of the Delaware River.**

### What can you expect from the experience?

- **Fly Tying-** Students will learn how to tie an array of various flies needed for fly fishing. Guest tyers will present their special skills on their go to flies for catching those hard to get trout.
- **Fly Casting-** They will get instructions in different types of fly casting for various types of situations and to perfect their individual skills. By the end of the week they will have learned so they are a successful caster. Classes are indoors for classroom style teaching and outside for casting and other related activities.
- **Most importantly,** they will be taught etiquette on the stream and safety that is very essential for all.
- **Conservation-** There will be classes in history of our watersheds and how the proper maintenance of these systems are vital to the life cycle of the trout and the micro inhabitants that are part of the life cycle.
- **Electro shocking-** If weather and conditions permit, we will be part of the DEC to electroshock a small feeder stream nearby to determine the health of the stream by the specimens that are caught. This can show if it is a spawning stream, good habitat, and types, sizes and ages of fish.
- **Riparian work-** There is a nearby project in its second year of construction and the students will get to see stream restoration work and its importance to the stream. This year, we will have the students be part of it by assisting in planting trees and other materials on the banks to protect erosion, develop overhang protection for the trout and other parts of this final phase.
- Going into the stream catching aquatic insects for identification