



TU Teen Summit FAQ

What is the purpose of the TU Teen Summit?

Trout Unlimited's Teen Summit gives teens the opportunity to meet other like-minded teens from across the country, improve on leadership skills, develop strategies on how TU can engage with more youth, work on a service project, and fish in new areas across the country! If you are interested in being a leader and engaging teens from your community in TU, then the Summit is for you.

Who plans the Summit?

The Teen Summit is planned by TU National's Youth Education staff and volunteers, with help from the National Youth Leadership Council (YLC). TU's YLC is a group of teens that attended the previous year's Summit and work with TU staff and volunteers to develop and improve TU's teen programs.

How much does the Summit cost?

The fee for the Summit is \$300 payable to Trout Unlimited. This includes lodging, meals, activities, and transportation once you arrive. Teens are responsible for individual travel costs to and from the Summit. Some spending cash is recommended for fly shops and/or souvenirs.

Are there sponsorships available?

TU National does not provide sponsorships but we do keep the cost low. However, many teens that are accepted are already very involved with their local TU chapter or state council and may seek sponsorships there.

How do I get to the TU Teen Summit?

If chosen to attend the Summit, you are responsible for getting to Missoula International Airport (MSO) on Saturday, June 29th by 3pm or to the Summit location by 7 p.m.

The Summit location is at Camp Watanopa at Georgetown Lake south of Philipsburg, MT. If you are flying, the closest airport is Missoula International Airport in Missoula, MT, which is served by Alaska, Allegiant, Delta, Frontier, and United Airlines. If you choose to fly, contact TU staff listed at the bottom of this sheet with your plane reservations. TU will arrange a ride from the airport to the Summit but you must arrive by 3p.m on Saturday June 29th. More detailed instructions will be sent once attendees are selected.

Can a family adult (parent, grandparent, etc.) attend with me?

The TU Teen Summit is for teens. We do not provide lodging for adults, but there are accommodations nearby for adults that travel with you. Workshops, activities, most meals and discussions are for teens and Summit staff only.

Why are we required to answer essay questions? How do you decide who gets to come?

We want to make sure we have a range of ages, hometowns and experiences represented at the Summit. We want to invite teens who have interesting ideas about how to get more teens into TU and who are interested in being leaders and helping increase teen involvement in conservation and TU.

Teen applications will be judged on five criteria: 1) involvement with TU, 2) demonstrated leadership potential, 3) commitment to conservation, 4) love of fly fishing, and 5) strength of interview and references.

NOTE: Not all teens who apply are accepted to the Summit.

What if I have already been to a Summit and want to return?

Returning applicants are required to complete a different essay-based application. Please contact Tara Granke or Franklin Tate for details.

What do I need to bring?

A detailed packing list will be sent to selected summiteers.

Who do I contact if my parents or I have more questions?

Contact Franklin Tate, Program Director (ftate@tu.org, 828.545.0747), or Tara Granke, Program Coordinator (tgranke@tu.org, 828.575.6132).