



Green Mountain Conservation Camp Application 2024

Educating youth about Vermont's wild habitats to inspire meaningful relationships with the environment and foster genuine connections with their peers.

The goal of the Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) program is to educate youth about Vermont's natural resources while providing a space to connect with the outdoors and their peers. They learn about fish and wildlife conservation, the safe use of firearms while hunting, and outdoor recreation skills. Camp activities are educational and fun, offering many creative hands-on experiences.

The success of natural resources conservation depends on people's awareness and understanding of natural resource management. One way you can help is to encourage youth to attend one of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's Conservation Camps. You have the opportunity to give a young person the chance to learn about Vermont's natural resources while canoeing, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting and more.

The address and phone number for the main office of GMCC is:

VT Fish & Wildlife Department
Attn: GMCC
1 National Life Dr., Davis 2
Montpelier, VT 05620

Phone: (802)-522-2925

Parental Policy and General Information:

Date of Application Submission & Acceptance:

Your child's GMCC application is considered "submitted" at the time you e-mailed/or paper application arrives at Fish & Wildlife Office. Applications must be reviewed by the department before they can be processed.

Any questions regarding missing information or unclear information on a GMCC application will be sent to the e-mail address for Parent/Guardian #1. Please note that failing to respond in a timely manner to questions regarding your child's application will hold up enrollment and could result in your child not getting into his/her preferred session.

Age Requirements:

Basic Sessions: Camper must be 12 years old before session starts or have 12th birthday by the Friday of their session. They may not yet have turned 15 years old on the Sunday of their session. **No Exceptions**

Advanced Session: Camper must have passed one of **our** Basic sessions and may not yet be 17 years of age on the Sunday of their session.

Communication with Parent/Guardians

All communications, including session assignment information, will be through the e-mail account listed for Parent/Guardian #1 as shown on the application.

Medical Information & Medical Certificate:

While some medical information is requested on the application, a link to the full medical certificate will be in your session assignment information. **You must use our Medical Certificate. Substitutes will not be accepted.** A completed medical certificate, along with a copy of your child's medical insurance card must be brought to check in time. **I Understand That Without These Form My Child Will Not Be Admitted to Camp.**

Medical Insurance Coverage:

I understand that I, the parent or guardian, am responsible for health insurance and all bills associated with a camper's stay. GMCC Has No Health/Medical Insurance Coverage for Campers.

Physical Exams:

A physical exam for any child who would like to attend GMCC must have been completed within the two years prior to the camp session chosen.

Pre-Session Reading:

Pre-session reading is strongly encouraged for all students attending a GMCC Basic Session and for those doing Advanced week trapper certification. Failing to review this material ahead of time could lead to the camper being overwhelmed with the material during their session. Please go to the material shown in the URL's shown on your session Assignment informational letter. No registration is required after opening the link(s), simply scroll down and open the chapter information and read. If you child has already passed a Hunter Education course, this reading may be unnecessary for them.

Cancellations:

A two-week written notice of cancellation is required by **all** GMCC campers. Written notice can be as easy as an e-mail to: FWgmcc@vermont.gov. Failure to give the required two-week notice means fees paid by credit card or check will not be refunded. Parents of students sponsored by an outside organization who fail to give the required 2-week written notice will be billed for the amount of their sponsorship.

Refunds:

All refunds for tuition will be done within two weeks of written notice, or within two weeks of the start of a session that a camper was on the waitlist for and unable to attend.

Wait List

I understand that my child may be put on the wait list for his/her first-choice session if all requested session(s) are full at the time my child's application is deemed complete. I further understand that my check will be cashed, or credit card charged even if my child is put on a wait list. Refunds for wait listed campers will be done within two weeks of the start of the session if the camper is unable to attend. If I do not wish to keep my child on a waiting list, I

will contact the GMCC office at FWGMCC@vermont.gov and submit a WRITTEN request so that a refund can be made back to me.

Repeat Campers:

Any child who has previously attended a GMCC basic session and wishes to attend a second year at the basic level OR a child who has previously taken a GMCC advanced session and wishes to do a second year at the advanced level is considered a Repeat Camper. Repeat Camper applications will be put on hold until the first working day after April 1st in order to give first-time students an opportunity to sign up.

Repeat Campers looking to attend an Advanced Week who will age out of the program after this summer will not be put on hold until April and will be enrolled as any other camper would be.

Bunking requests:

Cabins are filled in order of arrival on the day of check-in. If your child would like to bunk with a friend, simply plan to arrive at check in at the same time and we will accommodate the request.

Choice of Curriculum:

I understand all campers attending a basic session will participate in the Hunter Education/Bow Hunter education course, among their other camp activities. There is no alternate curriculum.

Advanced campers must choose one course of study to take while at camp. They can take Trapper Education, Waterfowl hunting, or an advanced backpacking course.

Session Fee: \$250.00 per week

******* I have read, understand, and agree to the policies set forth for the Green Mountain Conservation Camp program. _____

Signature of parent/guardian

Please send this page in with our application.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) operates its programs, services, and activities without discriminating on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), ancestry, place of birth, disability, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or breastfeeding (mother and child). Questions or Complaints/Free Language Services: anr.civilrights@vermont.gov.

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Green Mountain Conservation Camp 2024 Schedule

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Buck Lake, Woodbury, Vermont

Session Dates	Boys/Girls	Type of Session
June 16 – June 21	Boys	Basic
June 23 – June 28	Girls	Basic
June 30 – July 5	Boys	Basic
July 7 – July 12	Girls	Basic
July 14 – July 19	Teacher's Week	No Campers
July 21 – July 26	Boys	Basic
July 28– August 2	Boys	Basic
August 4 – August 9	Girls	Advanced
August 11 – August 16	Boys	Advanced

Kehoe / Lake Bomoseen, Castleton, Vermont

Session Dates	Boys/Girls	Type of Session
June 16 – June 21	Boys	Basic
June 23 – June 28	Girls	Basic
June 30 – July 5	Boys	Basic
July 7 – July 12	Boys	Basic
July 14 – July 19	Boys	Advanced
July 21 – July 26	Girls	Advanced
July 28– August 2	Boys	Advanced
August 4 – August 9	Boys	Basic
August 11 – August 16	Girls	Basic

****July 12 – 14 The Natural Resources Management Academy** is a special weekend set aside at the Buck Lake Conservation Camp for high-school students (Grades 7-12) ready to explore, in-depth, Vermont's natural resources. For more information visit <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/conservation-education/natural-resources-management-academy>

For questions about Green Mountain Conservation Camp registration, call: 802-522-2925 or email FWGMCC@vermont.gov.

Camper Information:

First Name Middle Initial Last Name Nick Name Date of Birth

Mailing Address City/Town State Zip Code

Has your child previously passed a Hunter Education Course? **Yes:** _____ **No:** _____

Which camp session are you registering for? (This determines which set of sessions to choose from)

Girl's Week: _____ Boy's Week: _____

How did you hear about GMCC? _____

Method of Payment:

No Financial Assistance: _____ Outside Sponsoring Organization: _____
(Must attach Sponsorship Agreement Form to application)

Please contact the GMCC office with questions about payment and sponsor options.

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian #1			Parent/Guardian #2		
Name:			Name:		
Address:			Address:		
City	State:	Zip Code	City	State:	Zip Code
E-mail Address			E-Mail Address:		
Home Phone:			Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:			Cell Phone:		
Work Phone:			Work Phone:		

Additional Phone Number Instructions:

If GMCC needs to contact you during the camp week, **we will first attempt to use the phone number(s) listed above.** Please enter additional phone number(s) for us to use if we are unable to reach you at the number(s) for parent/guardian #1 & #2 above.

Enter the additional phone number(s) in the order that you would like us to use when attempting to contact you, with the first number below being your first-choice alternative number.

You must provide at least one alternative phone number.

- 1) _____
1 First and Last Name 1 Relationship to Camper 1 Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx
- 2) _____
2 First and Last Name 2 Relationship to Camper 2 Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx
- 3) _____
3 First and Last Name 3 Relationship to Camper 3 Phone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx

Reminder for Repeat Campers:

- 1) A "REPEAT CAMPER" is any child who has previously attended a GMCC basic session and wishes to attend a second year at the basic level OR a child who has previously taken a GMCC advanced session and wishes to do a second year at the advanced level . "Repeat Camper" applications will be put on hold until the first working day after April 1st in order to give first-time students on opportunity to sign up.
 - 2) A child who has attended GMCC at the basic level and now wants to take their first year at the Advanced level is NOT CONSIDERED A "REPEAT CAMPER".
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Camp Choices:

Has your child previously attended a GMCC Basic Session? Yes: _____ No: _____

Has your child previously attended a GMCC Advanced Session? Yes: _____ No: _____

Choose Camp Week:

You must choose at least one camp week to attend. You may choose up to three.

First Choice: _____ Buck _____ Kehoe _____
First Choice Session Date

Second Choice: _____ Buck _____ Kehoe _____
Second Choice Session Date

Third Choice: _____ Buck _____ Kehoe _____
Third Choice Session Date

****If your child is registering for an advanced session, please choose one of the following courses of study that your child would like to take while at camp.**

Trapper Education: _____ Waterfowl Hunting: _____ Advanced Backpacking: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ **Doctor's Phone Number:** _____

Name of Practice: _____ **Date of Last Physical:** _____

**Must be within two years leading up to GMCC session

Check the Box/Boxed in the sections below indicating if your child suffers from these Allergies and/or Restrictions:

Drug Allergies		Dietary Restrictions	
Penicillin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gluten Free Diet Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amoxicillin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lactose Intolerant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sulfa Drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peanut Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Drug Allergies (please list)		Shellfish Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Restrictions (please list)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Does the camper need any special accommodations for social/behavioral/emotional/physical issues?

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about the camper?

Releases Please review this statement and initial on the required line to indicate your preference.

Photo Release

The Fish & Wildlife Department takes photographs of camp activities. These photographs may be used for educational purposes and/or marketing to inform others about the program. The photographs taken during each weekly session are compiled into a presentation to be shown at the end of each week at the graduation ceremony for the campers and their families. The pictures will then be made available through a Fish & Wildlife web page, accessible by password, to participants within the camp program so families can download any/all of the photographs presented during the graduation ceremony. The web page requires a password be entered before photos are able to be viewed. Only those attending graduation will be provided the password necessary to access the web pages specific to the camp photos to minimize the opportunity for general public viewing. At the graduation ceremony there will be the opportunity to have specific photographs containing images of your child removed prior to posting them to the web page by request.

*** Do you authorize the photographing of your child? Yes _____ No _____ (please initial)

Releases and Disclosures

All of the following releases and disclosures must be agreed to or your child cannot enroll in Green Mountain Conservation Camp. Please review each item carefully and initial where required.

Disclosures and Reminders

I understand that the age limit for Basic session camper is 12 through 14 years old. Children must reach their 12th birthday before or during the week they are at camp. NO EXCEPTIONS.

I understand that the age limit for Advanced Sessions is 12 through 16 years. I understand that in order for my child to attend an Advanced Session they must have graduated from a GMCC Basic session AND have successfully completed the Hunter Education course.

I understand all campers attending a basic session will participate in the Hunter Education/Bow Hunter education course, among their other camp activities. There is no alternate curriculum.

I understand that my child must have a complete physical examination within the two years prior to the camp session chosen. I understand it is my responsibility to complete the Parental page of the Medical Certificate and that my child's doctor must complete and sign the Physician's page. I further understand it is my responsibility to bring the completed medical certificate, and a photocopy of my child's medical insurance card to session check in time. I UNDERSTAND THAT WITHOUT THESE FORMS MY CHILD WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO CAMP.

I understand that I, the parent or guardian, is responsible for health insurance and all bills associated with a camper's stay. GMCC HAS NO HEALTH/MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR CAMPER.

I understand that no refund will be issued, and/or that parents will be billed for the tuition cost unless WRITTEN notice that the camper will not attend has been received in our office TWO (2) WEEKS in advance of the camper's session. An e-mail sent two weeks prior is considered written notice.

I understand that all refunds for tuition will be done at the end of the camp season, even if my child is placed on a waiting list and is unable to attend. I also understand that my check will be deposited or my credit card will be charged even if my child is placed on a waiting list. If I do not wish to keep my child on a waiting list I will contact the Education Programs Registrar and submit a WRITTEN request so that a refund can be made back to me.

I understand that if my child is being sponsored by an outside organization and does not attend camp without giving a **2 week notice** prior to the start of the session date I will be billed for the amount of the sponsorship or scholarship.

I understand that if my child's application is incomplete an e-mail requesting the missing information will be sent to whomever is listed as parent/Guardian #1 on the application. FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THIS E-MAIL IN A TIMELY MANNER MAY DELAY YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION AND JEOPARDIZE THE CHANCE OF GETTING INTO THEIR PREFERRED SESSION.

*** I have read, understood, and agreed to the Disclosures and Reminders. Yes _____
(Please initial)

Parental Consent To Participate in Hunter Education While at GMCC

All students under 16 years of age are required to have their parent/guardian consent to the student's participation in the hunter education portion of the GMCC curriculum. Please indicate your agreement by choosing Yes below. Refusing this consent will mean your child cannot enroll as a GMCC camper. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the GMCC office. I, the legal parent/guardian, give consent for my child to participate in the hunter education portion of the curriculum taught at the Green Mountain Conservation Camp. I understand that participation in this program may expose my child or ward to the many risks associated with learning firearm safety. I understand that the activities will include, but not be limited to, risks associated with outdoor recreation; handling firearms and bows and arrows, and target shooting. I expressly assume these and all other risks associated with the Hunter Education Course. I hereby release and forever discharge, the State of Vermont, the Department of Fish & Wildlife, its agents, employees, volunteers, and other officers, from all actions, causes of action, damage claims, demands or judgments, which my child, I, our heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have against the Department, its agents, employees and other officers, for all injuries, of whatever nature, including injuries to property, caused by or arising out of, the above described program. I also understand that course instructors shall make the final decision as to whether a student is qualified to receive a hunter education certificate, based on standards established by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Hunter Education Program.

*** I hereby consent to have my child participate in all the above activities while at camp, and understand the inherent risks involved. Yes _____ (please initial)

Code of Conduct

Camp Rules:

- 1) I will not leave the camp area except with instructor, parent, or sponsor.
- 2) I will swim only at scheduled times and under supervision.
- 3) I will not possess cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, marijuana, vaping products, alcohol, or other illegal drugs.
- 4) I will be courteous, neat, and clean and observe customary table manners.
- 5) I will not use name calling, put downs, or obscene language or gestures. This includes any language that negatively comments on someone's race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, place of birth, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- 6) I will not abuse camp property or equipment.
- 7) I will attend all scheduled activities and abide by all other rules of conduct explained to me at camp.
- 8) I will respect other people's feelings, bodies, and property
- 9) I will not be involved in violence of any kind, including bullying, fighting with or threatening anyone.

**REFUNDS ARE NOT ISSUED IF A CHILD IS DISMISSED FROM CAMP FOR A VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

Parents Please cover this information with your child. They are required to follow these rules while at camp. Failure to do so could mean dismissal from camp.

*** Confirmation of Compliance with Code of Conduct Yes _____ (please initial)

Safety Checks at GMCC

GMCC staff may search a camper's belongings if there is good reason to believe the camper is in possession of illegal, unsafe, or stolen items. This includes but is not limited to prescription or over the counter medication not turned in to our medical staff, alcohol, marijuana or other illegal drugs in any form, and any items used to harm themselves or others. Unless there is an immediate safety concern, camp staff will attempt to contact parents/guardians before any search is conducted. Any items on camp property, including locked luggage, may be searched. Recovered medications will be turned over to the medical staff for the remainder of the session. Illegal items will be disposed of properly. Any other contraband recovered will be held in the office for the remainder of the session and returned in the camper's graduation packet at the end of the week. If any items are confiscated, camp staff will reach out to the parents to inform them of the circumstances. Staff will never touch a camper in an attempt to search their clothes or body.

*** I understand that my camper may not be in possession of any medication, illegal substances, or other prohibited items on the packing list. I further understand that GMCC staff may search for and recover these items should there be good reason to believe such items are present.

Yes _____ (please initial)

*** **COVID-19 Note:** There is an inherent risk of contracting COVID-19 in any place where people gather, including at GMCC. If at any point we deem that it is no longer safe for campers and staff to be present at camp, we will cancel the session and send all campers home immediately.

*** My child and I hereby agree to all COVID-19 requirements deemed necessary by GMCC to ensure the health and safety of campers and staff. I understand that I will be notified and required to pick up my child ASAP if GMCC determines a session must be cancelled to ensure the safety of all.

Yes _____ (please initial)