



Outdoor Odyssey

The Upper Valley's High School Trail Corps

July 8-July 26, 2013

APPLICATION

The Upper Valley Trails Alliance will initiate Outdoor Odyssey, a Trail Corps for Upper Valley High School students this summer. High School students can sign up for 1 week, 2 weeks or all 3 weeks that the Corps will operate. The Corps will run from 8:30 am – 5 pm Monday-Friday each week. The Corps will learn trail building and trail maintenance skills while working on several trails around the Upper Valley. In addition to work, there will also be fun, outdoor adventures. The Corps might go canoeing, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking or orienteering. It depends on the interest of the group. While there is work to be done, the Corps will learn outdoor skills and have fun in between!

We are looking for teams of energetic, enthusiastic individuals to join us.

Corps Members Must:

- Be at least 14 years old by July 1, 2013
- Be willing to work hard (8:30 am – 5 pm each day)
- Be willing to learn new skills, meet new people
- Be willing to have fun!
- Sign a waiver of liability before they can join the Corps
- Be able to arrange transportation to and from work site, or carpool with other Corps members.

Compensation: 40 hours of community service or weekly stipend of \$125/week

(The stipend might be higher if the UVTA is successful at raising more funds.)

Applications due May 30th, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: contact John Taylor at john.taylor@uvtrails.org or (802) 649-9075

Typical Day

- 8:30 Meet at trail work site*
- 8:35 Morning Check-in. On Mondays we will do a few activities to get to know one another
- 10:00 Morning Break – snacks, relax, play a game or two.
- 12:00 Lunch –bring your own lunch
- 2:30 Afternoon Break – snacks, share some stories, etc.
- 4:00 Pack up work site for the day
- 5:00 Go home

Along with games and story-telling, we plan to further balance our workdays with a mix of interesting presentations from experts in their fields, and some fun activities ranging from swimming to bouldering to kayaking. Friday evening end-of-week celebrations will be held for Corps members and their families (dependent on group interest).

* The meeting place will be determined later in the spring as the particulars fall into place.

Completed applications can be emailed to John.Taylor@uvtrails.org or mailed to:

Upper Valley Trails Alliance
P.O. Box 1215
Norwich, VT 05055

Outdoor Odyssey APPLICATION INFORMATION

Personal Data

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

School: _____ Current grade _____

Your Age _____ Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Your signature: _____ Your parent/guardian signature: _____

Employment History

Tell us about your experience (paid or unpaid). Include any other relevant work (you may attach resume).

Dates	Type of work

Personal References

Please provide names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references, including at least one teacher, principal or guidance counselor.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship to You

Personal Narrative

Without making this feel like school, we want to know why you want to be part of a trail corps this summer. What do you hope to gain from this experience? Why trail work? One paragraph is fine.

What weeks work for you?

The UV High School Trail Corps will run from July 8 – July 26. Our trail skills will build from one week to the next so we would prefer to have people join the first week and continue from there. In the first week we will cover a lot of information. It might be okay if you skip a week, but that first week is key. If you really want to join the Odyssey but cannot make that first week, explain your circumstances, and we'll take that into consideration.

Please check which week or weeks you are interested in joining the Corps.

Also, we hope to have t-shirts for Corps members, so we are asking what your shirt size is.

2013 Corps Weeks	Which week(s) do you want to work?	T-Shirt Size (adult S, M, L, XL)
July 8-12		
July 15-July 19		
July 22-July 26		

We might have the opportunity to work with a summer outdoor day camp, would working with young children interest you? Yes ___ No ___