

2024 TU Expeditions Application

Our rivers and native fish populations in North America are at a pivotal moment. The Klamath, the Snake, and rivers beyond are frequent topics in national news, gaining significance and importance beyond the fishing community. With land use evolving and adapting to a changing climate, restoration and conservation projects are expanding across the west.

Starting summer of 2024, TU Expeditions will explore our public lands with a focus on restoration areas. In partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), TU will embark on four 10-day expeditions with high school and college students, diving into conversations and action.

The Nitty Gritty:

We will select three groups of 10 students (one college trip, two high school trips) to embark on a 10-day expedition. All trips will be camping based, spending nine nights camping at BLM campsites (varying locations throughout Wyoming). Each day will be unique, but will generally consist of fishing local rivers, assisting TU restoration projects, and hosting community engagement events such as youth education days and river clean ups hosted in collaboration with Rivers are Life. Students will need to cover their own travel costs (all trips are starting/ending at the SLC airport) as well as a \$500 trip fee, which will cover all costs while on the trip. Note: High School trips are open to rising HS sophomores to graduating seniors. The college trip is open to rising college sophomores to graduating seniors.

Dates:

High School Session 1: June 16-25

High School Session 2: July 11-20

College Session: August 2-11

The Application:

Write a short essay (500 words or less) reflecting on an experience you've had with water or nature that created a lasting impact on your relationship with the world. Please send the essay via email to the STREAM Education Manager, Cecily Nordstrom (cecily.nordstrom@tu.org), with the subject "TU Expeditions Application". Please include the session(s) for which you are applying, your expected graduation year, and, if applicable, other TU programs in which you have participated. All applications are due by May 3rd at 11:59pm MST.

Qualifications:

- Passionate about public lands, conservation, and native fish
- Desire to challenge personal beliefs and have conversations with perspectives different than one's own
- Willing and able to camp for 10 days
- Willing and able to lift up to 40lbs
- Comfortable being in and near moving water

Candidates will be chosen based on their desire and passion to help our public lands persist and conserve & protect our native fish populations. Experience and passion for fishing is a bonus, but not required.

We value a diverse representation of participants, and we actively seek students who come from communities that have been historically under-represented in conservation. We are committed to building space for all people to participate and welcome you to read more about [TU's equity practice and values](#).

Please email Cecily (cecily.nordstrom@tu.org) with any questions or if you need assistance with the application process.