



Natural Resources Management Academy

July 10-12, 2009



Are you a high-school student interested in the environment and ready to explore, in depth, your passion for Vermont's natural resources?

If you answered yes to this question, then you should attend the 2nd annual Natural Resources Management Academy. Come ready to explore natural resources management, and share a weekend with other high school students from around Vermont that have the same interests.

The Natural Resources Management Academy has been developed for individuals just like you! The Academy is a weekend full of fantastic learning opportunities aimed at understanding Vermont's forests, wildlife, soils and water ecosystems. All programs will be hands-on and mostly outdoors.

Space is limited—sign up now!

Who:	High School Students (Grades 9-12) Who Are Interested in the Environment & Conservation
What:	Natural Resources Management Academy
Where:	Edward Kehoe Green Mountain Conservation Camp, Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, VT
When:	July 10—July 12, 2009 (starts at 7 p.m. & ends at 2 p.m.)
Cost:	\$90



This program is sponsored by the
University of Vermont Extension 4-H
and the
Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.



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Top 10 Reasons to Attend



Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Natural Resources Management Academy

1. Learn about and enjoy Vermont's diverse natural resources.
2. Explore natural resources management issues and what you can do to help.
3. Find out about careers related to natural resources management.
4. Learn from University of Vermont faculty, UVM Extension and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department staff, and other natural resources leaders.
5. Make new friends from across the state and learn about where they are from.
6. Enjoy a chance to be independent from your family in a safe, friendly environment.
7. Learn new ideas, skills and techniques you can use for the rest of your life.
8. Develop your leadership abilities.
9. Paddle a canoe, catch a fish or shoot a shotgun under expert supervision.
10. S'mores at the campfire!!! Need we say more....





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Tentative Agenda



Friday

- 7 p.m. Arrive / Check-In
- 7:30 Ice Breakers / Workshop I
- 10:00 Campfire / Free Time
- 11:00 Lights Out

Saturday

- 7 a.m. Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Workshop I
- 12 noon Lunch / Free Time
- 1 p.m. Workshop II
- 5 p.m. Dinner / Free Time
- 6 p.m. Canoe Scavenger Hunt
- 10 p.m. Campfire / Free Time
- 11:00 Lights Out

Sunday

- 7 a.m. Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Workshop III & IV
- 12 noon Lunch & Graduation
- 2 p.m. Clean-Up & Go Home



****Attention Parents****

Please join us for lunch on **Sunday, July 12 @ 12 noon**, followed by the 2009 Natural Resources Management Academy's graduation ceremony.





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Workshops



At the Natural Resources Management Academy you will have the opportunity to take five (5) in-depth, hands-on workshops with experts. Each workshop will allow for extensive exploration of the subject matter.

Tentative Workshops for 2009:

Friday

Natural Resources Management: Learn about natural resources management issues facing Vermont and the world through game playing.

Saturday

Let's Go Fly-Fishing: Learn how to tie a fly, match the hatch, various fly casts, fishing techniques and strategies, reading the water, and safe wading. You will also learn about water ecology and water resources management issues as well as become aware of and appreciate Vermont's fish population, their habitat needs and ways to be stewards of these resources.

Birding, Nature Interpretation & Habitat Management: Spend time on Kehoe's new nature trail learning bird songs, identification, habitat management for birds and other animals such as deer, salamanders, and snakes with an expert naturalist.

Sunday

The Changing Forest: Explore the forest and design your own scientific methods to observe the forest ecosystem closely. Use measurement tools to understand what is happening in the changing forest. Uncover the mysteries of forest management, and discover the secrets of the professional forester.

Shooting Sports: A hands-on introductory workshop to learn the proper safe techniques for basic shotgun shooting. With minimal coaching and expert supervision, participants will be able to hit fast flying targets.

How Does Attending the Academy Help in School?

Your educational experiences at the Academy will help prepare you, reinforce and enrich what you may have already learned in class and will help prepare you to study biology and earth sciences at school in the future. Attending the Academy will also be an asset to your college applications or when applying for a job or internship.





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Application



Please complete the following application and submit with payment by **June 19, 2009** to:

**Natural Resources Management Academy
UVM Extension 4-H
29 Sunset Drive #2
Morrisville, VT 05661**

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

County _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you require accommodations to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Educator, at 1-866-260-5603 x 103 by June 19, 2009 so that we may assist you.

How did you first learn about the Natural Resources Management Academy? (check one)

- At school or from a teacher
 At Envirothon competition
 At Green Mountain Conservation Camp
 Newspaper
 Youth group
 Friend
 An email message
 4-H Website
 Fish & Wildlife Website
 Don't know or can't remember
 Other (please specify): _____





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Please answer the following question:

Why do you want to attend the Natural Resources Management Academy?





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Parent or Guardian Consent Form (Required for youth under age 18 to participate)

I give permission for my child, _____ (name) to participate in the Natural Resources Management Academy (NRMA). I understand that even after reasonable precautions have been taken, NRMA activities may involve hazards, and that the University of Vermont Extension and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will provide each participant with due care, but that the University of Vermont Extension and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department cannot ensure my child will remain free of injury. I, nonetheless, wish to have my child participate. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the University of Vermont and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, their trustees, officers, employees and agents from any and all losses, penalties, injuries, damages, settlements, costs or other expense or liabilities arising out of NRMA activities. This release, however, is not intended to release the University of Vermont Extension and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department from causes of action arising out of the sole negligence of the University of Vermont Extension and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, their trustees, officers, employees or agents.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

***** NOTE*** - A confirmation letter will be sent to you after June 19, 2009 providing you with:**

- * Directions to Edward Kehoe Green Mountain Conservation Camp
- * Health Form to Complete and Return
- * Swimming Permission Form
- * Suggested Packing List
- * Other relevant materials

Staff and supervision for the Natural Resources Management Academy will be certified staff and volunteers of the University of Vermont Extension 4-H program.





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Code of Conduct Agreement

1. Appropriate attire for each activity is expected. Short shorts are not acceptable during any part of the Academy. If wearing shorts, they must reach mid-thigh or longer. Shirts must cover the belly button. No halters, tubes, midriff shirts or backless shirts are permitted. Undergarments should not be visible.
2. There will be no use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
3. The use of tobacco in all forms will be prohibited.
4. Participants will be charged for any property defacement for which they are responsible.
5. You must remain in the designated activity area at all times and attend all scheduled program sessions.
6. Use of personal vehicles is prohibited, and vehicle keys must be surrendered at check-in; keys will be returned when the program is finished and the participant is ready to depart.
7. At all times consideration for the rights of others to quiet and sleep is vital for everyone's welfare. Participants should act courteously at all times.
8. You must be in your own bunk and quiet at the designated time.
9. Failure to abide by any of these rules may result in immediate dismissal from the Academy, and the participant being sent home at his/her own expense or the parents' expense.

I have read and agree to abide by the code of conduct .

Signature of Participant

Date

I expect my child to abide by this code of conduct.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date





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Photo Release

The University of Vermont Extension 4-H Program and the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife may use my child's image in print, electronic, and/or video format for publishing in promotional material. I release all claims against the University and the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife with respect to copyright ownership and publication including any claim for compensation related to the use of the materials.

Check here if you do not want your child's image to be used for any purpose.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Application Checklist

- Completed application (page 5)
- Answer question why you want to attend the Natural Resources Management Academy (page 6)
- Signed Parent Consent, Photo Release, Code of Conduct (pages 7, 8, 9)
- Payment (Make checks payable to "UVM Extension.")**
- Mail to: UVM Extension 4-H, 29 Sunset Drive #2, Morrisville, VT 05661 by June 19, 2009.**

Please note: Fees will be refundable (minus a \$25 handling fee) for participants withdrawing before June 19, 2009. The fee is not refundable if you withdraw from the Academy after June 19, 2009.

