

# Vermont Youth Conservation Corps



## FACES BEHIND OUR SUCCESS



### Local Students Volunteer!



35 students from the Center for Technology at Essex are enjoying the beautiful spring weather as part of a VYCC crew, working to construct two lean-tos to be used during VYCC trainings as part of a school-based community service project. Thank you!

In addition, two teams from Mount Mansfield Union and Champlain Valley Union high schools, in

partnership with Linking Learning to Life, have also joined in on this 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!

If you would like to volunteer your building skills to help the 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).

### Apply Now for Paid Internships with the VYCC!

If you know someone who is idealistic, full of energy, and wants to make the world a better place – send them our way! We are in process of filling 10-month long paid internships. Members will be assigned to one of several crews. All crews will be involved in important natural resource and national disaster relief projects here in Vermont and in New Orleans, helping Hurricane Katrina and Wilma communities. Compensation includes room, board, \$6,500 cash stipend, \$4,725 education award, travel, medical and other insurances, and college credit (depending on their school). Positions start May 15th.

Contact Jason Buss at 434-3969 ext.134 or [jason@vycc.org](mailto:jason@vycc.org) if you know someone who might be interested.

### Summer Positions Available!

We are accepting positions for our 27 crews statewide (215 Corps member positions). New this year are non-residential crews in Brattleboro, Richmond, at Allis State Park, and at North Hero State Park. We also have non-residential positions in Woodstock, Burlington, and Montpelier in addition to our traditional Roving and Wilderness residential crews! If you know someone that may be interested, please have them apply

The VYCC is growing by leaps and bounds, thanks to the service of our three outstanding AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) volunteers. Keegan Tierney, VYCC's 2005 Elmore Park Manager, is adeptly managing final construction projects and site needs at the new Youth Leadership, Education and Training Center in Richmond and coordinating our volunteer program. Andrew Magee, VYCC's 2005 Montpelier Community Crew Leader, is helping to develop new partnerships with youth organizations and schools and pioneering a new Youth Leadership Program to help Corps Members bring their conservation enthusiasm back to benefit their community. Matt Dragon recently joined our team to broaden our technical training and assist in completion of our training facility. All three have committed to spend at least one year in full-time AmeriCorps service, building permanent

on-line [click here](#) or contact JP Grogan at 434-3969 ext.139 or [johnpaul@vycc.org](mailto:johnpaul@vycc.org).

[Click here](#) to hear a radio PSA recorded by the VYCC's own Heather Nielsen, which can be heard on FM 104.7 The Point and its affiliates encouraging young people to join the VYCC!

### Quote of the Month

*"One of the many reasons that I support VYCC is that it provides an invaluable opportunity for young people to learn first-hand the importance of protecting our natural resources. Time spent on a VYCC crew gives Corps Members the confidence, skills, and values to be responsible, not only for themselves, but also for their surroundings.."*

*-Caroline Wadhams Bennett, VYCC Board of Directors*

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infrastructure to help non-profits more effectively bring individuals and communities out of poverty. Thank you Keegan, Andrew, and Matt for your invaluable contributions to the VYCC!



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