**Remember to sign up for a membership changes report in the Leaders Only Tools section of tu.org. This report will give you a list of all the new members in your chapter, and the list includes gender data. This is a great weekly or monthly reminder to send out a welcome note to new women members. The below is a sample letter a chapter or council volunteer might send to a new member to make them feel welcome.**

Dear [insert here new member name,]

Welcome to Trout Unlimited!

As a member of the largest coldwater conservation organization, you are included in the network of 300,000 members and supporters dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fisheries. You’re also now a member of our growing and inclusive (insert chapter name) community of anglers and conservationists. Welcome

As coordinator for the TU Women’s Initiative in (insert state or chapter name), it is my goal to ensure that women feel welcome at chapter meetings, conservation projects, river outings or our many community events. Women are still a minority of our members, but we’re working to change that.

Our chapter is involved in a host of programs and activities including:

* Example: River clean ups and other conservation projects
* Example: Exciting guest speakers at monthly meetings
* Example: Involvement with like-minded partners like Casting for Recovery, a therapeutic program for women affected by cancer or Project Healing Waters, a group dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of veterans through fly fishing and fly tying
* Example: Trout in the Classroom, a project that teaches school children about the trout lifecycle by raising trout in the classroom from eggs to fingerlings, and other youth activities and events that encourage an early love of fishing.
* Example: Fishing trips, casting classes and fly tying seminars
* Example: Fishing activities and events geared specifically towards women

Please don’t hesitate to be in touch with me if you’d like more information about any of these local activities. You can also find your local chapter leaders contact information at tu.org/chaptersearch.

Again, welcome to TU. I hope to see you at one of the events we’re hosting soon.

Sincerely,

Name

Chapter or council name Women’s Initiative (or Diversity and Inclusion) Committee Chair

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