

## NCTU ANNOUNCES THE SELECTION OF OUR SECOND TEEN SUMMIT 2015 ATTEENDEE

Congratulations to Susie Lusardi for being selected to attend the 2015 Teen Summit in Cullowee, NC. Susie previously attended the Teen Summit 2014 in Wisconsin. Susie represents the Nat Green Fly Fishers Chapter.



Trout Unlimited 2014 & 15 Teen Summit Comments by **SUSIE LUSARDI**

I was lucky enough to be chosen to attend the 2014 TU Teen Summit in Wisconsin last year. Having been to NC Rivercourse, which is another TU sponsored camp for teens, I was excited to have been accepted to go based on how much I enjoyed Rivercourse. The summit was five days long and nothing like I had expected. On the first day of the summit I arrived at the LaCrosse airport and quickly met a few of my fellow summiteers and we began our drive out to Sugar Creek. Being packed in a van with five guys from all over the country that I barely knew was an interesting experience to say the least. By the time I arrived we were all friends, and I was pleasantly surprised to hear that after I was done settling in I was welcome to go fishing with the rest of the group that had already arrived. After fishing we came back and had dinner with the rest of the campers, and then played possibly the most strange introduction game that I have ever participated in. By the time the game was over most of us were fairly comfortable with each other and it was time for bed. Over the next couple of days we plotted out how we could get more teens involved with TU which is one of the main goals of the summit. In this summit and past summits the staff and teens have brainstormed to try to find ways to get more teens involved in the objectives of TU. The task really isn't that simple and many ideas were exchanged for future consideration. I have high hopes for continued progress at the 2015 summit to which I have just been accepted. Now that I will be a returning summiteer I think that I will be able to have a big impact on the group this year. One of my favorite moments from last years' summit was probably the huge discussion we had on the very last night talking about our mission. I felt very involved and like I was making a big impact. I think that anyone who has a passion for fishing, conservation, and is inspired to get involved should consider the summit. I had a fantastic time last year and I can't wait for this year's camp in Cullowee, NC to begin!

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