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Agency of Natural Resources

Junior Counselor Orientation Details:

- **General Logistics**
 - *JCO is required for all first year JCs to attend.* Returners are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory.
 - **Dates:** June 5th and 6th
 - **Returners** should plan to arrive at 1:00pm Saturday and stay through 3:00pm Sunday.
 - **First year JCs** should plan to arrive at 2:30pm on Saturday and stay through 3:00pm Sunday.
 - Lunch will not be provided on Saturday, please eat before you arrive. Dinner will be served on Saturday as well as breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Snacks will be available throughout.
- **COVID-19 Considerations**
 - *All JCs must get a COVID-19 test within 3 days of arrival. Proof of a negative result must be brought to JCO with you.* Junior Counselors who have proof of full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 within 90 days of June 5th do not need to be tested. JCs who cannot provide evidence will not be permitted to attend. If you have any questions or concerns about this requirement, please reach out.
 - Vaccinations are **NOT** required for any JC, staff member, or camper to participate in GMCC this summer.
 - Junior Counselors and their families are encouraged to participate in low-risk activities only for the 14 days leading up to JCO.
 - All JCs will be required to complete a health screening upon arrival.
 - Any JCs feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms should stay home and not attend. If this applies to a first year JC, please contact Hannah.Phelps@vermont.gov to make alternate arrangements.
 - All JCs must bring a mask to keep on their person and wear when social distancing cannot be maintained. Most JCO activities will take place outdoors with distance; masks are not required during this time.
 - Any JCs interested will be permitted to sleep in the cabins with up to 6 other people. However, JCs are more than welcome to bring outdoor sleeping gear (tents, hammocks, etc.) and camp out within the designated area if they would feel more comfortable with their own sleeping space.
- **Packing List**
 - Warm layers!! Buck Lake gets very chilly at night in early June.
 - 1-2 masks
 - Any paperwork that has not been turned in yet (ask Hannah if you aren't sure!)
 - Sleeping bag and other sleeping gear, as needed
 - Close-toed shoes
 - Swim gear
 - Toiletries
 - Rain gear (weather dependent)
 - Any necessary medication

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns! Your Assistant Directors and I cannot wait to work with you and are looking forward to another great summer at GMCC!