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Moosalamoo Association to host VYCC Park Educators

GOSHEN - The Moosalamoo Association, a stewardship partner with the US Forest Service for the management of the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area (NRA), is pleased to announce that there will be a crew of Vermont Youth Conservation Corps Park Educators providing environmental education and naturalist programming within the NRA and surrounding community. The Moosalamoo Association would like to thank the Vermont Dept of Forests, Parks & Recreation, the Vermont Recreation Trails Grant Program, and Americorps for their support that is making these efforts possible.

The five Park Educators will be working in the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area and in Branbury State Park, engaging in trail education projects providing environmental education to visitors and the community. Some of the focus topics will be on invasive species, Leave No Trace™ ethics, & land stewardship. Leave No Trace™ is a national and international program designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts with their decisions about how to reduce their impacts when they hike, camp, picnic, snowshoe, run, bike, hunt, paddle, ride horses, fish, ski or climb.

The Park Educators will be hiking the trails to collect information and to engage hikers in educational opportunities. VYCC will also be offering several recreational events such as guided hikes, to interested parties. The Park Educator crew “is very excited to help bring the incredibly rich and complex natural landscape of the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area alive for visitors to this beautiful place.” For more information on the schedule of events, or if you’re interested in setting up a program for your individual group, please contact Jason Rhoades, VYCC Park Educator Field Assistant, at 802-434-3969 ext. 132, email Jason.rhoades@vycc.org, or visit www.moosalamoo.org.

The mission of the Association is to: Collaborate with public entities to plan, manage, and provide stewardship for wildlife habitat conservation and quality public recreation opportunities and facilities, promote responsible recreation participation and environmental awareness through interpretation, education and resource monitoring, demonstrate the unique capabilities of public and private partners working together, and strengthen partnerships at the local level in cooperative projects such as trail construction and maintenance, wildlife habitat improvement, or visual enhancement of roadsides.

Moosalamoo NRA is a 20,000-acre region of public and private land nestled in the Green Mountain National Forest. Moosalamoo’s diverse ecosystem is home to a large number of plants and animals. The region is also a marvelous recreation area for wildlife viewing, berry picking, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, picnicking, and camping.

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