

# The Sustainable BOBCAT

September, 2014

## MEET THE ECOREPS!

### Event Coordinators

Julia and Becky



"Save the date, save the environment."

### Transportation

Niccolo



"Put green wheels on your car!"

### News Team

Fritz and Cailene



"When nature calls, we've got answers!"

### Recycling Crew

Ethan, Tommy, Claire (& Jack)



"Recycle, it's the Bates way."

### Green Certification Team

Jordan, Tenzin & Dana



"Building sustainable habits across Bates, room by room."

## THE NEW MUGS

The paper cups are made by Solo, a brand not unfamiliar with the college community. As expected, many people are concerned with how these new cups can possibly stack up to the plastic mugs of old.

First, these new cups and their cardboard sleeve counterparts are recyclable. (They're compostable too, but at Bates we're recycling them). With single stream recycling, we can throw all of our recyclables into one bin, no sorting. These cups are no exception. With so many in circulation—you'll help make them more sustainable by simply recycling! In Commons, the new cups go on the conveyor belt. Outside Commons just look for a blue recycling bin—but first make sure the cup is empty before you toss it in! Just a simple way our campus community makes sure we're being sustainable.

Even more sustainable – join the Mug Club! If you want to use your own travel mug or water bottle at Commons, the Mug Club is for you. Many advantages can come of this. First, you will be bucking the disposable and building a culture that's new and more durable. Curious how to join? Easy! Bring your mug to Commons and register by the staircase. Once you are a member bring your beverage container to each meal and swipe by the stairs. Benefits of the club—FREE FOOD! With 19 swipes of your personal mug, you get an additional guest swipe. Do your forgetful friends a favor, and get them in the front door instead of the back next time.



The new mugs are  
September's  
Recyclable of  
the Month



## Bates Green Bikes

### How Can I Get One?

You can apply to receive one of the bikes by going to <http://www.bates.edu/sustainability/green-bike-program>. They are assigned on a first-come, first serve basis and it's yours to ride, just as long as you lock it up, give it love and care for it while it's in your possession.

### What if you want to enjoy a GREEN Bike for a few days?

Along with anything and everything else you would need to enjoy the great outdoors, you can check out a GREEN Bike from the BOC equipment room located in Chase Hall. Pop into the E-room M-W-F from 4:15-5 PM, put 5 bucks down, use the bike for whatever your adventurous heart desires, then get your money back upon the return of an unharmed GREEN bike.

### What if I want to go GREEN, but also go faster?

Since we're on the topic of transportation... Wondering where all the Zip Cars are parked? They've been relocated to the center of campus – right behind Smith Hall. They're easy, cheap, and the primo parking comes standard. Sign up and check 'em out!

Do you have an internship, field placement, and/or other volunteer activities in Lewiston or Auburn this semester? Do you hate waiting for the shuttle and/or love the feeling of wind in your hair and the smell of emission-free transportation? If so, you're eligible to borrow your very own GREEN bike for the semester!

### THINGS TO LOOK FOR

#### The Envirolunch Series

Thursdays, biweekly  
12:05-12:55 PM  
Commons room 221

**People's Climate March**  
Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – New York City

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