

Waiting List

If space is not available at camp for the week the youth wishes to attend, he or she may be placed on a waiting list. If space becomes available the parent/guardian will be notified. Tuition is refunded for a camper placed on the waiting list who is unable to attend.



Special Concerns

GMCC is available to any child between the ages of 12 and 14 (12 and 16 for Advanced weeks) regardless of race, sex, age, disability, religion, or other non-merit factors. We are happy to accommodate any special needs of campers to the best of our ability.



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 activities) may result in an inability to certify campers for the Hunter Education component of GMCC. Such absences should be arranged in advance with the GMCC office in Montpelier.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Green Mountain Conservation Camps
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Montpelier, VT 05620

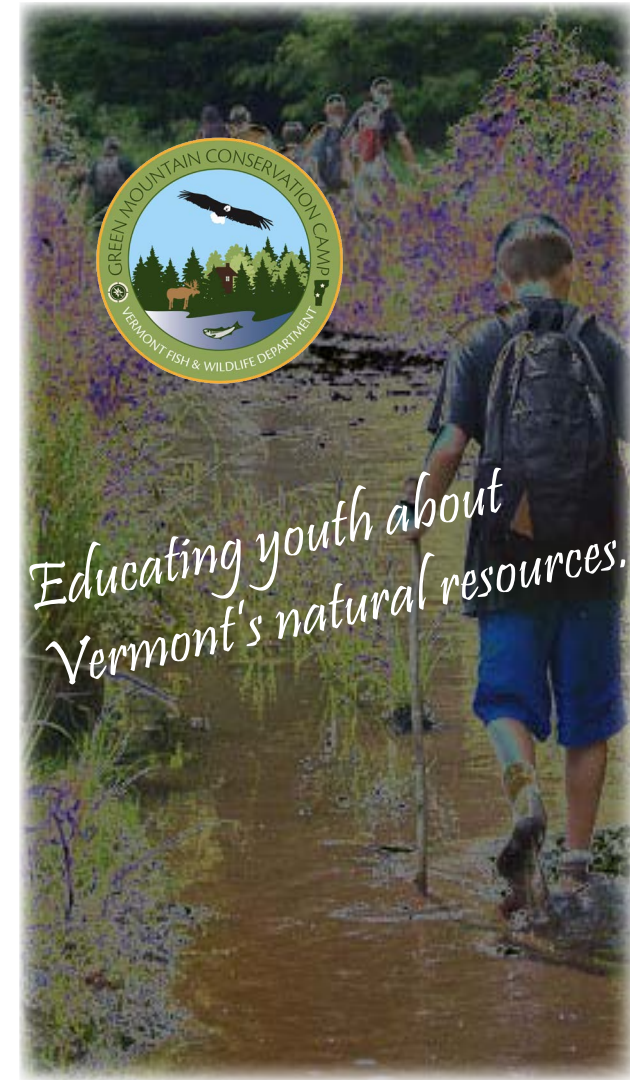
For registration questions or a paper copy, contact:

FWGMCC@vermont.gov
or (802) 522-2925

For camp operations questions, contact:

Hannah.Phelps@vermont.gov
or (802) 249-4199

www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/conservation-education/



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GMCC Background

Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) was established in 1966. Today the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department (VFWD) operates two week-long, residential camps from mid-June to mid-August. These camps are the Edward F. Kehoe camp located in Castleton and the Buck Lake camp located in Woodbury.

Wildlife education and outdoor skills are the focus at each camp, and the program's goal is to cultivate a caring attitude among our youth for Vermont's fish and wildlife resources.

Every summer, approximately 1,000 youth attend GMCC, where they participate in activities that enhance their knowledge and skills in the outdoors. They also have an opportunity to receive their hunter and bow education certifications.

Campers who complete a Basic week can attend an Advanced week, where they experience activities focusing on nature interpretation, specialized hunting techniques, and outdoor recreational skills. They have the opportunity to receive their trapper's education certification or participate in an in-depth waterfowl natural history and hunting course.

The Basics

Separate weeks are offered for girls and boys ages 12 through 14. Advanced weeks are offered for youth ages 12 through 16 who have completed a Basic week and have passed the Hunter Education course.

Activities

- Hunter Education
- Fishing
- Camping
- Forestry
- Hiking
- Orienteering
- Canoeing
- and more!

Staff

All of the staff are college students or college graduates, usually majoring in or with degrees in environmental education, forestry, biology, or conservation law enforcement. All instructors undergo an intensive training orientation. Vermont state game wardens supervise most of the firearm related activities.

Junior Counselors

Once a youth has completed both a Basic and an Advanced week, they have the opportunity to be nominated or apply to be a junior counselor and help with camp activities.

Applications

For online applications: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/GOTO> Learn More> GMCC
To request a paper copy, contact: fwgmcc@Vermont.gov or calling (802) 828-1460.

Camp Tuition

Tuition is \$250 per youth for a Basic or Advanced week. Payment can be made with a credit card payment during the online application process or with a check. Applications will not be processed until the GMCC office receives the payment. No refunds are made unless a written notice of cancellation is received two weeks prior to the start of the camp session.

Scholarships

GMCC offers a limited number of scholarships thanks to the Vermont Legislature. These scholarships are based on financial need, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Many civic organizations and fish and game clubs throughout Vermont sponsor youth to attend GMCC. For scholarship information visit: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/GOTO> Learn More> GMCC.