

# Vermont Youth Conservation Corps



## FACES BEHIND OUR SUCCESS



Lucy Parker joined the VYCC in 2002 as a Corps Member, and recently completed her fourth year with the VYCC. As a National Direct AmeriCorps member during the 2005-2006 season, Lucy worked as a Park Assistant at Branbury State Park, participated in our Fall Leadership Crew that worked to plant trees and stabilize stream banks in Winooski and North Hero, and was a member of the VYCC's Disaster Relief Crew in Louisiana, where she helped repair damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma as part of Project Blue Roof. In order to complete her year of service and qualify for her education award of \$4,725, she also knitted hats and scarves for the homeless and taught children safety courses using the American Red Cross curricula. Lucy exemplifies a deep commitment to national

### **VYCC to hire 22 AmeriCorps National Direct Volunteers!**

Members enrolled in the VYCC-AmeriCorps National Direct Program focus approximately half of their service on conservation efforts, and work in Vermont State Parks during the summer. The remainder of their service is focused on emergency and disaster education, preparedness, and response. Past members have been part of VYCC crews responding to Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana. This 10-month program is residential, and room, board, a living stipend, and health insurance are provided. An educational award of \$4,725 is also provided upon successful completion of service. To learn more about the VYCC-AmeriCorps program or to apply, [click here!](#)

### **Hold your next event at the West Monitor Barn!**

Looking for the perfect space to hold your next gathering or event? The newly restored West Monitor Barn is a fantastic option! Our hay mow can hold up to 250 people for a gathering with music, dancing, and a seated meal. The old post and beams create a naturally beautiful backdrop, and the facility has all the modern amenities. We also have conference rooms available for smaller groups or business meetings, and our new Community Relations Director is here to help you in the planning process for your event, large or small. [Click here](#) for a look at our calendar, list of frequently asked questions, and of course, some fantastic pictures to help you get your ideas rolling! For more information, please contact Katey Gordon at 434-3969 ext. 111 or [katey@vycc.org](mailto:katey@vycc.org).

### **VYCC presents Senator Jeffords with Career Service Award in Washington D. C.**



VYCC Director of Field Programs, Polly Tobin, recently presented Senator James Jeffords with a Career Service Award at the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps and Voices for National Service reception on February 7, 2006 in Washington D.C. The award was presented in recognition of his career of exemplary support for national service and strong support of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. Senator Jeffords may be retiring, but his legacy will

continue to inspire, support, and affect young people for decades to come. Thank you, Senator, for your lifelong advocacy on behalf of the youth and the environment!

### **Students volunteer to help build lean-tos on VYCC site**

Approximately 35 students from the Center for Technology at Essex, led by teacher

John Willard, will build two lean-tos to be used during VYCC trainings as part of a school-based community service project. Added to the six lean-tos built last fall by alumni and volunteers, this project will equip the VYCC with eight lean-tos to house staff and Corps Members during training at the new Youth Leadership, Education and Training Center this spring! If you would like to volunteer your building skills to help the Essex Tech students with the lean-to construction in April, please contact Keegan Tierney at 434-3969 ext.141 or [keegan@vycc.org](mailto:keegan@vycc.org) .

### Quote of the Month

*"I strongly support this (AmeriCorps program) because it helps students help themselves and their community. Community service is the backbone of any democratic society, where those who have much have a responsibility to help those who have little. "*

*-Senator James Jeffords*

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service, conservation and community building, and we are thrilled to have her on our team. Thank you Lucy for your service! To learn more about working for the VYCC as an AmeriCorps National Direct member [click here!](#)



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