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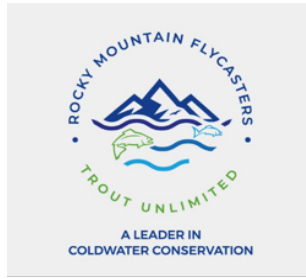
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Rocky Mountain Flycasters
Trout Unlimited Chapter #010
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April 1, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are thrilled that you are applying for your youth's participation in the 2024 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp presented by Rocky Mountain Flycasters, Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The 2024 NoCO Fly Fishing Day Camp dates are Monday, July 15th through Friday, July 19th.

We hope that you understand this Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp is unique in Colorado, and is the result of very detailed planning and care that has been practiced throughout to help ensure your youth has an enjoyable and safe experience. Our volunteer instructors and mentor members are experienced, enthusiastic fly anglers who have your camper's educational and recreational interests at heart. We want each camper to have a memorable experience. We also want them to form a lasting respect and ethic to care about and for our river resources, and to appreciate the necessity for conservation to preserve nature's bounty for generations to come.

These "Camps" are a continuing tradition for Trout Unlimited. Various chapters have sponsored numerous Camps providing many different experiences as part of the Headwaters Youth Program.

Applications open on April 1, 2024 and will be reviewed until all camp slots are filled. Campers typically will be notified of their acceptance approximately 30 days following receipt of their completed application packet, *including the camper's one-page, self-description interests and objectives memo*. We also require parental signatures acknowledging medical release, camp rules and provided transportation use.

Please feel encouraged to contact us with any questions you may have. I hope we may have an opportunity to become acquainted during one or more of the Day Camp activities or at the daily camper pickup or drop off locations.

Sincerely,

Jim Durante

Director, Northern Colorado (NoCO) Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp

Attachments: Application Form, Parent/Guardian Information, Parent/Guardian Consent, Camp Schedule, Medical Information, Rules of Conduct

TROUT UNLIMITED's MISSION

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.





Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited

2024 NoCO YOUTH FLY FISHING DAY CAMP

**Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19, 2024
Fort Collins, Colorado**

Application Form (Thank you for writing legibly)

Applications Accepted Beginning April 1, 2024

Name:		Birth Date:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Camper's Telephone:		Parent(s)' Cell or Alternate Telephone:	
Camper's Email Address (Required):		Shoe Size (Required):	
Parent/Guardian(s)' Email Address (Required):			
Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (Please Print):			
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:			

How did you learn about the Youth Day Camp?

Up to twelve students ages rising 14 through 17 will be selected to attend the Day Camp. A committee evaluates applications based on each candidate's commitment to learning about fly fishing...which the youth applicant should describe in a statement (see second page) accompanying the application.

The Day Camp Application Fee, \$50.00 is payable in advance when the application is submitted. Payment will be refunded if the applicant is not accepted.

Submit the completed material via the U.S. Postal Service to the Application Coordinator. (for address see below)

Your Application must include five items:

- **Application Form (signed)**
- **Youth's self-description statement (signed).**
- **Parent/Legal Guardian's Information Notice (signed)**
- **Medical Consent Form (signed)**
- **\$50.00 check payable to "Rocky Mountain Flycasters".**

Send to:

**Day Camp Applications Coordinator
c/o Jim Durante
P.O. Box 1694
Fort Collins, CO 80522-1694**



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Applications will be reviewed with the help of the camper's self-description commitment to learn about fly fishing statement. Applicants will usually be notified within about 30 days following receipt of their completed application packet.

Applicant Statement (Thank you for writing legibly)

Signature of Camper

Date:

For more information contact the Camp Director: Jim Durante, youthcamp@rmftu.org.



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IMPORTANT PARENT/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

(Requires parent/guardian signature)

We are delighted that your youth is interested in participating in our 2024 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp. Members of Rocky Mountain Flycasters, Chapter of Trout Unlimited, is committed to helping youth learn to fly fish as a method to gain awareness of/and interest in enjoying the pleasures of natural outdoor experiences...and to learn the importance of protecting and preserving our cold-water river resources as responsible, conservation-minded adults.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To complete the Application Process, please complete and return the following information:

- **Application Form** with applicant's **self-description memo of interest**.
- Signed **Medical Consent Form**
- Signed **Parent's/Guardian Information Notice**
- **\$50.00 check** for camp participation (made out to Rocky Mountain Flycasters.) Camp fee will be refunded if your child is not accepted.

Completed Application Packets should be mailed to:

2024 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp

c/o Jim Durante

P.O. Box 1694

Fort Collins, CO 80522-1694

• **12 participants (ages 14 through 17) will be included. Rocky Mountain Flycasters will rely on each applicant's self-descriptive, one-page memo** to help us better understand the youth's outdoors interests, experiences, commitment, and expectations from camp attendance to make application acceptance decisions. Because the camp is *designed primarily to develop beginning level fly anglers, it is not expected or required* that your youth already knows how to fly fish to be accepted. Some previous experience is not a disqualifier.

• **If a camper is accepted into the 2024 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp, and develops a significant physical, health or behavioral impairment before start of or during camp**, the parent or guardian must inform the Day Camp Director as soon as possible at youthcamp@RMFTU.org. Depending upon the circumstances, the camper may be required to limit or cease participation, or a qualified caretaker may be required to be provided to assist the student. As Rocky Mountain Flycasters has a limited number of available adult participants, we retain the right to limit, alter, or rescind Day Camp participation if circumstance warrant.

• **The 2024 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp is conducted on five consecutive days, Monday-Friday, July 15th-July 19th.** Sessions begin promptly at 8:00AM and most end at 6:00PM daily, unless noted in **red font** on the Daily Schedule. *On-time arrival a few minutes early each morning is important to ensure sessions begin, and transportation departs on schedule for field activities.*

• **Campers are expected to attend all five of the day sessions.** Our curriculum builds sequentially upon previous days and absences can detract from effective learning by your camper and others. Parent or guardian is to inform the Camp Director in advance youthcamp@RMFTU.org of unexpected illness or extenuating circumstances.

• **Applications are not accepted until April 1, 2024 and will be reviewed until all slots are filled. Campers will usually be notified in approximately 30 days about their acceptance.** In the event of non-acceptance, your \$50 Application Fee provided at the time of application will be returned.

• **A current Daily Schedule is included in this Application packet.** It may be updated before the start of our Day Camp and a final schedule may be emailed to you about two weeks before camp begins. The schedule answers many of your questions about what Campers will be studying, what outdoor activities they will be doing, and times and locations of all Day Camp activities. Any questions can be directed to the Day Camp Director by email using the contact information at the bottom of this Parent/Guardian's Information Form.

• **Parents/Guardians are responsible for providing transportation of the campers to and from** delivery and pickup locations described on the final Daily Schedule. We have arranged for van transportation to and from class and field activities together as a full group. The Daily Schedule describes specific locations for morning arrival and evening pickup. Campers who drive themselves to/from camp are required to ride the provided van to/from activities. Campers are covered by Trout Unlimited group insurance and also van rental insurances.

• **Indoor classroom sessions are conducted at** identified local area public meeting rooms, and field activities will be conducted at identified stretches of the Poudre River, Fort Collins Natural Areas or Parks, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

• **Campers who are age 16 are required by law to have a Colorado fishing license on their person when fishing.**

• **Parents/Guardians are invited to visit and observe** any of the Day Camp activities and classes. A liability waiver may be required, and some settings may not have enough space to accommodate observers comfortably or safely. You may check with the Camp Directors if you have interest in visiting and observing any of the sessions. Parent/Guardians who are experienced fly fisherman may be allowed to assist activities.

• **Campers are required to bring their lunch each day.** Food storage coolers and chilled water will be provided.

• **Fishing equipment & supplies will be provided by Rocky Mountain Flycasters.** Campers may optionally request to use their own rod/reel and other equipment. Personal equipment will be inspected in advance to ensure if it is acceptable, as we have occasionally observed that a camper's equipment may be detrimental to his/her learning experience. Appropriate wading gear will be provided and options will be discussed.

• This is a unique and exciting experience for all participants and **Parents/Guardians are urged to talk with their camper each evening** about his/her day to better understand and encourage your camper's experiences.

• **Campers may receive written material or electronic media with information that supports instructions and class content.** They are expected to keep track of this material and review as necessary. Campers will be provided with fly tying tools and supplies. Any flies tied during classes will become the property of the Camper.

• **On all outdoor activity days campers are required to bring and wear a hat (with Brim), long pants, long-sleeve shirt and closed toe shoes. As weather and daily activities dictate rain gear, shorts, T-shirts, warm clothes and water footwear will be needed.** Sunglasses (polarized lenses are recommended) are also required for eye protection from an airborne hook and to see better through glare on the water. **These stipulations are required for Camper's safety, sunburn and insect protection, comfort and health.** Campers are asked to bring personal sunscreen and insect repellent.

• **Day Camp Rules of Conduct** are included in this Application Packet for parents/guardians to discuss in advance with their camper to ensure understanding before a youth applies and/or attends the opening session.

• **In the unlikely event that a camper's behavior may become disruptive or unsafe, youth develops absenteeism or does not respond satisfactorily to counsel from volunteers or staff,** the camper will be immediately removed from further participation and the parent-guardian will be contacted to come and remove the youth either temporarily or permanently from Day Camp activities. In such extraordinary instances the application fee may or may not be forfeited.

For more information please feel free to contact our Camp Director:

Jim Durante NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp Director

Email: youthcamp@RMFTU.org

I have read the **Important Parent/Guardian's Information** and agree with the terms of participation:

X

Signature: Parent or Legal Guardian

Date



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Parental/Guardian's Consent

I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of:
Name (Please print)

Camper's Name (Please print)

Grade: 2024-2025 School Year

I hereby agree to release and indemnify Rocky Mountain Flycasters, Chapter of Colorado Trout Unlimited and Trout Unlimited; their officers, trustees, directors, volunteers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, demands and judgments arising from injuries, damages or theft in connection with my youth's participation in the 2024 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp.

I consent to my youth's participation in the 2024 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp, sponsored by Rocky Mountain Flycasters, Chapter of Trout Unlimited. In determining whether to allow my youth to participate, I recognize that Rocky Mountain Flycasters or Trout Unlimited cannot be responsible for my youth in the event of injury during Day Camp van transportation or while participating in Day Camp activities. I also realize that participation can involve the risk of sunburn, poisonous insect or snake bites, serious physical injury including death, and related medical evacuation and treatment and expense, and agree on my youth's behalf, to assume these risks and financial responsibilities.

I agree that Rocky Mountain Flycasters, Chapter of Trout Unlimited may use my youth's name, and photographs including my youth's image, in outreach materials promoting this and future NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camps.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date:

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

2024 NoCO YOUTH FLY FISHING DAY CAMP

DATE-TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00: AM	ARRIVAL before 8:00 please: Fort Collins Senior Center
July 15 - MON	1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
8:00 AM	Welcome Campers & Set Cohorts
8:15 AM	Camp Orientation
8:45 AM	<i>TRANSPORT to Bellvue Hatchery</i>
9:15 AM	Bellvue Eggs Hatchery - Presentation & Tour (CPW)
10:15 AM	<i>TRANSPORT to Watson Lake Hatchery</i>
10:30 AM	Watson Rearing Hatchery - Presentation (CPW)
11:30 AM	<i>TRANSPORT to Fort Collins Senior Center</i>
12:00 PM	LUNCH
12:30 PM	Origin & Evolution of Fly Fishing
1:00 PM	Basic Fly Fishing Equipment
1:45 PM	Basic Fly Fishing Knots
2:30 PM	<i>TRANSPORT to Roland Moore Park</i>
3:00 PM	Set Up Rods
3:30 PM	Back & Roll Cast - Intro
5:00 PM	Pack Rods
5:30 PM	<i>TRANSPORT to Fort Collins Senior Center</i>
6:00 PM	Pick-up on time please: Fort Collins Senior Center
	1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
8:00: AM	ARRIVAL before 8:00 please: Fort Collins Senior Center
July 16 - TUE	1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
8:00 AM	<i>TRANSPORT to Arapahoe Bend Natural Area Ponds</i>
8:30 AM	Set Up Rods
9:00 AM	Casting Refresher on water (demonstrate stillwater techniques)
9:30 AM	Playing, Netting, Handling & Landing
10:00 AM	Stillwater Fishing
11:30 PM	Assemble at Van - Pack Rods
11:45 PM	<i>TRANSPORT to Fort Collins Senior Center</i>
12:15 PM	LUNCH

	1:00 PM	Native Fish Species
	1:30 PM	Trout Anatomy & Behavior
	2:00 PM	Dry Flies, Equipment & Riggings
	2:30 PM	Nymphs, Equipment & Riggings (wet fly)
	3:00 PM	Intro Entomology
	4:00 PM	Fly Tying - Introduction
	6:00 PM	Pick-up on time please: Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
	8:00: AM	ARRIVAL before 8:00 please: Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
	July 17- WED	
	8:00 AM	TRANSPORT to Gateway Natural Area
	8:30 AM	<i>Wading Socks & Boots Fitting (water shorts or swimsuits)</i>
	9:00 AM	TRANSPORT to Picnic Rock Area
	9:30 AM	ACTIVITY GROUPS 9:30-10:45 11:00-12:15
		Entomology (Catch & ID Macro's) B A
		Entomology (Life Cycles & Forms) A B
	12:30 PM	TRANSPORT to Gateway Natural Area
	12:45 PM	LUNCH
	1:30 PM	in-River Electro-stun & Species Identification measure/weigh
	4:00 PM	Hydrology, Reading Water, & Demonstrate Stream Fishing
	5:00 PM	Assemble at Van - Wading Socks & Boots
	5:30 PM	TRANSPORT to Fort Collins Senior Center
	6:00 PM	Pick-up on time please: Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
	8:00: AM	ARRIVAL before 8:00 please: Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
	July 18 - THUR	
	8:15 AM	TRANSPORT to Gateway Natural Area
	8:45 AM	<i>Wading Socks & Boots & Set Up Rods - Pair-up & Assign Mentors</i>
	9:30 AM	Casting Refresher on River (demonstrate river casting)
	10:00 AM	Fish NF Poudre River (Practice stream fishing skills)
	11:30 PM	LUNCH
	12:30 PM	Fish NF Poudre River
	2:30 PM	Assemble at Van - Pack Wading Socks & Boots & Set Up Rods
	3:00 PM	TRANSPORT to Fort Collins Senior Center

	3:30 PM	Fly Tying - Intermediate
	6:00 PM	Pick-up on time please: Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
	6:00 AM	ARRIVAL by 6:00 please: Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
	July 19 - FRI	1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526
	6:30 AM	<i>TRANSPORT to RMNP (Fall River Area)</i>
	8:00 AM	Arrival Fall River Entrance Station (arrival after 9 AM requires timed entry permit)
	8:30 AM	Arrival West Horseshoe Park - West Alluvial Fan Parking Area
	8:45 AM	Put on Wading Socks & Boots & Set Up Rods - Assign Mentors
	9:00 AM	Fall River - Fish with Mentors
	12:00 PM	<i>LUNCH</i>
	12:45 PM	Fall River - Fish with Mentors
	2:45 PM	Assemble at Van - Pack rods, Waders & Boots
	3:00 PM	<i>GRADUATION, AWARDS & GROUP PHOTOS</i>
	4:00 PM	<i>TRANSPORT to McDonald's (501 Big Thompson Ave, Estes Park)</i>
	4:30 PM	McDonald's (Estes Park) <i>DINNER</i>
	5:30 PM	<i>TRANSPORT to Fort Collins Senior Center</i>
	7:00 PM	Pick-up on time please: Fort Collins Senior Center 1200 Raintree Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80526



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Medical Information and Emergency Contacts

_____ Primary Physician _____
Camper's Name **Name and Phone Number**

List Medications (Directions for use): _____

List any allergies (food or otherwise) _____

Covid & Measles Vaccination Status: _____

Any Specific Health Issues: _____

I agree that any prescribed medication required for daily activities used during my youth's regular school year will be continued for Day Camp and brought to the attention of Camp Director; and that any subsequent changes will be communicated to the Day Camp Director before use by the camper.

Emergency Contact Information

_____ **Signature of parent or legal guardian** _____ **Primary Emergency Number** _____ **Date**

_____ **Secondary Emergency Contact (other than the parent):** _____ **Name/ Relationship**

_____ **Phone**



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RULES OF CONDUCT

Campers are considered to be young adults and will be respected and treated accordingly. As such, there are some behaviors that they must responsibly observe.

1. Campers may not leave the Day Camp unless authorized in advance by the Day Camp Director, and in some instances may be required to be accompanied by a designated camp staff volunteer.
2. All injuries are to be reported immediately to the Day Camp Director. No injuries are considered insignificant.
3. Campers are required to wear their name badges visibly around their neck at all times...and also wear appropriate clothing for the weather and the day's activity including rain gear and a hat with a brim.
4. Disruptive electronic devices are not permitted. Cell phones are permitted but during classes and activities only for use as a camera...not as a telephone for incoming or outgoing calls or texting without specific permission of the Camp Director. Calls during lunch or while on the vans are O.K.
5. Photographs are permitted only for taking pictures of camp recreational activities or surroundings, but not for scenes in which personal privacy can reasonably be expected by participants.
6. Physical or verbal abuse or social hazing; vulgar language, gestures or gender references; and displays of affection such as touching, or kissing are not acceptable camp behavior and are prohibited.
7. Lost & found articles are to be reported and turned in immediately to the Day Camp Director.
8. Parents/Guardians of a camper requiring revised medications must report this change immediately and in advance in writing to the Day Camp Director.
9. Camper will be paired with a fellow camper and an adult volunteer mentor during on-water activities. The Campers and the adult volunteer mentor must be mindful of camper buddy "in sight" limited participation and the time limits for each activity. **Stay on schedule!**

10. A camper or parent/guardian who drives a vehicle to camp may be required to relocate the vehicle to another location to accommodate the provided Day Camp activities transportation; if so, the camper or parent/guardian will be in the vehicle alone and will proceed directly to the designated new parking location following the camper van and with no stops enroute. Other unrelated campers who may have accompanied the camper or parent/guardian to camp that morning may be required to ride to the designated activities in the camper van transportation vehicle.
11. Campers who have attained age 16 are required to have a valid Colorado fishing license on their person when fishing or carrying a rod in or near the water.
12. Parent/guardians and campers are responsible to ensure the camper arrives on time each day, preferably a few minutes before 8:00 AM. This is important to ensure that sessions begin, and any scheduled activity transportation departs on schedule.
13. Use of tobacco products, illicit drugs or consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited. No exceptions!
14. Violations of any of these rules may result in the camper being suspended from activities or immediate dismissal from camp. If a camper's behavior becomes disruptive or unsafe, and they do not respond satisfactorily to counsel from camp adult volunteer staff, the camper may be removed from further participation. If applicable, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and the camper may be removed from Day Camp activities permanently.
15. Camp staff and volunteers are not responsible for a campers behavior, mental, or emotional conditions during Camp activities and will not act as a counselor or be *in loco parentis*. In cases of extreme distress a parent/guardian will be contacted and may need to be present as soon as possible.

Signature of Camper

Date:

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date: