The 15th Annual Tie-a-thon Focuses on Nationwide
Trout Unlimited Youth Camps

South Bend, IN, Dec, 11 2020 - On May 22nd, 2021, many avid fly tyers will come
together to tie as many flies as they can for all of the Trout Unlimited Youth Camps
held across the United States.

All the flies from the Tie-A-Thon 15 will be distributed to Youth Camps across the
nation via the national coordinator.

Trout Unlimited summer camps are created for young people interested in fly
fishing. Camps include a comprehensive fly fishing curriculum and draw upon the
expertise and commitment of professional fly tyers, fishing guides, and
experienced TU volunteers. All levels of experience are welcome at TU’s camps,
and the goal is to have fun, learn a lot, and make friends with other young fly
fishers.

For more information, check out https://ww.tu.org/camps

For more Tie-a-thon information, visit sjrvff.com or Tie-a-thon on Facebook.

The premise of the Tie-a-thon is like an old fashioned barn raisin’, with several tyers tying as many flies as they can
for the cause.

Joining forces again this year to tie flies are members of: St. Joseph River Valley Fly
Fishers, The Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Duneland Fly Fishers, DuPage
Fly Tyers (DRIFT), Flygirls of Michigan, Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited,
The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, Reel Women, Reel Men of Indianapolis, Grand
River Fly Tyers, Anglers of the Au Sable, and many more clubs and individual tyers.

A bunch of tyers come together to tie 100 flies per person on a Saturday and at the
end of the day. We try our very best to surpass our previous all-time high of 20,300
flies donated.

If you are interested, pick just one pattern to tie, buy a box of 100 hooks, the materials and get tying! To get you
through the day, Chef Terry Wittorp will have a spectacular lunch for all the tyers, worth at least 200 flies, but we
will provide it to you for free!

Everyone is welcome, but please let us know so we can plan for lunch.

Also, so you’re not too bored just tying, we will have a guest tyer every other hour
show off his or her special pattern. We will have a video system set up to view from
your tying station. The Tie-a-thon will last from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

If you are not a fast tyer and can’t complete your 100 flies in that time, this is a good
time to get a jump on your flies. We would certainly take more than 100 from anyone
if they are ambitious and want to tie flies in advance.

You don’t have to be an expert tyer to donate flies. Many first time fly tyers have participated; this gives you a
chance to become very good tying at least one fly. If you need help learning a pattern, contact Tim Scott, and he
will be happy to give you a lesson or you can see many videos of flies being tied on the Tie-a-thon Facebook page.
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As in the past, the Elkhart Conservation Club has graciously donated the use of their main building for the Tie-a-thon.

The previous 14 Tie-a-thons distributed over 150,000 flies to the following 15 groups: Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited Youth Camp, The Brotherhood of the Junglecock Youth Program, Reel and Heal of Toledo, Casting for Recovery of Indiana, Project Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, National Fishing in Schools Program, Warriors and Quiet Waters, Flyin’ Heroes of Michigan, Casting for Recovery of Indiana, Casting for Recovery of Michigan, Illinois Trout Unlimited Youth Camp, Trout Unlimited Teen Summit, Anglers of the Au Sable Youth Program, The Mayfly Project and Camp Kita.

Pick a pattern, tie it up and donate to the Tie-a-thon!
These are the flies we ask you to tie:

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If you cannot make the Tie-a-thon, please mail flies to: Tim Scott - 711 Forest Ave. South Bend, IN 46616.

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