



# Green Mountain Conservation Camp Application 2013

"Teaching Youth about Vermont's Natural Resources"

The mission of the Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) Program is to educate youth about Vermont's natural resources. They learn about fish and wildlife, the safe use of firearms, and related activities. Camp activities are educational & fun, offering many creative hands-on experiences.

The success of natural resources conservation depends on people's awareness and understanding of natural resource management. One way you can help is to encourage young men and women to attend one of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's Conservation Camps. You have the opportunity to give a young person the chance to learn about Vermont's natural resources, as well as fishing, hunting, canoeing, hiking, and camping.

## Camp Information That Every Parent Should Read!

### New This Year:

**Starting with 2013 we are moving to an online application process.** We encourage everyone to take advantage of this new system. To apply online you must complete all required fields and pay by either Visa or MasterCard through our secure link on our website at:  
[www.vtfishandwildlife.com/edu\\_camps.cfm](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/edu_camps.cfm).

**\*\* If your child is being sponsored** you are required to contact your sponsor and get either verbal approval or e-mail confirmation of sponsorship before completing your on-line application. If your child is being sponsored, check the appropriate box on the application. **No payment is required** as the Department will bill sponsors directly.

### The Basics

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department (VT FWD) operates two residential camps:

- 1) Edward F. Kehoe Conservation Camp located on Lake Bomoseen in Castleton.
- 2) Buck Lake Conservation Camp located on Buck Lake in Woodbury.

**Separate weeks** are offered for girls and boys.

**Basic sessions** are for youth ages 12 through 14. A camper must have reached his or her 12th birthday before or during their week of camp. **No exceptions are made for age.**

**Advanced sessions** are offered for youth ages 12 through 16 who have **graduated from a Basic session**, and **have passed a hunter education course**. Sessions fill very quickly. We encourage early registration. **No exceptions are made for age.**

## Activities

- Forests & forestry
- Wetland ecology
- Orienteering
- Outdoor safety skills
- Fly fishing and spin casting
- Fly tying
- Archery
- Hiking & camping
- Canoeing
- Firearm safety
- Fish & Wildlife of Vermont
- Basic first aid

## Hunter Education

Basic session campers experience Vermont's Hunter & Bow Hunter combination course. Hunter and Bow Hunter Education are important segments of the week, and safety is the main emphasis. With successful completion of these courses, the camper will receive both their State Hunter Education and Bow Hunter Certifications. **Even if your child has already successfully completed and passed a Hunter Safety course** they are required to participate in this curriculum again at the Basic level.

All firearm use is under close supervision. Campers are expected to study the Hunter and Bow Hunter Education Manuals (sent upon registration); and complete the workbook activities before attending camp. The manuals and workbooks should be brought with the camper to camp. All courses are taught by certified Hunter Education Instructors.

## Advanced Camp Session

**Only youth who have graduated from a Basic GMCC session** and who have passed a **Hunter Education course** are allowed to attend the Advanced Camp Training Session. (***Passing Hunter Safety outside of GMCC does not qualify a youth to attend an Advanced Session.***) This week emphasizes more hands-on experiences in fishing, hunting, shooting, outdoor recreation, and provides more in-depth education on natural resources management. Students must choose either Certification in Trapper Education or to participate in our new course "Blinds, Boats, Buddies: Waterfowl Identification and Hunting." Campers are not allowed to take both courses in the same session.

## Junior Counselors

Once a youth has completed both a Basic and an Advanced session at GMCC, they have an opportunity to be nominated by camp staff to be a Junior Counselor (JC). JCs assist staff with camp activities and gain valuable youth leadership experience. Individuals who are not chosen by camp staff, but would still like to be considered as a JC can apply by writing a letter of interest and submitting a letter of recommendation from a non-family member.

## Camp Directors and Natural Resource Counselors

Much of our staff have been with the camp program for many years, and many are former campers themselves. Staff are selected for their ability to work with youth and their expertise in one or more areas of conservation. All instructors must undergo an intensive orientation program and background check. Vermont State Game Wardens and Certified Hunter Education Instructors supervise all of the firearm related activities.

## Cost

The cost is \$250 per child for a Basic or Advance session. Starting this year we are moving to an online application process which requires payment by credit card. We accept both Visa & MasterCard. It would be our preference that you register online. For those who do not have a computer or access to a computer you may still register via standard paper application. If registering by paper, please enclose a check, made payable to VT Fish & Wildlife. The check **must** accompany the application. **Sponsors no longer should include payment** with applications for those students whom they have agreed to sponsor. **The Department will bill all sponsors directly at the end of the camp season.**

**No refunds are made unless written notice of cancellation is received at least two weeks prior to the start of the session. An e-mail to the main GMCC office constitutes written notification.**

## Scholarships

A) In 2013, GMCC will offer a limited number of scholarships thanks to the Vermont Legislature. To determine if your family qualifies for a scholarship you can download the GMCC Income Eligibility Instructions and Form from our website at: [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/edu\\_camps.cfm](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/edu_camps.cfm) or call the Montpelier Office at (802)-241-3768 and request the paperwork. If your household income is within the allowable limits then your child may be eligible to receive a full scholarship. **These scholarships are awarded on a first-come first-served basis and are based on economic need. Due to the limited number of scholarships not everyone who qualifies will receive scholarship funding.** All scholarship applications and information will be kept confidential.

B) Many civic organizations and fish and game clubs throughout Vermont sponsor youth to attend. Many of these scholarships are not based on economic need. If you would like a list of possible public sponsors, you can download the list from our website, call us at (802)-241-3768 or e-mail us at: [fwgmcc@state.vt.us](mailto:fwgmcc@state.vt.us) to request a copy of the Public Sponsor list.

**Campers who are sponsored by an organization, but do not attend the camp session they are registered for without giving a 2 week notice prior to the start of the session will be billed for the amount of their scholarship.**

## Deadlines

There is no deadline to apply. However, **it is strongly recommended** that first-time campers for Basic sessions or Advanced session campers wishing priority should submit their applications prior to April 1st.

**All applications are processed on a first-come first-served basis**, and because sessions fill quickly, applications sent after April 1st may not be able to get their first choice session.

**Camper's who have attended in a prior year and are planning to attend the same level program in the coming year are considered a "Repeat Camper."** Repeat campers will not be notified of their registration status until after April 1st.

**As advanced sessions are limited and fill quickly early registration is recommended.**

## Schedule

Camp sessions run from mid June to mid August. Weeks for boys and girls are separate and the schedule is listed in the application each year.

## **Waiting List & Second Choice**

If space is not available for the first choice week at camp that a youth wishes to attend, he or she will be placed in their second or third choice sessions, or they will be placed on a waiting list. If a camper is placed on the waiting list, the family will be notified by mail or phone call if space becomes available. **You may only be on one wait list.**

**Tuition for wait listed campers is refunded at the end of the camp season for those who were unable to attend. Please note that checks will be deposited and credit cards will be charged even if the child is placed on a waiting list. If you do not wish to keep your child in his or her second/third choice or on the waiting list, please contact us so we can refund the application fee immediately.**

## **Bunking Requests**

Children wishing to bunk together should check in early and arrive together at camp if at all possible. Cabins fill as children arrive so that children's swimming abilities can be assessed.

## **Special Concerns**

GMCC is available to any child between the ages of 12 and 14 (12 and 16 for advanced sessions) regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual preference, religion or other non-merit factors.

We are happy to accommodate any special needs of campers to the best of our ability. On the application there is a section for you to describe any special needs. The camp medical staff keeps all medications secure and administers them as required per direction of the parents and/or doctor.

**It is essential for us to know about your child's physical, emotional, psychological, or behavioral issues so that we can make his or her camping session a wonderful learning and fun experience. Please don't be hesitant to share these issues on the registration form (all registration materials are confidential) or speak directly to the Camp Director or Assistant Director upon arrival at camp.**

## **Absences**

All efforts should be made to choose a week that your camper can attend in its entirety. Absences for any reason (little league, softball, and other sports or activities, etc.) may result in an inability to certify campers for the Hunter Education component of camp. Such absences should be arranged in advance with the GMCC office in Montpelier and the Camp Director.

This document is available upon request in large print, Braille, and audiocassette. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Security, Washington, D.C. 20240

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# Green Mountain Conservation Camp 2013 Schedule

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## Buck Lake, Woodbury, Vermont

Session Dates	Boys/Girls	Type of Session
June 16 – June 21	Boys	Regular
June 23 – June 28	Boys	Regular
*June 30 - July 5	<b>*Closed Session</b>	<b>Military Families Advanced – Co Ed</b>
July 7 – July 12	Girls	Regular
July 14 – July 19	<b>Teachers Week</b>	<b>No Campers</b>
July 21 – July 26	Girls	Regular
July 28 – August 2	Boys	<b>Advanced</b>
August 4 – August 9	Girls	<b>Advanced</b>
August 11 – August 16	Boys	Regular

## Kehoe / Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Vermont

Session Dates	Boys/Girls	Type of Session
June 16 – June 21	Boys	Regular
June 23 – June 28	Girls	Regular
*June 30 - July 5	<b>*Closed Session</b>	<b>Military Families – Co Ed</b>
July 7 – July 12	Boys	Regular
July 14 – July 19	Boys	<b>Advanced</b>
July 21 – July 26	Boys	<b>Advanced</b>
July 28 – August 2	Boys	Regular
August 4 – August 9	Boys	Regular
August 11 – August 16	Girls	Regular

**\* Camp session are closed to the general public and reserved for just children of military families through an agreement with the Vermont Army National Guard Youth Program.**

**\*\*July 19 – 21 The Natural Resources Management Academy** is a special weekend set aside at the Buck Lake Conservation Camp for high-school students (Grades 9-12) ready to explore, in-depth, Vermont's natural resources. At the Academy, you'll learn more about Vermont's forests, wildlife, soils and water ecology. For more information contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Teen & Leadership Specialist, at 866-260-5603 x402 or [lauren.traister@uvm.edu](mailto:lauren.traister@uvm.edu).

## GMCC 2013 Registration Form

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Has he/she previously attended GMCC Basic Session ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Advanced Session ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has he/she previously passed Hunter Safety: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Advanced Sessions only please choose certification preference ☐ Trapper Ed ☐ Boater Ed

### Parent Information

### Emergency Contact (Not a Parent)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Choose your location and your first, second & third choice of weeks to attend

Buck Lake <input type="checkbox"/>	Kehoe (Lake Bomoseen) <input type="checkbox"/>	1st _____
Buck Lake <input type="checkbox"/>	Kehoe (Lake Bomoseen) <input type="checkbox"/>	2nd _____
Buck Lake <input type="checkbox"/>	Kehoe (Lake Bomoseen) <input type="checkbox"/>	3rd _____

Payment Options: (only check one) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Check ☐ Sponsored

### Office Use Only

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code for Card Billing: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Digit Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor Information (if applicable)

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



# Camp Agreement Code of Conduct

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## Camp Rules

- I will not leave camp area except with instructor, parent or sponsor.
- I will swim only at scheduled times and under supervision.
- I will not possess cigarettes, alcohol, or other illegal drugs.
- **I will be courteous, neat, and clean and observe customary table manners.**
- **I will not use name calling, put downs, or obscene language or gestures.**
- I will not abuse camp property or equipment.
- I will attend all scheduled activities and abide by all other rules of conduct explained to me at camp.
- **I will respect other people's feelings, bodies, and property.**
- **I will not be involved in violence of any kind, including bullying, fighting with or threatening anyone.**

## As a Camper

I have read these rules and agree to follow them while at camp. I also understand that failure to observe these rules and common courtesies may lead to early dismissal from camp and failure to receive my certification card(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Camper's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

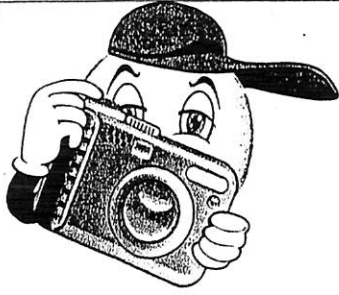
## As a Parent/Guardian

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the above rules, made certain that my  
Name of Parent/ Guardian  
child understands these rules. I further understand that failure on the part of my child to observe these rules and common courtesies may lead to his/her early dismissal from camp and failure to receive his/her certification card(s). No refunds are issued if a child is dismissed from camp for a violation of the code of conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Photo Release

The Fish & Wildlife Department takes photographs of camp activities. These photographs may be used for educational purposes and/or to inform others about the program. The photographs taken during each week session are also compiled into a presentation to be shown at the end of each week at the graduation ceremony for the campers and their families. The pictures will then be made available through a Fish & Wildlife web page, accessible by password, to participants within the camp program so families can download any/all of the photographs presented during the graduation ceremony. The web page will not be a secure site, although only those attending graduation will be provided the password to access the web pages specific to the camp slide shows and to minimize the opportunity for general public viewing. Also, at the graduation ceremony there will be the opportunity to have specific photographs containing images of your child removed prior to posting them to the web page by request.

I hereby authorize the photographing of my son or daughter,

\_\_\_\_\_ (camper's name) while participating in the Green Mountain Conservation Camp program activities, which can be used for educational or promotional opportunities and will be shown in the end of the week slide show at graduation. I understand that the slide photographs will be made available on a Fish & Wildlife web page to allow for the download of any / all photographs taken during the camp session by camp participants and their families with a password access. I understand that the web site is not a secure site, but safe guards will be put in place to minimize general public viewing. I understand that I have the right to request, at the graduation ceremony following the slide show, removal of specific photographs containing images of my child so that they will not appear on the web page and therefore not be made available for downloading.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Green Mountain Conservation Camps Medical Certificate

Medical Certificate must be completed & signed by a physician, and returned with the child's application. All medical information is kept confidential. Providing complete information allows camp staff to fully meet your child's needs.

**For Completion by Parent / or guardian:**

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Both Parents/Guardians Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **EMERGENCY PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician to Notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents or guardian, please comment on any physical or emotional issue** your child may have (child's health problems, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, bedwetting, food allergies, and daily medications etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for my child to participate in the Green Mountain Conservation Camp program and in the event of sickness or injury; I give permission for my child to be treated by a doctor or hospital at my expense.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature

Camper must have his/her own insurance, Medicaid, or Dr. Dynasaur.

Name of Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid # \_\_\_\_\_



## Physician Section (GMCC Medical Certificate Page 2) :

I have examined \_\_\_\_\_ and find him/her fit to attend camp and engage in all activities with the following exceptions:

Date of physical: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Ear, Nose, Throat: \_\_\_\_\_

Lungs: \_\_\_\_\_ Hernia: \_\_\_\_\_ Heart: \_\_\_\_\_

Asthma: \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes: \_\_\_\_\_ Epilepsy: \_\_\_\_\_

DPT, DT or Tetanus toxiod: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Given: \_\_\_\_\_

Muscular/Skeletal \_\_\_\_\_ Neuro Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any reason for restricting the camper's activity in any way? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is he/she taking any medication that we should be aware of in an emergency, or medication that should be given in an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Physician's Signature)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember:** Camper must have been examined within the last two (2) years prior to the date he/she is attending camp. **If Doctor's portion of the Medical Certificate can not be turned in to the GMCC Office in Montpelier at least three (3) full weeks prior to the camp session**, prior approval must be granted for the forms to be brought to camp and turned in at camper check in. **Campers who's parents have failed to send the medical forms or bring them to registration will not be admitted to camp.**

# Camper Check List

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### Paperwork Check List

- ☐ Registration
- ☐ Photo Release Form
- ☐ Code of Conduct Form
- ☐ Medical Form – Physician portion (if applying online this part of the Medical Certificate must be submitted separately. Please note the Physician's portion of the Medical Certificate is due in the Montpelier Office of GMCC at least 3 weeks prior to your child's camp session.
- ☐ GMCC Scholarship Income Eligibility forms (if applicable)

### Reminders

- ☐ I understand that the age limit is 12 through 14 years unless the child is attending the Basic session. Children must reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday before or during their camp week.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- ☐ I understand that the age limit for Advanced sessions is 12 through 16 years. I understand that in order for my child to attend the Advanced session they must have graduated from a GMCC Basic session AND have successfully completed a Hunter Education course.
- ☐ I understand all campers attending a Basic session will participate in the Hunter Education course, among their other camp activities. **There is no alternate curriculum.**
- ☐ I understand that my child must have a complete physical examination within the previous two years. **When applying online** Page 1 of the medical form is a required form, and I agree that the Physician portion of the Medical Certificate will be mailed to the Montpelier GMCC office at least 3 weeks prior to my child's assigned camp session. **If applying by paper**, Page 1 of the Medical Certificate must be sent with the original application and the Physician's portion must be returned to the Montpelier GMCC office no later than 3 weeks prior to the assigned camping session.

**Only with prior approval may any part of the Medical Certificate be brought to camp at check-in time.**

- ☐ I understand that I, the parent or guardian, is responsible for health insurance and all bills associated with a camper's stay. **GMCC has no health care/medical coverage for campers.**
- ☐ I understand that no refund will be made unless **WRITTEN** notice that the camper will not attend has been received in our office **two (2) weeks in advance** of the camper's session. An E-mail sent two weeks prior is considered written notification.
- ☐ I understand that **ALL** refunds for tuition occur at the end of the camp season even if my child is placed on a waiting list and is unable to attend. I also understand that my check will be deposited, or my credit card charged, even if my child is placed on a waiting list. If I do not wish to keep my child on a waiting list I will contact the GMCC administrator and submit a **WRITTEN** request so that a refund can be made back to me.

- ☐ I understand that if my child is being sponsored by an organization and does not attend camp without giving a 2 week notice prior to the start of the session date I will be billed for the amount of the sponsorship.

**If we receive an application that is incomplete** we will send a letter requesting the missing information. **Failure to respond to our letter** in a timely manner may delay your child's enrollment in camp, and jeopardize the chance of getting into the session of his or her choice. Please be sure you have completed and included everything mentioned on the check list.

How did you hear about the Green Mountain Conservation Camps? \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent /Guardian, I have read and understand the checklist page information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please Mail Completed application to:**

Vermont Fish & Wildlife  
Attn: GMCC  
PO Box 1355  
Montpelier VT 05601