Dear Rivendell Families and Students:

Academic Performance
Below is a comparison of students' grades over the last three quarters.

Congratulations to the students who made the honor roll and high honors this past quarter. Your names have been posted outside the office, sent to local newspapers, and published later in this newsletter.

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In general, we see a pattern of improvement, but far too many students are not working up to their full potential, especially in our 9-12th grade classes. We've been doing a number of things to help improve students' success. At the end of the last quarter we hired two excellent tutors, Karen McGhee and Christina Robison, and identified students who we felt could benefit from the support. In some cases we have dropped students from classes in order for them to work with Karen and Christina. Other students meet Karen and Christina after school.

We have used free (for NH students) on-line classes to allow students to make up failed high school courses. Several students have been enrolled in ACT 176, a Vermont credit recovery program. Because of budget cuts, Act 176 is only available to seniors at risk of not graduating. Ultimately the impact of any of these interventions depends upon the students' willingness to follow through and to use the support that we can provide. If the students don't take responsibility, they will fail and not graduate.

We need your help in assuring that students are doing their homework. Often, we hear from parents that students come home and say that they do not have any homework. This is very unlikely. You should expect your student to have at least one hour of work each night. Ask them to show you their work.

If you feel that we are not doing all we can do to assure the success of your Academy student, please call me to discuss your thoughts.

Academic Highlights
♦ The 8th grade team took first place in the VT State Odyssey of the Mind competition and they also received the Ranatra Fusca Award for Creativity. The high school team took third and won the Omer Award. Congratulations to coaches and students for their success.
♦ The French students had a wonderful trip. Thanks to Ms. Keefer and Ms. Silverstein for all their work. We look forward to hosting students from France next year.
♦ Drama students are well into their preparation for their performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella Enchanted.
♦ Doc Browne took his Physics in Technology students to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last month.
♦ A group of sixteen students and five teachers visited the Boston Arts Academy High School to learn about the culture and organization of the school. From all reports, the highlight was watching the 9th grade exhibitions.
♦ Senior projects are moving along. Stephanie Gendron has made some breakthroughs with her efforts to get donations of sunflower seeds to troops in Afghanistan. Styrofoam coolers of horse manure have stopped arriving at Nancy's desk, so we assume that Chelsea Davidson's analysis of parasites is near completion.
♦ Michael Langley is off and running at his internship with Watershed Architectural Studio in White River Junction.
♦ George Dyke's experience at a wild boar hunt in Florida has led to a project with Renegade Wheelchairs, a company in Maine that produces all-terrain wheelchairs for hunters and anglers. George has been named the youth representative for the company and is currently raising money to donate a wheelchair to a veteran.
♦ Andrew Stimson traveled to Keene State College to participate in a music event attended by groups of music students from other schools. He was presented with a complex piece of classical music to learn and then play (along with the other students) with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

There is much that I haven't mentioned—students' excellent work at Hartford and River Bend Tech schools, sports, college acceptance letters, excellent art work, music recitals....Read more of the details throughout this newsletter.

PROGRESS REPORTS will be distributed to all students during Advisory on Friday, May 6th. Copies will also be mailed home. If you do not receive your copy by Tuesday, May 10th, please call the school so we can get another copy to you.

11th ANNUAL EXPO

Please join us on Wednesday, May 18th, for EXPO from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Rivendell Academy Gym. There will be displays, demonstrations, presentations, and student performances that will provide a stimulating and fascinating look into what happens in our schools. Come see what Rivendell students have accomplished this year throughout the District!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NIGHT for ALL RIVENDELL ACADEMY VOLUNTEERS from 5:30-6:00 p.m.
### Rivendell Academy Honor Roll
#### Quarter 3 - High Honors

**Grade 7:**
- Jennifer DeBois
- Nathaniel Dimick
- Talar Gelenian
- Maxwell Green
- Quenla Haehnel
- Ryan Landgraf

**Grade 8:**
- Miranda Garrow
- Moriah Ludwig
- Christian Parenti
- Cassandra White
- Kailaigh White
- Jenna Whitehill

**Grade 9:**
- Richard Otis
- Megan Perkins

**Grade 10:**
- Christian Knowlton
- Margaret McCormack
- Christina Moreland
- Ariana Murphy
- Molly Pierson
- Jack Steketee
- Lacey Stever
- Amber Wolf
- Stacie Wright

**Grade 11:**
- Ian Marshall
- Katelyn Ruff

**Grade 12:**
- Chelsea Davidson
- Stephanie Wright
- Manon Zwaenepoel

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### Quarter 3 Honor Roll

**Grade 7:**
- Cameron Day
- Samuel Kamel
- Weston Knowlton
- Katana Labadie
- Megan Landgraf
- Jacob Perkins
- Kimberly Sobeck
- Cameron Surprenant
- Hayley Taylor
- Alexander Ussler

**Grade 8:**
- Tayo Ameden
- Onna Baker
- Joshua Burke
- Jessie DeFlorio
- Samuel Emerson
- Liam Fleming
- Emily Ghio
- Kayla Gould
- Zachary Klarich
- Kyle Thresher
- Lukas Thurston

**Grade 9:**
- Lukas Bell
- Scott Calhoun
- Tara Collins
- Bryanne Dempsey
- Nathaniel Eastman
- Ryan Fauc
- Brandon Gardner
- Keisha Garraw
- Andrea Haehnel
- Ethan Jayne
- Nicholas Marsh
- Joshua Marshall
- Hanna Rockwell
- Cole Stever
- Jason Williams
- Megan Winagle

**Grade 10:**
- Tyler Davidson
- Ryan Farnham
- Logan Gardyne
- Cassandra Gray
- Ryan O'Leary
- Ashley Schwarz
- Marie Sobeck
- Emily Spaulding
- Dalton Thayer
- Candie Thresher
- Tala Wilson
- Jennifer Woodward

**Grade 11:**
- Hope Amanatidis
- Amber Brooks
- Autumn Brooks
- Rachel Brown
- Erik Burke
- Marvin Durke
- Melanie Emerson
- Lindsay George
- Cassondra Gray
- Daniel Gray
- Dorothy Hebb
- Kyle Huntington
- Kathleen McCarty
- Karen Mitchell
- Morgan Movelle
- Dylan Pelletier
- Chelsey Stever
- Jessica Ward

**Grade 12:**
- Ashley Blodgett
- Ryan Coffin
- Katelyn Cousino
- Brittany Lewis
- Kristyne McFarlin
- Michael Otis
- Misty Pearce
- Sophronia Peyton
- Alan Tsoi
School Counseling News – Tiffany Russo

Things to Do This Month

• **Seniors:** Finish scholarships and let Ms. Russo know future plans.
• **Juniors:** Make college visits, attend open houses, register for June SAT, and see Ms. Russo to schedule courses for next year.
• **Sophomores:** Start thinking about careers. Use collegeboard.com website and accounts we created from the PSAT score report reviews. Also, schedule courses for next year!!
• **Freshmen:** Keep grades up! Start building your resume by participating in extracurricular activities at school and in the community. Start completing community service work! Sign up to schedule courses mid-May!

**Scholarships for Seniors:** We are in the final stretch. There are only a few more large scholarships this month. Check with Ms. Russo and listen to the daily announcements for further information.

**Career Fair:** The career fair on March 17th was a success! Representatives from the following businesses were in attendance: AVA Art Gallery, The Car Store, Hypertherm, Mascoma Savings Bank, TomTom, and many more. Stephanie Wright, one of our seniors, did an exceptional job of putting this day together for us. Students learned about a variety of careers and three won Visa Gift Card door prizes; Marshall Ivey, Katy Cousino, and Ashlee Hathorn. Congratulations!

There are **College and Scholarship News** handouts outside of Ms. Russo's office for any student to pick up. **College and Scholarship News** goes out monthly and has pertinent information about college representative visits, testing, admissions, open houses, college fairs, scholarships and any other college deadlines.

**Summer Opportunities**

**Your Farm** is looking for harvest assistants and washing station assistants. Pay starts at $9 an hour, part-time through the summer, June 6th-October 21st. Preference is for 17-18 year olds and very mature 16 year olds. For more information, please see the front office.

**Any students** interested in Health and Wellness careers should see Ms. Russo about summer opportunities in our area. This includes graduating seniors who plan on going to college next year to study careers in the health field.

**Any students 14-20** years of age interested in law enforcement or criminal justice can attend the New Hampshire Police Cadet Training Academy. This is a one week summer program and a great opportunity to further explore that career field. See Ms. Russo for more information on applying.

**Town of Fairlee** is looking for students to help with the 250th Celebration this summer. This would be a great opportunity for community service hours. Contact Georgette Wolf-Ludwig at the Fairlee Town Hall at 802-333-4363 or townclerk@fairleevt.org.

Are you interested in becoming a **lifeguard or water safety instructor**? If you are 15 years of age or older, you can enroll in courses to earn your certification. Visit [www.vermontredcross.org](http://www.vermontredcross.org) to register for the courses taking place as close as the Upper Valley Aquatic Center.

For updates from the counseling office, make sure to check the daily announcements and the Counselor’s Column on the school website, [www.rivendellschool.org](http://www.rivendellschool.org).
Notes from Creigh Moffatt, RN, BA
School Nurse

What's new in the Health Office?
Please continue to let the school office know the reason for absence due to health: head cold, stomach bug, either or both of those accompanied by aches and pains, sore throats, headaches, etc., or any information that might alert us to a trend for contagious illnesses.

Also, good "sneezing/coughing hygiene" and hand washing continue to be the best protection against catching or spreading these illnesses. Best practices may be found in the last newsletter.

Opportunities for health checks and/or requests for health information are available anytime during school hours in the Health Office. Please contact the Health Office at cmoffatt@rivendellschool.org or 603-353-4321, if you have any questions or concerns.

VISIONS Afterschool Program
Laura Wheeler, RA Site Coordinator

Wow! It's hard to believe that the end of the year is so close. The year seemed to whiz right on by. Students spent the year doing a variety of activities including ceramic painting, lacrosse, Raptor Retail, Wii dancing, woodworking, computer lab, cooking, and much more. In addition to getting a lot of work done, we also did some community service.

Session V, our last session of the school year, is now under way. We still have plenty of spaces available and would love to have more students join us. The activities offered are: Wii Dance, Outdoor Sports, Theater, Green-up, Working with Wood, and Raptor Retail. We desperately need Raptor Retail staff. To view the offerings and download a registration form, click here.

I would like to take the time now to send special thanks out to the dedicated individuals who helped out and worked at VISIONS faithfully throughout this year: Brandy Thompson, Patty Bates, Audrey Wolf, Cheryl St.Pierre, Tom DuBois, and Chief Chris Kilmer. Without all of these folks, the VISIONS program would not have been possible.

A Note from Celise Johnson, Food Service Director

Beginning Wednesday June 1, 2011, all balances must be current. There will be no negative balances allowed for the remainder of the year. Please communicate with your child and the Food Service Department regarding balances.

Thank you,

Celise Johnson
District Food Service Manager
cjohnson@rivendellschool.org
The Rivendell Academy players are proud to present their delightful rendition of *Cinderella Enchanted*. The Rodgers & Hammerstein production takes a spin on the classic tale of Cinderella with whimsical music and infectious laughter that will leave you and your children captivated.

As a theater class at Rivendell Academy, 34 students have been learning about the many aspects of putting on a production. During first block every day and for two weeks after school, this group has been preparing their show. Students have designed and built the set, worked on costumes, painted backdrops, made props, and are now pulling everything together to create a magical production!

Cast includes: **Cinderella** - Sophie Peyton, **Christopher (Prince)** - Andrew Stimson, **Fairy Godmother** - Meg McCormack, **Stepmother** - Haley Mace, **Stepsisters** - Amber Brooks, Autumn Brooks, **King** - Christian Knowlton, **Queen** - Molly Pierson, **Royal Steward** - John Milnes, **Dove/Ensemble** - Melanie Emerson, **Cat/Ensemble** - Tori Hebb, **Mouse/Ensemble** - Chelsea Stever, **Candie Thresher**, **Chad** - John Melnes, **Royal Steward** - John Milnes, **Dove/Ensemble** - Melanie Emerson, **Cat/Ensemble** - Tori Hebb, **Mouse/Ensemble** - Chelsea Stever, **Candie Thresher**, **Chad** - John Melnes, **Dove/Ensemble** - Melanie Emerson, **Cat/Ensemble** - Tori Hebb, **Mouse/Ensemble** - Chelsea Stever, **Candie Thresher**, **Chad** - John Melnes.

So come and see *Cinderella Enchanted* on May 12th, 13th, & 14th in the Rivendell Academy Gym, starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $8.00/adults, $5.00/students, or $22.00/family of 2 students and 2 adults. Princesses dressed for the ball will be given a chance to try on the glass slipper! Come one, come all, the Prince is giving a ball, and you're invited!

- Article written by Katie Ruff & Haley Mace
Lindsey George has been named as the Business Administration Student of the Month. Congratulations, Lindsey!

Troy Collins won the silver medal in Firefighting at the Vermont State SkillsUSA Competition held on April 7th. The contest consisted of an extensive written test, job interview, rope tying, a timed course demonstrating competency in firefighting skills, ladder climbing, advanced hose line, simulating breaching walls, and a search and rescue. Congratulations, Troy!

Rivendell seventh grade student, Corinne Lyndes won Vermont's statewide writing contest for Green Up Day this year. Here's the poem she penned for the annual cleanup, which takes place on May 7th:

**Green Up Day**
_by Corinne Lyndes_

Winter hides the dead of fall,
It's a flawless heaven that covers all.
But when the snow begins to melt,
What we've done is uncovered.
There's so much trash,
The ground is smothered.
Spring is a time for
A cloudless day, flowers to bloom, and animals to play.
The grass should be green,
So get up and keep the environment clean!
Our state and our towns deserve so much more, so we should see the forest floor.
This is where our children play, so help out!
It's Green Up Day.

See the official page at [http://www.greenupvermont.org/contestwin.php](http://www.greenupvermont.org/contestwin.php)

On Saturday, March 19th, 14 Odyssey of the Mind Competitors, with their coaches and families traveled to Hinesburg for the Vermont State Finals. Both teams received trophies and one has been invited to World Finals in College Park, Maryland from May 27th to May 31st. Our high school team placed 3rd and our 8th grade team placed 1st with scores that broke all scores since OM began at Orford School and subsequently Rivendell Academy. They also received the Ranatra Fusca State Award which is the highest award given for creativity above and beyond guidelines given out worldwide! This is quite an achievement and honor for Rivendell Academy. Over the years we have made a name for ourselves in this academic program. We are considered one of the top schools in Vermont for OM. Please help support us by making a donation to Rivendell Academy OM or come to our Car Wash /Bake Sale on Saturday, May 14th (rain date 15th) at Wings Market. Thank you!

8th Grade Team Members Include:
Moriah Ludwig
Tim Stimson
Kasey Clark
Sam Ivey
Sam Emerson
Kayla Gould
Emily Ghio
Mackenzie Schwarz-Student Assistant Coach
Georgette Ludwig-Head Coach
Stephanie Clark-Assistant Coach
Another fun trip on the Cross Rivendell Trail! Shawn Clough, Andy Boyce, and Brad DeGoosh accompanied the seventh grade students, where they put their “outdoor winter skills” to the test. Everyone had a great time!

STUDENTS SHINE AT THE VT SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE GAMES

On March 11-13, 2011, students from Rivendell Academy and Samuel Morey Elementary went to the Vermont Special Olympics State Games. The events were snowshoeing, skiing (downhill and cross-country), and snowboarding. The five students that participated were Hannah Hayes, EJ Boragine, Beth Thresher, Taylor Barton, and Misty Pearce. There were many schools and teams that represented different areas of Vermont. All the athletes and coaches stayed at the fancy Woodstock Inn in Woodstock, VT. The events were held at Suicide Six in South Pomfret, VT. Misty won gold in the 25-meter snowshoe race and bronze in the 50-meter snowshoe race. Beth won bronze in both the 50-meter and 100-meter snowshoe races. Hannah won bronze in the 50-meter and fifth place in the 25-meter snowshoe races. EJ won silver in both the Giant Slalom, and the Slalom and bronze in the Super G. Taylor won 4th place in the Giant Slalom and 5th in both the Slalom and Super G.

Overall, the weekend was excellent and everyone did their best. A special thanks to Ashley Blodgett, Vinny Metayer, Brynne MacMurtry, Phil Metayer, and Tracy Martel for taking their time to help us practice and compete and for making the weekend a special one.

- Article submitted by Misty Pearce
Travis O’Connor, an 8th grader at Rivendell Academy in Orford, NH, started to learn to ski at an early age of two years and once he was competent on skis he looked for any bump to jump off from. He joined the Waterville Valley freestyle ski team three years ago and trains on the weekends. For the last two years, he also trains mid-week at Whaleback Mountain.

Travis competed in the Eastern Qualifier Series, the “B” level, which is designed for entry-level skiers (7 to 14 year olds). These young athletes have the opportunity to compete in the disciplines of aerials, moguls, and slopestyle.

Over the winter ski season, Travis entered 11 competitions at five ski areas in New Hampshire and Maine. He placed in the top 10 in 9 of the events. Including the combined events at each ski area, he was on the podium eight times. These competitions qualified him for the Eastern Regional Championships in which he placed 1st in aerials and 2nd in moguls. The top athletes from the three regions (Eastern, Central and Western) were invited to the final Championships. Travis placed 4th in the combined by placing 5th in aerials, 7th in moguls, and 16th in slopestyle. “B” level athletes are also able to compete in one “A” level competition and thus Travis entered the Eastern Region Championship “A” level aerial competition and placed 5th.

One of the major highlights, which came when he thought competitions were done for the winter season, was an invitation to US Nationals in aerials. He was the youngest competitor and placed 10th. His two favorite jumps are a 3 mute and a 720.

During the off-season, Travis plans to work on new tricks, which mainly entail trampoline training with his coach, Wes Preston, in Campton, NH. Next ski season Travis will be competing at the “A” level and will start to focus his training on moguls.

Check out his YouTube video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmTMVH6sxNE

On Tuesday, February 15th, the Spanish IV/V class visited Hypertherm in Hanover, NH, to connect classroom learning to real-world applications. Students were given a tour of the facility and heard from Hypertherm associates from various Spanish-speaking countries about Spanish in the workplace, job opportunities and the importance of learning a second language. Students listened to and participated in a call to a distributor in Argentina. Our visit to Hypertherm was a success and students enjoyed the day which ended with lunch at Gusanoz Mexican Restaurant (ordered in Spanish, of course)!
Students in French I recently built toothpick towers in the spirit of the Eiffel Tower. Students worked in pairs to design and build towers that combined height, strength, and aesthetic value using just toothpicks and glue. The completed towers were then judged based on a 3-part criterion by a 15-member panel. The bronze tower was awarded to Tim Stimson and Jacob Welch (right). The silver tower was awarded to Tayo Ameden and Emily Ghio (left). And the gold tower was awarded to Rachel Fauci and Cassie White (center). The winning towers will be on display at EXPO.

What’s Happening in the Rivendell Communities

250th Celebration Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
5:30 p.m. @ Fairlee Town Hall
Everyone Welcome!

FAIRLEE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS
Judith G. Russell, Library Director - 221 US Rte 5 N - PO Box 125 - Fairlee, VT 05045
phone: 802-333-4716 - fax: 802-333-4152
email: fairlee_pub@vals.state.vt.us - web: www.fairleelibrary.org

Upcoming events at the Fairlee Public Library

- Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., through May 31st: Preschool Story Time
- Thursday, May 5th, 7:00 p.m.: Bob Aliber, author of Your Money and Your Life, discusses personal finance
- Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m.: Friends of the Fairlee Public Library meeting
- Wednesday, May 18th, 7:00 p.m.: Neighborhood Book Discussion of Edith Wharton's House of Mirth
- Saturday, June 11th, 10:30 a.m.: Michael Caduto kicks off our summer reading program with Bird Tales from around the World
- Saturday, June 18th: Annual Book Sale

Beginning Tuesday, May 17th, the library will have new hours: Sunday and Monday, closed; Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Friday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

For more information, please call 802-333-4716.
Fourth Annual Allen Avery Memorial Raptor Run

The Allen Avery Memorial Raptor Run will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The AAMRR is a 5 mile run or walk around Lake Morey and/or a 1 mile Fun Run. The event is an annual fundraiser for the Rivendell Interstate School District and the Community School Organization (CSO). Come take part in a healthy day of exercise, food, music, and fun! Download your registration form at [http://www.cso-rivendell.org/FundRaisingAveryRun.html](http://www.cso-rivendell.org/FundRaisingAveryRun.html)

The Raptor Run offers many opportunities (and hours) for community service for students. Anyone interested in helping can contact Tracy Martel at tmartel@rivendellschool.org or call SME 802-333-9755

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2011
(Rain date – Sunday, August 14th)

Bring the whole family to Treasure Island on Lake Fairlee!

- Creative swimming and canoeing races
- A race for crafts made from recycled materials
- Workshops on lake animals and plants
- Activities for young children
- Fishing, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboard lessons
- Guided boat tours of the lake
- Arts and crafts
- A sing-off between camps on the lake

**FREE Admission for all to Treasure Island events!!**

Food and drink offerings – or bring a picnic

Join other residents of Fairlee, Thetford, and West Fairlee to celebrate your lake!

™ If you want to help, contact Libby Chapin at 802-333 - 9308 or lib.chapin@gmail.com

**SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**

Students entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grades with an interest in technology programs like automotive, building trades, engineering, mechanics, robotics, etc. should apply to the Hartford Career and Technology Center Summer Camp Program. This is a week long program that only costs students $10.00! See Ms. Russo or Mrs. Widmann for an application.

**FREE Summer Camp Will Take You Places!**

The National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) is a fun, interactive residential camp held at the University of Vermont campus for students entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade next fall. The program provides high school students with hands-on exploration of future careers in transportation through awareness of the complex transportation system we’ve come to rely on. Interactive labs, field trips and guest speakers will engage the student as they drive a big rig in the CDL simulator,
visit mass transit systems, and learn how bridges are designed and created. Exploring energy, the environment and eco-friendly transportation systems gives focus to how math, science, English and history all relate to transportation careers.

Students may choose to attend for one or two weeks from July 31st - August 5th and/or August 7th - August 12th. Acceptance to the program is on a first-come, first-served basis. The structure of both weeks is similar but the content changes. The program runs from Sunday through Friday. Apply Now! Visit our website at www.uvm.edu/trc/nsti or contact: Donna Aguiar, (802) 656-0566, donna.aguiar@uvm.edu. Application Deadline: June 3rd.

National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) - Vermont is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and sponsored by Vermont Agency of Transportation and the University of Vermont Transportation Research Center. Visit us on Facebook at NSTI Vermont.

Green Mountain Conservation Camps

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department still has openings available for Green Mountain Conservation Camps. These State camps provide an exceptional educational experience introducing kids to nature and the Vermont outdoors.

CANOEING, FISHING, ARCHERY, and CAMP FIRES with S’MORES?

“I stand at the overlook, smiling for the picture with my new friends. I become lost looking at a dragonfly’s wings and eyes, and my counselor explains how a dragonfly sees differently than me. I learn how to safely shoot archery, .22 rifles, and other firearms. The counselors are friendly, smart, and funny. I even learned what crepuscular means.”

These are memories made at Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s Green Mountain Conservation Camp. During one week-long session, kids ages 12-14 develop a connection with the natural world that is rich and vibrant. Vermont Game Wardens, Biologists and Foresters help teach a curriculum including wildlife ecology, orienteering, canoeing, fishing, combined Hunter and Bowhunter Education Certification in every basic week, and more. There are still openings at both the Kehoe Camp at Lake Bomoseen and Buck Lake Camp in Woodbury. The camp program begins June 19 and ends August 19 with separate male and female weeks at each location. Camp tuition at $200.00 covers the six-day session including food, lodging and all equipment. Many local associations and sportsperson’s clubs offer full or partial scholarships.

Weeks Available

**Buck Lake (Woodbury, VT)**
- Boys June 19 - June 24 (41 openings)
- Boys July 3 - July 8 (54 openings)
- Boys August 14 - August 19 (47 openings)

**Edward F. Kehoe Camp (Lake Bomoseen, VT)**
- Boys June 19 - June 24 (48 openings)
- Boys July 3 - July 8 (44 openings)
- Boys Advanced July 24 - July 29 (34 openings)
- Boys July 31 - August 8 (32 openings)
- Boys August 7 - August 12 (30 openings)
- Girls August 14 - August 19 (34 openings)

For camp applications or more information about the Green Mountain Conservation Camps, contact our Camps Clerk at: 802-241-3768. E-mail: FWgmcc@state.vt.us. A downloadable copy of the camp application can be printed from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/camps.cfm and mailed in.
Photo Gallery – Career Fair & Job Shadow Day
## UPDATES
(Dates and times are tentative and subject to change.)

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