



# Green Mountain Conservation Camp Application 2017

“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 conservation, the safe use of firearms, and outdoor skills. Camp activities are educational and 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 while canoeing, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting and more.

## Camp Information That Every Parent/Guardian Should Read!

**The address and phone number for the main office of GMCC is:**

VT Fish & Wildlife Department  
Attn: GMCC  
1 National Life Dr., Davis 2  
Montpelier, VT 05620

**Phone:** (802)-828-1460    **Fax:** (802)-828-1250

### **New for 2017:**

- 1) Registration Changes:** Both parents will now be listed separately on the “registration” page. Each parent should list by preference the phone number(s) (most preferred, to least preferred) that they want the department to call in the event we need to contact you while your child is at camp.
- 2) Medical Certificate Changes.** It is our strong preference that your child’s physician complete and sign their section of our medical forms/ paperwork. This will cause less confusion for both parent, physicians, and camp staff at check in.
- 3) Advanced Backpacking** is now a choice for campers who registering for an Advanced Session.

**Reminders for 2017: Parents of children taking a basic session, the welcome information for camp will arrive in a “Blaze Orange” regular size business envelope.** We are no longer mailing manuals to basic session students unless there are extenuating circumstances. In your child’s welcome letter, you will find two links your child’s pre-camp required reading. Please write these links down and keep them in a safe location until your child is ready to do their required pre-session reading. The direct links to these readings are available at any time, and are at:

<http://www.hunter-ed.com/vermont/studyGuide/201049> for the hunter education, and  
<http://www.bowhunter-ed.com/vermont/studyGuide/301049> for bow education.

If your child is an **Advanced Session campers**, and is taking **Trapper Certification**, books will still be part of your welcome information. **Advanced Waterfowl and Advanced Backpacking students** have no required reading or books. An outline of the waterfowl course or backpacking course will be included in your welcome envelope, depending on the certification selected. If you have questions regarding hunter education registration, or do not have a computer or access to a computer, please call Jan Finn at: (802)-828-1460.

**We do require some medical information ahead of time, and will ask for it on the application.**

The Medical Certificate will be mailed to you when your child receives his/her Welcome letter.

**Parents, it is your responsibility** to complete the first page of the Medical Certificate. **Your child's physician** must complete and sign pages two and three. All pages of the Medical Certificate, along with photocopy of your child's medical insurance card, must be brought to camp check-in time.

**Remember** these forms are necessary for your child to attend camp.

**Our preference is that everyone registers for camp online.** To apply online you must complete all required fields. Parents/Guardians can pay by either Visa or MasterCard through the secure link on our website, or enter appropriate sponsor information including GMCC Scholarship requests.

Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/GMCCcampinfo-EPR>

## **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 offered 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**

- Forestry
- Wetland ecology
- Orienteering
- Outdoor safety skills
- Fly fishing and spin casting
- Fly tying
- Archery
- Hiking & camping
- Canoeing
- Firearm safety
- Wildlife Ecology
- 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 this course 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 strongly encouraged to do the pre-camp reading, and participate in this curriculum again at the basic level session.

All firearm use is under close supervision. Campers are expected to do the pre-camp reading online for the Basic Session Combined Hunter/Bow Hunter Education course. Advanced Trapper Ed students will continue to receive a manual and workbook, which must be brought to camp. Advanced Waterfowl students have no pre-camp readings or books. All hunter education-related course work at camp is taught by certified Hunter Education Instructors. Wardens supervise the ranges.

### **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 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 wildlife ecology, fishing, hunting, shooting, outdoor recreation, and provides more in-depth education on natural resources management. **Advanced session students must choose a certification in one of the following: Trapper Education, Advanced Backpacking, or Waterfowl Blinds, Boats, and Buddies.** Campers are allowed to take only one certification course during an Advanced 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. Only those nominated by the GMCC staff are eligible.

### **Camp Directors and Natural Resource Instructors**

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 for Camp & Online Application Payment**

**The cost is \$250 per child for a Basic or Advance Session.** Our online application process requires payment by credit card or sponsorship by an outside organization in order to be successful. 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.**

**If your child is sponsored**, when you get to the payment section of the online forms, please click on "Sponsored" (this also includes those applying for a GMCC Scholarship). Enter requested sponsor information and continue your registration forms. Those requesting a GMCC scholarship, please enter GMCC Scholarship, as the organization; Janet Finn as the contact person and our Montpelier address.

**No refunds are made unless written notice of cancellation is received at least two weeks prior to the start of the session. An email to the main GMCC office constitutes written notification. Please send your email to: [FWgmcc@vermont.gov](mailto:FWgmcc@vermont.gov)**

**Refunds are not issued until the end of the camp season.**

## **Scholarships**

**A)** In 2017, 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: <http://tinyurl.com/GMCCcampinfo-EPR> or call the Montpelier Office at (802)-828-1460 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. Not everyone who qualifies will receive scholarship funding due to the limited number of scholarships.** 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)-828-1460 or email us at: [fwgmcc@vermont.gov](mailto:fwgmcc@vermont.gov) to request a copy of the Public Sponsor list.

**Parents of campers who are sponsored by an organization, or receive a scholarship, 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 sponsorship or 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, applicants who submit after April 1st may not be able to get their first choice session.

**Campers 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. **Advanced Sessions are limited and fill quickly so 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 and online 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 hesitate 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 2017 Schedule

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## Buck Lake, Woodbury, Vermont

Session Dates	Boys/Girls	Type of Session
June 18 – June 23	Boys	Basic
June 25 – June 30	Boys	Basic
July 2 - July 7	Girls	Basic
July 9 – July 14	Boys	Basic
July 16 – July 21	<b>Teacher’s Course</b>	<b>No Campers</b>
July 23 – July 28	Boys	Basic
July 30 – August 4	Boys	Basic
August 6– August 11	Girls	<b>Advanced</b>
August 13– August 18	Boys	<b>Advanced</b>

## Kehoe / Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Vermont

Session Dates	Boys/Girls	Type of Session
June 18 – June 23	Boys	Basic
June 25 – June 30	Girls	Basic
July 2 - July 7	Boys	Basic
July 9 – July 14	Boys	Basic
July 16 – July 21	Boys	<b>Advanced</b>
July 23 – July 28	Girls	<b>Advanced</b>
July 30 – August 4	Boys	<b>Advanced</b>
August 6 – August 12	Boys	Basic
August 13– August 18	Girls	Basic

**\*\*July 7 – 9 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).

For questions about Green Mountain Conservation Camp registration, call: 802-828-1460.



**Before your child goes to camp there are some essential things we need to know so that we can make his/her camping session a safe and fun experience.** Please don't hesitate to share these issues on the registration form (all registration materials are confidential)

<b>Name of Child's Physician:</b>		
<b>Name of Practice (If applicable):</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>		

**Name of your Medical Insurance Carrier:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Group #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Insurance ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Medicaid #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exact Date of last physical:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(mm/dd/yyyy )** Last physical (must be within previous 2 years of date of camp session).

**Checking the Box indicates your child suffers from these Allergies or Restrictions**

<b>Drug Allergies</b>		<b>Dietary Restrictions</b>	
Penicillin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gluten Free Diet Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amoxicillin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lactose Intolerant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sulfa Drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nut Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other (please list)</b>		Shell Fish Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other (please list)</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Medical Condition</b>		<b>Medication Taken</b>	<b>Dosage</b>	<b>When Taken</b>
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Diabetic	<input type="checkbox"/>			
ADD	<input type="checkbox"/>			
ADHD	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Other (please list)</b>		<b>Other (please list)</b>	<b>Other (please list)</b>	<b>Other (please list)</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**Behavior issues – (Please Explain)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Social issues – (Please Explain)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Muscular/skeletal Issues – (Please Explain)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.
- I hereby authorize the use of my child's photograph to appear on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Social Media sites.

\_\_\_\_\_ (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.

**OR**

- I do not want my child photographed while at camp**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\*\* This Page Must Be Returned With Application**



# 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).

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Camper's Signature

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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.

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Parent / Guardian

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Date

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# Parental Consent Form

## To Participate in Hunter Education While at GMCC

**Directions:** All students under 16 years of age are required to have their parent/guardian complete, and sign the parental consent form below, so that they can participate in the hunter education portion of the GMCC curriculum Failure to complete this form will hold up the processing of this application.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the legal parent/guardian  
Name of Parent/Guardian  
of \_\_\_\_\_, give consent to participate in the hunter  
Name of Camper

education portion of the curriculum taught at the Green Mountain Conservation Camps. I understand that participation in this program may expose my child or ward to the many risks associated with learning firearm safety. I understand that the activities will include, but not be limited to, risks associated with outdoor recreation; handling firearms and bows and arrows, and target shooting. I expressly assume these and all other risks associated with the Hunter Education Course. I hereby release and forever discharge, the State of Vermont, the Department, its agents, employees, volunteers, and other officers, from all actions, causes of action, damage claims, demands or judgments, which my child, I, our heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have against the Department, its agents, employees and other officers, for all injuries, of whatever nature, including injuries to property, caused by or arising out of, the above described program. I also understand that course instructors shall make the final decision as to whether a student is qualified to receive a hunter education certificate, based on standards established by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Hunter Education Program.

**Student's name** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of parent/guardian** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent/guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

# GMCC Check List

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### Paperwork Check List

- Registration
- Photo Release Form
- Code of Conduct Form
- Parental Consent Form
- GMCC Scholarship Income Eligibility forms (if applicable)

Medical Form – The complete Medical Certificate is no longer part of the application paperwork. **The complete Medical Certificate form will be mailed to you when you child receives his/her welcome letter.** As a parent is it your responsibility to complete the first page of the Medical Certificate and have your child's physician complete and signs pages two and three. **All pages (parent and physician) of the Medical Certificate, along with a photocopy of your child's medical insurance card** must be brought to camp check-in time on Sunday. **Remember** without these completed forms in hand your child will not be admitted to camp.

### Reminders

- 1) I understand that the age limit for basic sessions of camp are age 12 through 14 years unless the child is attending an Advanced Session. Children must reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday either before or during the week they are a camp. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 2) 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.
- 3) I understand all campers attending a Basic Session will participate in the Hunter/Bow Hunter Education course, among their other camp activities. **There is no Alternate Curriculum.**
- 4) I understand that my child must have a complete physical examination within the previous two years of the camp session chosen.
- 5) I understand that it is my responsibility to complete page 1 and 2 of the Medical Certificate and that the pages labeled for "physician" be signed and completed by my child's physician. I further understand it is my responsibility to bring this paper work, along with a photocopy of my child's medical insurance card to camp check in. Without these forms, I understand that my child will not be admitted to his/ her camping session.
- 6) 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.**
- 7) I understand that no refund will be issued, and/ or that parents will be billed for the tuition cost unless **WRITTEN** notice that the camper will not be attending has been received in our Montpelier office **two (2) weeks in advance** of the camper's session. An e-mail sent two weeks prior is considered written notification.

8) 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.

9) I understand that if my child is being sponsored by an organization or receives a scholarship 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please Mail Completed application to:**

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department  
Attn: GMCC  
1 National Live Dr., Davis 2  
Montpelier VT 05620