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FISH CAMP

CHRISTOPHER CREEK ARIZONA

PARENT GUIDE



FISH CAMP

A GUIDED EXPERIENCE IN NORTHERN ARIZONA

CULTIVATE A LIFELONG LOVE OF CONSERVATION AND THE OUTDOORS AT FISH CAMP.

Fish Camp is a high-end angling program offered by The Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited and the Grand Canyon Council, BSA. This is not your grandfather's cane pole fishing experience — participants 13 and older will learn the ecology necessary to select proper bait, understand where to cast, lure, or fly; and master the art of provoking fish to attack your line.

Participants will also become proficient in technical skills like casting and fly tying as we fish creeks and lakes throughout Northern Arizona. Join our expert staff and volunteers for an unforgettable summer experience.

WHY CHOSE FISH CAMP?

Human beings are not designed to sit motionless in a room staring at a screen and youth need new experiences and challenges to become healthy, well-adapted adults. Fish Camp is an incredible opportunity for youth to be challenged and grow in a community of fellow adventurers. Youth will make lasting friendships, develop a lifelong hobby, build social skills and personal confidence, engage in leadership opportunities, and spend an amazing week in the mountainous, tall pine region of Arizona — all guided by passionate adult mentors. We recognize that the social environment of an overnight camp can be intense. Campers will be housed in cabins and all meals will be prepared by certified staff in our beautiful dining hall. Our caring staff are trained to guide youth through conflict, providing opportunities to practice communication, empathy, and compassion — key components of maintaining positive relationships. Your son or daughter will learn so much more than fishing in this program, sign up today!

<https://www.azoutdoored.org>

YOUR WEEK AT FISH CAMP

Participants should arrive at R-C Scout Ranch by 4:00 on Sunday to get checked in. The week will start with foundational experiences ranging from classroom time to experiential opportunities like seining for insects in Christopher Creek. As the week advances, the group will venture daily to new and exciting fishing locations where participants will learn how to cast into creeks, wade in streams, and fish from canoes in lakes. Additionally, we will have expert lectures and an opportunity to visit the State Fish Hatchery. The week will conclude on Friday afternoon with a short graduation ceremony at 4:00.

CAMP CURRICULUM WILL INCLUDE:

1. Casting Instruction
2. Fly Tying
3. Entomology
4. Leave No Trace
5. Knots
6. Soil and Water Conservation
7. Fish Handling
8. Fish Biology, Anatomy, and Pathology
9. Reading the Water
10. Fishing First Aid
11. Night-time fishing
12. How to cook a fish



SESSION DATES AND PRICING

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SESSION DATES

The Fish Camp Program will run for 3 sessions.

Select one of the dates below and register at:

<https://www.azoutdoored.org/>

Session #1: June 5 - 11

Session #2: June 12 – June 18

Session #3: June 19 – June 25

PRICING

Fish Camp costs \$525 and includes the following:

- Meals, Lodging, and Transportation
- Camp Shirt and other cool swag
- All program supplies
- A tour of the Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery
- AZ State Hunting and Fishing License

Participants not registered in Scouting will need to pay a one-time membership fee of \$100 that includes general liability, secondary health insurance coverage, and access to the many programs offered by the scouting program.

REFUND POLICY

In case of the death of an immediate family member, sickness or injury prior to attending camp, or military transfer we will refund all but \$150 of fees paid when verified by a physician, military commander, or such official. Participants that leave camp during the session, for any reason, will not receive a refund. Our Camps strive to provide the very best program. We sign contracts with staff and vendors in February. Reservation cancellations after May 1st undermine our ability to provide a quality program. Reasons such as vacation schedule, summer school, and last-minute changes of mind are not acceptable reasons for refunds.



CAMP DETAILS AND CHECK-IN

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R-C SCOUT RANCH HOUSING AND DINING

Participants will be housed in twin-sized bunk beds in cabins at R-C Scout Ranch and will eat most meals in the camp dining hall. Facilities may be viewed at: www.azoutdoored.org

Please arrive for Check-in at R-C Scout Ranch between 3:00 and 4:00 on Sunday.

The camp is located at:
19887 E AZ Hwy 260
Payson, AZ 85541

MAILING INFORMATION

Post mail 3-5 days in advance of camp arrival day to ensure a timely delivery. For all mail:

Youth Name - Session #
R-C SCOUT RANCH
19887 AZ-260
Payson AZ 85541

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

R-C SCOUT RANCH
19887 AZ-260
Payson AZ 85541
Emergency Contact Number: (928) 478-4500

Service Center Office

8840 E Chaparral Rd. Ste. 200
Scottsdale, AZ 85250
Monday - Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm
For registration questions call 602-955-7747

TRADING POST

The Trading Post will be open at convenient hours every day during camp. The Trading Post will carry camp t-shirts, patches, souvenirs, merit badge pamphlets, craft supply materials, soft drinks, candy, and a wide selection of outdoor supplies.

CHECK-IN

All participants should check-in on Sunday at R-C Scout Ranch by 4:00pm. **Participants will need to bring the following forms:**

1. BSA Health and Medical Record: [Annual Health and Medical Record](#)
2. [Trout Unlimited Personal Injury Consent Form](#) and [Photo Waiver](#)
3. [Swim Test](#) — In order to ensure safety in watercraft, all participants must pass a BSA Swimmer Test. Participants can take this test at their local swimming pool or we will schedule a time to do so at our Heard Scout Pueblo facility in Phoenix. **Please see Swim Test Verification Form in appendix.**
4. [COVID At Risk Statement](#)
5. [Pre-event Medical Screening Checklist](#)



PACKING LIST

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PACKING

Preparing for camp is an easy process, but it does require planning ahead. The following check list is designed to guide so you are comfortable at camp.

Most anglers are comfortable with their own gear and we encourage you to bring your own gear; however, the camp will have rods and equipment necessary to support those without gear.

All participants will be receiving some awesome fishing swag including:

- Camp Shirt
- Fishing License
- Fly box & flies
- Fishing vest or sling pack
- Hemostat, nippers, flies, tippet, leaders
- A year's membership in Trout Unlimited

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME:

- Gaming devices, electronics
- Matches, lighters, hot sparks
- Laser pointers
- Bicycles
- Fireworks
- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, smoking devices or vapes
- Sheath knives
- Personal firearms or projectile items such as wrist rockets
- Pets

LOST PROPERTY

Prior to arriving at camp, encourage youth to clearly mark all personal items with their name. This will help return items to them before departure. Lost and Found is in Camp HQ. Any items left at camp will be stored at our Council Service Center for 30 days and then donated to the local charities.

CAMP PACKING CHECK LIST

LABEL EVERYTHING

CLOTHING:

- 5 tee shirts
- Fleece or wool vest or jacket
- Rain jacket
- 2 shorts
- Swimsuit
- One pair long pants
- Wicking long underwear (optional)
- Socks and underwear
- Wide brimmed hat
- Water shoes (Due to sharp rocks, we recommend closed toe shoes, not sandals, no flip-flops)
- A pair of shoes to wear around camp

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Bandanna
- Towel and wash cloth
- Pocketknife
- Toiletries: toothbrush, paste, brush/comb, soap, shampoo, deodorant, insect repellent, and feminine hygiene products.
- shaving gear
- Reusable water bottle
- Flashlight
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses—Polarized
- Waterproof watch
- Whistle
- Sleeping Bag or twin-size sheet and blanket, pillow
- Day pack
- Spending money for Trading Post

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

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HEALTH LODGE

The Camp Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by qualified medical personnel. Arrangements have been made with the local rescue squads and hospitals to handle any medical emergencies.

MEDICAL FORM

Any person staying overnight must submit a Personal Annual Health and Medical Record upon arrival at Camp.

Please understand that the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record is the only medical form recognized by Scouting—sport, military, or other medical records may not be substituted.

The annual health and medical record is provided as a fillable PDF [Annual Health and Medical Record](#), and parents are encouraged to fill it out on their computer, then print the record (rather than printing the record and filling it out by hand). Doing this will improve the readability and accuracy of each member's medical information. **Please bring a paper copy with you to camp.**

SPECIAL NEEDS/FOOD ALLERGY REQUESTS

Please communicate special needs prior to arrival at camp. On Sunday, any participants with special dietary needs should visit with the dining hall staff to discuss accommodations that the camp can make for their diet.

MEDICATION POLICY

Grand Canyon Council requires that all prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications be stored under lock and key, except when in the controlled presence of health care staff or Adult Leader responsible for the administration and /or dispensing of medications.

- Emergency medications such as inhalers, Epipen's, and nitro should be maintained on the patient's person.
- Refrigerated medications may be stored at the Health Lodge or in the campsite if secured under lock and key.
- All medication should be in a container issued by a pharmacist with the medication name and strength, the dose and dose frequency clearly marked on the container.



CAMP SAFETY

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WILDLIFE SAFETY

Youth have an opportunity to observe many types of wildlife that includes deer, bats, raccoons, birds, skunks, turkey, snakes, coyotes, amphibians, and bears. It is wise to remember that these animals are the permanent residents of the backcountry.

Therefore, treat all animals with respect and observe from a distance. Store all food in a secure place.

Do not follow, feed, tease, or handle wildlife. If you discover a snake or an animal that is behaving strangely, please notify the camp staff immediately.

Please leave food and sodas at home! Do not eat food and drinks in cabins. Make sure your youth keep their sleeping bags free of food smells by changing their clothes before going to bed and washing hands and faces. Please haul all bagged trash to dumpsters daily.

VISITING CAMP

Visitors are not allowed when the camp is operating under Communicable Disease Protocols during the era of COVID-19.

YOUTH EARLY RELEASE POLICY

1. Verification must be made to assure that the person requesting release is acting as the legal parent or guardian or under the direction of the legal parent or guardian.

Verification may be done by the following:

- Presentation of proper identification matched with the name listed as the legal parent or guardian on the youth's medical form.
- Contact via telephone with the legal parent or guardian. The telephone number used may be supplied by the Scoutmaster or obtained from the medical form.

2. It is understood that any person who requests the early release of a youth will abide by the policy set forth above and completes the early release form prior to the release of the youth.

3. It is understood that a youth will never be released to another youth under 18 years of age without verified permission from the legal parent or guardian.



A HEALTHY CAMP BEGINS AND ENDS AT HOME!

A healthy camp really does start at home.

Here are some actions you can take to help your child have a great camp experience.

1. If your child is sick, stay at home - If your child is showing signs of illness such as running a temperature, throwing up, has diarrhea, nasal drainage and/or coughing/sneezing, keep the child home. This reduces the spread of illness at camp and supports your child's recovery. Know your camp's policy about illness and camp attendance.
2. A Scout is clean - Teach your child to sneeze/cough in his/her sleeve and to wash his/her hands often while at camp, especially before eating and after toileting. If you really want to achieve impact, teach your child to accompany hand washing with another behavior: keeping their hands away from their face.
3. Let us know how we can support your child's health needs - If your child has mental, emotional, or social health challenges, talk with a camp representative before camp starts. Proactively discussing a camp's ability to accommodate a child can help minimize – if not eliminate – potential problems.
4. Inform us of any unique nutritional needs ahead of time - Should your child need a particular nutrition plan because of allergies, intolerances or a diagnosis (e.g., diabetes), note these on the Health History form but also contact the camp to make sure (a) they have noted that need and (b) the camp can address it. Discuss how your child will receive appropriate meals and snacks then explain that to your camper. Should your child be uncomfortable with the plan, arrange for a camp staff member to assist/monitor the process until the child is comfortable.
5. Pack closed toed shoes - Make sure your child has and wears appropriate closed toed shoes for activities such as soccer and hiking, and that your child understands that camp is a more rugged environment than home. Talk with your child about wearing appropriate shoes to avoid slips, trips and falls that, in turn, can result in injuries such as sprained ankles.
6. Dress in layers - Send enough clothes so your child can dress in layers. Mornings can be chilly and afternoons get quite warm. Dressing in layers allows your child to remove clothing as s/he warms while still enjoying camp.
7. Be well rested before and during camp - Fatigue plays a part in both injuries and illnesses – and camp is a very busy place! If your child is going to a day camp, be sure they get enough rest at night. If the child will be at a resident camp, explain that camp is not like a sleepover; they need to sleep, not stay up all night!
8. “Be Prepared” for sun protection - Remember to send sunscreen appropriate to the camp's geographic location and that your child has tried at home. Teach your child how to apply his/her sunscreen and how often to do so.
9. Bring a reusable water bottle - Instruct your child to use it and refill it frequently during their camp stay. Staying hydrated is important to a healthy camp experience, something your child can assess by noting the color of their urine (“pee”); go for light yellow.
10. Help your youth understand who to talk to if they have a concern - Talk with your child about telling their leaders, Health Officer, the nurse, or camp director about anything that is troublesome for them at camp. These leaders can be quite helpful as children learn to handle being lonesome for home or cope with things such as losing something special. These helpers can't be helpful if they don't know about the problem – so talk to them.
11. Let us know how we can help - Should something come up during the camp experience or afterward — contact the camp's representative and let them know. Camps want to partner effectively with parents; sharing information makes this possible.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



BSA Swim Test Certification

A BSA Lifeguard or Red Cross Lifeguard **MUST** administer this test. A copy of their certification card **MUST** accompany this form. Incomplete forms, or absence of proof of certification, will void the Swim Test.

Note to Lifeguard:

It is very important that you administer this test exactly as stated. Do not make exceptions for any reason. There are three classification levels in the BSA Swim Test. The first is **SWIMMER**, which will allow the scout to swim in all areas, boat in open areas of a lake, and participate in waterskiing and open sea activities. The second is **BEGINNER**, which will permit limited boating and swimming. The third is **LEARNER**, which will permit wading and boating only with qualified accompaniment in safe watercraft.

SWIMMERS must demonstrate the following:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl (no dog-paddle); then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating for one minute.

BEGINNERS must demonstrate the following:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to the starting place.

LEARNERS are those who cannot pass the test required of **SWIMMERS** or **BEGINNERS**.

CERTIFICATION

I attest to the validity of the Swim Test administered by me on _____, 20____. A copy of my certification is attached. I understand that classifying an unqualified scout as a Swimmer or Beginner could endanger the health and safety of the individual and others.

Scout Name _____ Unit Number _____

Pool Name and Location _____

Demonstrated Classification (circle one) **SWIMMER** **BEGINNER** **LEARNER**

Name of Lifeguard (print) _____

Circle One: **BSA LIFEGUARD** **RED CROSS LIFEGUARD**

Certification Expiration _____, 20____

Signature _____

Form invalid
without
attached COPY
of Certification
Card



Personal Injury Consent Form:

I, _____, am at least eighteen years of age and have prepared myself to participate in the AZTU-BSA Fish Camp project of the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited by familiarizing myself with the physical demands involved in participating in the project. I am in good physical condition and am capable of meeting those physical demands. I understand that projects like this one can involve the risk of death or serious physical injury and agree to assume that risk. I also agree to release and indemnify Trout Unlimited, its officers, trustees, directors, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, and judgments arising from injuries or damages in connection with my participation in the project.

_____ (Signature)

Date: _____

Parental Consent Form:

I _____, am the parent/legal guardian of _____.

I hereby consent to his/her participation in the **AZTU-BSA Fish Camp** of the **Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited**. In determining whether to allow _____ to participate, I recognize that Trout Unlimited cannot be responsible for him/her in the event of injury while participating. I also realize that participation can involve the risk of serious physical injury or death and agree, on his/her behalf, to assume those risks.

I agree to release and indemnify Trout Unlimited, its officers, trustees, directors, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, and judgments arising from injuries or damages in connection with his/her participation.

_____ (Signature of parent or legal guardian)

Date: _____



Photo Waiver Form

I hereby give **Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited** the right to use photographs taken of me this date for publishing, illustration, advertising, trade and promotion, or any other use in any medium for any purpose.

I release Trout Unlimited from any claims and demands arising out of the use of the photographs. This release also covers legal representatives and any licensees of these photographs. I understand that photographs will be copyrighted in the name of Trout Unlimited and may be used in conjunction with other photographs, as part of a composite, or in any form whatsoever.

I am 18 years old or older. ___ Yes ___ No

Model name (please print): _____

Signature of Model: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Witness (please print): _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Date: _____

If the model is under 18 years of age, consent should be given by parent or guardian as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of (please print model name)_____.

For the model named above, and for value received, I do give my consent without reservations to the foregoing on behalf of him or her or them.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Witness (please print): _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Please return this completed form to: (enter your chapter information here)

Shirt Size: _____

Do you fish left handed or right handed? _____



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