

Nat Greene Fly Fishers Member Attends Trout Unlimited 2014 Youth Summit



TU Teen Summit, Ferryville, Wisconsin, 2014

15-year old Susie Lusardi is a member of Greensboro, NC's [Nat Greene Fly Fishers](#) Chapter (324) of Trout Unlimited. She recently returned from a 5-day youth summit sponsored by TU in Ferryville, Wisconsin. The summit, held June 28-July 2 this year, is held annually and is intended to prepare young men and women ages 14-18 for future leadership roles in their respective TU chapters. Twenty-three young men and two young ladies participated this year. Susie felt so strongly that this experience would benefit her education that she paid the \$200.00 TU fee and her airfare from her own savings.

Susie has been a fly fisher since age 10 when she first fished for trout at ranches in Torry and Flaming Gorge, Utah with her grandfather, Adam Irving, President of Nat Greene Fly Fishers.



Rivercourse, Canton, North Carolina, 2012



Big Horn River, Fort Smith, Montana, 2013

In 2012, Susie attended a week-long retreat at [NCTU Rivercourse](#) in Canton, NC where, in addition to fly tying and fishing, she learned about entomology, stream restoration and cold water conservation.

In 2013, Susie was one of only 12 youths selected by the [Bighorn River Alliance](#) to spend a week fly fishing the Bighorn River in Fort Smith, Montana. Boys and girls ages 12 to 17 from around the country are nominated and selected for a venture on this famed river. Traveling to Montana by herself, Susie spent a week fishing from drift boats and wading with professional guides, tying flies and improving her casting. She modestly claims that the 45 rainbow and brown trout that she caught and released were more than those caught by many of the boys who attended.

Susie is a sophomore and an A student at Middle Creek High School in Apex, NC, where she is a goalie for the school soccer team. She also enjoys volunteering at her local SPCA. Her future ambitions are to become a small animal veterinarian, a TU Chapter Leader and a more accomplished fly fisher.