

Green Mountain Conservation Camp Curriculum Synopsis

1. Wildlife and Habitat Conservation (22%)

Classes & Activities: *Biologist, Animals in the Wild, Wildlife ID, Day Hike, Project WILD*

Campers are taught by wildlife biologists, fisheries biologists and natural resource instructors that focus on wildlife and habitat conservation. Campers participate in hands-on opportunities in which they learn about radio telemetry, seine netting, land acquisition, wildlife signs and tracking, wildlife natural history, and wildlife and their relationship within ecosystems throughout Vermont.

2. Outdoor Recreation and Skills (21%)

Classes & Activities: *Orienteering, Camping, Hiking, Shelter Building, Canoeing, First Aid, Swimming*

Campers spend the vast majority of their time outside at camp, and they participate in activities that teach them the skills necessary to enjoy the outdoors in a safe way through various recreational activities.

3. Forestry (5%)

Classes & Activities: *Botany of the Forest, Forestry*

Natural Resource Instructors lead campers on a hike focused on the botany of the local ecosystem. Then, foresters from the Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation lead campers in activities focused on the ecology, management, and measurements associated with the field of forestry.

4. Aquatic Ecology Education (30%)

Classes & Activities: *Wetland & Aquatic Ecology, Watersheds, Fishing, Fly Fishing, Fish ID and Knots*

Whether it is by canoeing, swimming, fishing, or walking along the shoreline, campers have many opportunities to explore the water resources at camp while instructors teach about the importance of aquatic ecology, water conservation, and fisheries management.

5. Hunter Education (22%)

Classes & Activities: *Firearm Safety, Bow Hunter Safety, Turkey Talk, Furbearer Management, Positions Zones, and Carries, .22 rifle and shotgun Ranges, Waterfowl and Trapper Education (Waterfowl and Trappers Education are only 8 hours of advanced weeks)*

Safe, ethical, and skilled hunting are the focus of all hunter education courses at camp. Trained hunter education instructors lead campers through rigorous classroom and field studies.

Campers are required to pass a hunter education test prior to receiving their hunter certification cards at camp.