
VERMONT SPIKE CREW GEAR LIST

This document provides a list of equipment that you will need for your Conservation Crew experience. Upon arrival, you will be issued:

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| ▪ one 1-liter water bottle | ▪ two VYCC uniform work shirts |
| ▪ one camp mug | ▪ one hard hat |
| ▪ one medium sized plastic food container | ▪ one a pair of safety glasses |
| ▪ one all-corps t-shirt (<i>to wear on weekends/evenings</i>) | ▪ hearing protection |

Most of your clothing, gear, and supplies should fit into your large backpack and daypack. VYCC does have limited storage for items on our campus. (these items will not be accessible daily while on project)

Possession of music players and other electronic devices is prohibited on crews.

Such items must be left at home.

VYCC does have a limited number of items to lend on a first come, first serve basis.

VYCC issues tents to be shared and used throughout the season

Necessary Equipment:

- Boots:** ALL LEATHER, sturdy work or hiking style
 - Entire boot except laces and sole must be leather
 - Must fully and firmly cover the foot to and around the anklebone.
 - Must be in good condition without splits, holes or tears.
 - If you are unable to get boots, please contact us immediately
- 2 pairs of work gloves:** recommended to bring extra pairs
 - 1 pair leather required, nitrile-dipped recommended (*for wet weather*)
- Sleeping bag:** synthetic shell with synthetic or down fill, no cotton bags
- Sleeping pad:** closed cell-foam or air
- Sturdy rain jacket & pants:** *no ponchos (it will get dirty)*
- Headlamp with extra batteries**
- Wristwatch with alarm function:** a cell phone is NOT acceptable for this use
- Water bottles:** durable and able to hold at least 3 liters of water total
- Daypack:** to hold all daily personal gear (water, lunch, rain gear, extra layers, WoRD Book, etc.)
- 2-3 large plastic trash bags:** to keep things dry inside your pack
- Backpacking Pack:** (see picture right) rigid external frame or internal frame. ~60 L
- Toiletries kit:** toothbrush, toothpaste, biodegradable soap, biodegradable shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc.
- Quarters for Laundry** (Detergent highly recommended)



Necessary Clothing: *(quantities are recommended)*

- 2 pairs long durable work pants:** no sweatpants/wind pants (Jeans, Carhartt, Dickies, Arborwear, etc.)
- 1-2 weekend outfits:** comfortable clothes to wear around camp or on fieldtrips, such as jeans, shorts, or hiking clothes.
- 3 t-shirts:** polyester, synthetic or wool recommended
- 7 pairs of socks:** polyester or wool
- 7 pairs of underwear**
- Additional footwear:** Light sneakers or sandals
- Towel:** quick drying preferred but not required
- Swimsuit:** (if you want to get into the water)
- Sunscreen**
- Insect Repellent**
- Cold/Fall Weather Layers:**
 - Warm jacket/coat**
 - Thermal long underwear** (top & bottom)
 - Gloves/Warm hat for at work or hanging around camp**

When in the water, cooking, or outside project hours, everyone must wear footwear to prevent injury. For aquatic activities, we recommend Teva-like sandals with straps. Flip-flops are not acceptable. For cooking, we recommend using work boots.

Optional Recommended Items:

- Pillow:** highly recommended
- [Sleeping Bag Liner](#)** *(to keep you cool)*
- 1 or more additional medium plastic containers/Tupperware:** to hold your lunch and snacks
- Bandana**
- Boot oil/wax**
- Dryer sheets**
- Books, stamps, envelopes, pens, paper**
- Light-weight long sleeve shirt:** to protect from sun and insects
- Lip Balm**
- Playing cards/packable games**
- Musical instrument & sheet music**
- Crazy Creek-type camp chair**
- Fishing Tackle**
- Camera**
- Mosquito Head Net**
- Hammock**
- Gaiters**
- Quick-dry pants (light hiking pants)**

Notes on Purchasing Equipment:

You do not need to spend a lot of money on new gear!

The equipment/gear we use in the field endures a variety of environmental/weather conditions. Search local exchanges and thrift stores for used equipment, or ask friends and family.

Online retailers may have great deals on gear ([REI](#), [steepandcheap](#), [Sierra Trading Post](#)). Lenny's Shoe & Apparel offers 10% discount to VYCC employees.

If you are having trouble obtaining the necessary gear, please call our office at 802.434.3969. VYCC has a limited number of items to lend on a first come, first serve basis.

*****Please note that the VYCC is not liable for any damaged, broken, or lost personal belongings/gear*****