



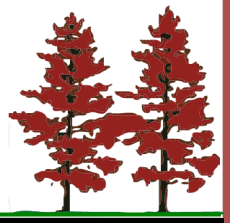
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SUSTAINABLE BOBCAT

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Announcements

Eco Service Day is Saturday April 27th, 10am-12pm

This year we're kicking off Short term with the perfect opportunity for Batesies to get involved in the community, enjoy the sunshine, and get their hands dirty: EcoService day. There are projects cleaning out the puddle, doing trail work, gardening, and even the opportunity to star in a video about commons! Sign up soon! The deadline is Thursday, April 25, and the first 75 people to sign up will get a free t-shirt! No need to drag yourself out of bed--there will be donuts and coffee at 9:30am in the Chase Hall quad! ALL projects will leave from here at 10:00am and will be finished by noon. Sign up with your friends, your teammates, or your house members!

Be an EcoRep!

Looking for an on-campus job next year? Interested in environmental issues? Apply to be an EcoRep! Each year, the Manager of Sustainability hires ten to twelve students as campus EcoReps. EcoReps work together as a team to develop and implement creative programs and outreach promoting recycling, energy conservation, community engagement, and sustainable transportation at Bates. Jobs range from designing web pages to writing this newsletter to organizing events. If you're someone who is interested in environmental issues, use your skills to be part of the team and get paid! Applications for next fall are due this spring. Look for more details via announce or email Julie Rosenbach at jrosenba@bates.edu. The deadline will be the first week of May.

Unplug From Outlets

Don't forget to unplug all electrical devices from outlets before you leave your room for break. Even when not powered on, devices plugged in still draw energy from the grid. Over time, even this small amount can add up to be a huge waste, especially when the solution is so easy.



Go on an Adventure this Break!

Staying at Bates this break with no plans? Going home, but only anticipating endless hours of Netflix? Instead, grab a few friends, a warm sleeping bag, and go on a trip! Maine has 32 state parks offering access to mountains, lakes and seashores for scenic views and outdoor fun. You can camp at twelve of the state parks and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway for as little as \$15/night. Loved your chillin' AESOP trip? Recreate it at the peaceful Sebago Lake (pictured here), only an hour from Bates! More of a hiker? With proper gear, mountains to the north are just as accessible as they are during the summer. Whatever you end up doing, have confidence in the fact that when you get back on campus, you'll have some great stories to tell to all of your friends who had "good" breaks back home.

Take a few minutes and browse the Maine State park website for ideas: <http://www.state.me.us/doc/parks/programs>

Thanks for Reading

Good Luck on Finals!