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Two Randolph Union High School students, Katie Yawney and Sarah Kresock, have been part of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, an organization that protects and maintains Vermont's habitats.

The VYCC is made up of different crews of eight to 10 crewmembers, ages 16-18 years old, and two crew leaders. Yawney has participated twice and Kresock once.

Both students were looking for summer jobs when they happened upon the organization and liked what they saw. They were also both on roving crews working on things like trails, watershed restoration and bridges. The roving crews camp outside for four weeks while they work and Kresock said she found it "cleansing." She was very impressed by how organized the VYCC is, stating "there is a specific place for everything."

Yawney worked at the Bill Ballard Trail in Norwich and the following year at a brook in Essex and various spots in Franklin County, while Kresock worked in South Burlington and at Niquette Bay on Lake Champlain. Being on Lake Champlain also gave Kresock the chance to go swimming and sailing.

Aside from sailing, Kresock said she "enjoyed camping and the good weather," and Yawney enjoyed "meeting new people on the crew." When asked if they'd recommend the experience to others, Kresock gave an enthusiastic "yes!" and Yawney concurred, saying she feels it's "fun and educational."
