

## Dear Friend,

Now in our fifth year of operation, the National Trout Center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is striving to expand its programs and offerings to the community. Since 2010, over 4000 visitors have come to the Trout Center in Preston, or participated in our programs. Individuals, families, church groups, seniors, school classes and youth groups have learned about our fish and fishing, insects, karst geology, and water quality. Over 74% of these visitors came from outside Fillmore County to enjoy the natural beauty of the driftless area, and the hospitality of the people of the Root River Valley.



To honor our educational mission, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. Without your assistance, we wouldn't be able to provide hands-on learning about the trout resources in our community each year.

We ask that you make a commitment to support the National Trout Center by becoming a sponsor, renewing your sponsorship, or, by making a cash donation. Your tax-deductible donation, regardless of size, will make a difference in our community.

## Your sponsorship benefits

you, or your business, by recognizing your support on our website at [nationaltroutcenter.org/support-us/sponsors](http://nationaltroutcenter.org/support-us/sponsors), and, in our Annual Report.

Businesses that provide the NTC with contact information and a web address can be hot-linked directly from our website.

Individual sponsors are eligible for a 10% discount on NTC retail merchandise, and printed copies of our newsletters and annual report. Sustaining members will have an identifying name plate placed at the center.



The greatest benefit of all is knowing that supporting the Trout Center will bring joy and knowledge to all those who participate in our educational programs.

Please add your sponsorship to the support of our volunteers and staff in making the National Trout Center the go-to place for

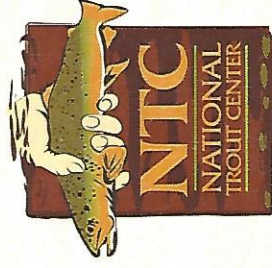
## All Things Trout

Sincerely,

George Spangler, Chairman  
National Trout Center Board of Directors

# National Trout Center

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A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



# Sponsor the National Trout Center

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We thank you for your tax-deductible donation



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## Annual Sponsorship

- Student \$20
- Individual \$35
- Household \$50
- Business \$100

## Sustaining Sponsorship

- Pay \$50 the first year and pledge \$100 for each of the following 4 years

Please pay by check: National Trout Center, PO Box 512, Preston, MN 55965  
For credit card payments, please go to: <http://nationaltroutcenter.org/support-us>

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## Our Vision

The National Trout Center provides an experiential education and outreach program for people of all ages and abilities engaging them in the ecosystem that supports healthy trout populations. By increasing public awareness of the rich diversity of life in these waters, and by promoting the arts, cultural heritage and experience of trout fishing and angling in cold-water streams and rivers, we hope to instill a life-long respect and admiration for trout and their environments.

The National Trout Center in Preston, Minnesota, provides exhibits, research, and experiential programs focused on trout biology and behavior, trout habitat and cold-water stream habitat and resources. Our home in the Root River valley provides an anchor for on-site activities in the science of aquatic ecology, angling experience, fishery management, and a window into stream habitats characteristic of trout streams in the region.

We believe that life-long learning opportunities will continue to improve the lives and experiences of our citizens, fostering an ethic and appreciation for sustainable cold-water environments.

The mission of the National Trout Center is to conserve our natural and cultural heritage of trout and their cold-water environments by engaging the public through education, practice and awareness. A public well-informed about cold-water streams and trout habitat, appreciative of the intrinsic beauty of trout, and the importance of the trout fishery to our culture, will develop strong motivation for conservation and responsible stewardship of these resources.