

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps



Don't miss the Denim and Diamonds barn dance!

The VYCC will host a benefit on October 28th to launch the final phase of our capital campaign, which has raised 80% of our \$3.7 million goal. Join us for an unforgettable evening at the West Monitor Barn, with a sensational dinner provided by Dish Catering followed by an evening of shenanigans. Kick up your heels to the sounds of the Starline Rhythm Boys, try your hand at lady luck, bid on the items at our silent auction, or simply watch it all unfold with good conversation and excellent libations!

To learn more about this extraordinary event to help wrap up the West Monitor Barn campaign, please [click here \(PDF\)](#), or contact Katey Gordon at 434-3969 ext. 111 or katey@vycc.org.

Join us for the 2nd Annual Alumni Rendezvous October 8th, 2006



VYCC will hold its second annual alumni reunion to bring together all past Corps Members, Crew Leaders, HQ staff, Board members, and volunteers at our new Youth Leadership, Education and Training Center in Richmond on

Columbus Day weekend. There will be good food, old friends, fun activities throughout the day, and an evening barbecue and dance! In addition, there will be a CCC reunion for family and friends of the 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps. Please [click here](#) for more information, or contact Polly Tobin at polly@vycc.org or 434-3969 ext. 130 to register. See you in October!

Corps Members put leadership skills to work in their home communities!

Four Wilderness Crews and two Roving Crews wrapped up their VYCC sessions by participating in a Youth Leadership Retreat held at the Training Center before heading home. The goal of the retreat was to help 35 Corps Members identify and implement a project in their home community that they could plan and lead with support from VYCC. Projects ranging from starting a neighborhood composting education program to revitalizing all conservation and environmental activities on a college campus are now underway with Corps Members leading them!

The VYCC is growing!



The move to the Youth Leadership, Education and Training Center at the West Monitor Barn has created exciting new programs, including a year-round Youth in Agriculture and Natural Resources Program that will

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Don Bicknell is truly a Volunteer Extraordinaire! Don's service at the VYCC has been outstanding for the past eight years, where he has helped with countless tasks large and small. Whether it is helping with fundraising mailings, Corps Member payroll or other office tasks, Don always gets the job done! Don also gets out into the field to visit VYCC crews to see the direct impact of his volunteer service, including a visit to a Conservation Leadership Presentation in Plainfield this summer. Don was recently honored as a Nominee for the Hometown Hero Volunteer Award by the United Way at their Celebration Breakfast. Thanks, Don, for your selfless dedication and for **everything** you do for the VYCC!

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enroll students from Lamoille Union High School and Mount Mansfield Union High School, a Technical Work Skills Program, a Blind and Visually Impaired program, and National Disaster Relief Crews, who will work year-round to assist with disaster relief efforts nationwide.

To help make all this happen VYCC is thrilled to welcome seven new people to Headquarters to coordinate these programs, many of whom are completing a year of service as AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers. We are thrilled to have Lisa Passerello, Matt Dragon, Justin Kenney, Matt Brantner, Cara Butterly, Sara Armstrong, Jennifer Trombley, and Kristin Kozik join our HQ team, and look forward to sharing their accomplishments and new programs with you as the year unfolds! [Click here](#) to meet our staff!

Project Profile:

A VYCC Fall Crew is currently on the ground completing a Vermont Lakes Inventory Project. The crew is working to inventory signage points at all public access points for Vermont lakes over 20-acres in size, as well as compiling GPS information about the lakes. Phase two of this project will involve VYCC Crews for the installation of site-specific signs that display the rules and regulations for public lake usage. Sponsored by the Vermont Natural Resources Board, this ambitious project is taking our crew to every corner of the state to help conserve, protect, and improve the usability of Vermont's lakes for all users. Thanks to our Lakes Crew for all of their hard work!

Quote of the Month

"Joining the VYCC was an experience that I will never forget not only because of the new experiences on trail work and knowledge I learned about the environment, but more importantly the gift of the human spirit and unexpected friendships. In the past I thought I did not need it and was something to be avoided because it seemed to get in the way of everything else. Now I know how wrong I have been and am now trying to make up for it."

--Jamie, 2006 Wilderness Corps Member

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