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Grant Volek's report on his week at Rivers Camp this past summer

"Prior to participating in the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp, I have always been obsessed with getting outside and enjoying the outdoors, especially when it comes to being on the water. So, when I found the information on this camp last winter it sounded perfect to me. I wrote my application letter and sent it to the camp. Fast forward to mid-June, I had arrived at camp and within the first 20 min we had a rod in our hands and were all learning different ways to fly cast. That first day was my most memorable for sure since after our classes it was the first time I had ever caught a trout on a fly rod. However, throughout all the fish catches and time on the water, the part that I loved about this camp the most was the people and other students that were a part of it. Over time everyone at the camp became close with one another. It was as if it were a giant family. To this day we still all talk to each other and have a group chat to talk about fishing.

Though the fishing was fun and relaxing, what I had learned about most was the importance of conservation. Being there made me realize that this is something I want to be able to share with my kids in the future. So now after being a part of camp, not only has it increased my enjoyment of being outside and trout fishing, but also my desire to help sustain and protect our waterways.

Finally, I would truly like to thank my TU Chapter (Penn's Woods West) for sponsoring me and helping to make this happen. I would recommend this camp to anyone you know that is old enough to be eligible. I have already told my cousins as well as some of my friends who enjoy fishing about this camp and have convinced them to look into it as it is truly an experience I'll never forget.

On the next page I have attached some pictures from my trip.

With gratitude,  
Grant Volek







Ed: Note mop flies in several sizes and colors!