

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps



Be part of our Fall Watershed Crew!

The VYCC is now hiring for Fall Corps Member positions on a five-week Crew that will travel, work, and camp in the towns of Barre, Arlington, and Marshfield, Vermont. Work projects will focus on water quality improvements on the Winooski and Battenkill rivers. For more information, please contact J.P. Grogan at johnpaul@vycc.org or 434-3969 ext. 139.

Sixth Annual Donor Days!

We're thrilled to once again invite all VYCC supporters to visit one of the five VYCC-run State Parks for free during the Sixth Annual Donor Days - compliments of our State Park partners. 2006 Donor Days are from August 20-26th , so [click here](#) for more information for how you and up to four family members can visit Branbury, Elmore, North Hero, Allis or Lowell Lake State Park -- absolutely free -- through August 26th!

Come see our new Youth Leadership Program in action!



Thanks to a grant from the Canaday Family Charitable Trust, the VYCC has created an exciting new Youth Leadership Program to complement and deepen the traditional crew experience. The program is designed as an intensive three-day retreat for youth that have just completed a VYCC crew, and will enable them to use their newly acquired leadership skills and passion for the

environment in their home communities. The first retreat was held for three crews from the first session at the VYCC Youth Leadership, Education and Training Center in July 2006, and we will hold the second retreat for selected second session crews from August 25th to 27th . The curriculum is designed to help youth reflect on their experience during the summer and receive additional training to allow them to further develop their skills, develop their own local conservation projects, and leave ready to implement them in their home communities. Join us from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2006 at the Youth Leadership, Education and Training Center to meet the crews and learn about what they accomplished this summer, as well as learn more about their plans to affect change in their home communities. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Kate Villa at kate@vycc.org or 434-3969 ext. 110. Hope to see you there!

Come to our 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

FACES BEHIND OUR SUCCESS

The Canaday Family Charitable Trust's generous support of the VYCC's new Youth Leadership Program has enabled the Corps to build eight lean-tos to house youth during closure retreats and to design an innovative leadership curriculum which harnesses the enthusiasm of Corps Members and equips them with the skills to affect real change in their home communities. Thank you to the Canaday family for helping to bring our program to the next level!

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barbecue and dance! To sign up, or for more information, please contact Polly Tobin at polly@vycc.org or 434-3969 ext. 130. See you in October!

Hold your next event at the West Monitor Barn

We are thrilled that we have received our official certificate of occupancy for the West Monitor Barn, meaning that the space is available for rent for meetings, conferences, weddings, or other creative uses! We have a few dates still available this fall, and we are currently accepting reservations for dates in 2007. Please [click here](#) for more information on holding your next event at the beautifully restored historic West Monitor Barn. If you have questions or would like to make your reservation, please contact Katey Gordon at katey@vycc.org or 434-3969 ext.111.

Project Profile:



Wilderness Crews 1 and 3 spent a total of eight weeks working to relocate the Appalachian Trail in the Rochester Ranger District off of Thundering Brook Road in the town of Killington. Sponsored by the Green Mountain Club, the VYCC crews, led by AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers Matt Dragon and Lisa Pasarello, helped to build a wheelchair accessible trail to a spectacular view of Thundering Falls, the second largest waterfall in the state, and helped to construct an entirely new section of trail. To see photos and a video, or to learn more about the project, please [click here](#)!

Quote of the Month

“VYCC is hands-down the best summer experience I've ever had.”

--Bryan Nakayama, 2006 Roving Crew Corps Member

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