

The Bennington Community Ethos Project

One of the hallmarks of Bennington is the community character of self-governance, reflection, choice, and responsibility. From time to time it is important to examine the components in place and where needed make adjustments. We are now at such a moment.



The traditional Bennington commencement statement forwards the belief that the College's educational goals are best served by "demanding of our students active participation in the planning of their own programs, and in the regulation of their own lives on campus." How has, can, and should this self-regulation be realized? And

what is the relationship between student self-governance and College policies? Between choices and responsibility to community?

We invite your participation in a working group whose charge will be to draft a statement of Bennington principles and values and to assess and propose changes to current College policies. This working group will meet every other week throughout the Fall 2013 term.

Application process: Interested students should submit a letter of interest to Acting Director of Community Standards Michael Cohen (mcohen@bennington.edu) by September 20, 2013.

Isabel Roche, Dean of the College
Duncan Dobbeltmann, Associate Dean of the College
Michael Cohen, Acting Director of Community Standards

Climbing Trip to Nine Corners Lake

The **Bennington Outings Club** is organizing an **overnight climbing trip** to the lovely **Nine Corners Lake** in New York State during the weekend of **September 21-22**. The stunning Nine Corners Lake offers a wide range of bouldering for climbers old and new, as well as an enchanting spot to spend a night out under the stars. The group will camp out Saturday night and tents will be provided; individuals who have their own sleeping bags, climbing shoes, or crash are encouraged to bring them. A limited supply of gear is also available for rent. A nominal \$10 fee will help offset the cost of food and transportation, and the cheer and good company is free. **Sign up and pre-payment is required. Registration and gear rental forms are available in the Office of Student Life.** For any other questions, please contact Scott Milliman.



Announcements

- **Out-of-house room changes begin this week! Room change applications are due to the Office of Student Life by Tuesday, September 17, by noon.** Late applications will not be considered until the following week of room changes. For any questions, email Housing@bennington.edu.
- Campus Safety and Student Life staff will be conducting **fire safety inspections** from **3:00-6:00 pm** following the schedule below. Please be aware of your house's date – the inspections will occur whether or not you are present in your room.
 - Wednesday, September 18:** Booth, Canfield, Dewey, Fels, Franklin, Kilpatrick, Perkins, Stokes, Swan, Shingle, and Longmeadow.
 - Thursday, September 19:** Bingham, Leigh, McCullough, Merck, Noyes, Paris-Borden, Sawtell, Welling, Woolley, and WTH.
- **The Drop Period ends Wednesday, September 18.** The last day to withdraw from classes is Thursday, October 17. Forms are available in the Dean's Office.
- **Former Poet Laureate of the United States from 1990-1991, Mark Strand,** will be on campus this week for the **Poetry at Bennington** series. His events are as follows:
 - **Lecture, "On Nothing,"** Tuesday, September 17, from 5:00-6:00 pm in the CAPA Symposium.
 - **"In Conversation"** with Michael Dumanis, Wednesday, September 18, from 1:00-2:00 pm, in the CAPA Symposium.
 - **Poetry Reading,** Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00 pm in the Tishman Lecture Hall.
- John Duncan, from **Saguaro National Park** in Tucson, AZ (FWT 2013 site) will be hosting an information table in **Down Commons** on Wednesday, September 18, from 12:00-2:00 pm. A great opportunity for students interested in ecology or environmental research.
- **Bennington College is happy to welcome Marigold Kitchen and NiteJars as merchants accepting the Bennington Card.** For more info on the Bennington Card and a full list of on- and off-campus merchants, please visit the College website.
- Starting this week, **writing tutors will be available Sunday-Thursday from 8:00-10:00 pm in the Reading Room on the top floor of the Crossett Library.** Whether you're getting started with a short essay or developing your thesis, the tutors are available to assist you through any stage of the writing process.
- **The Bennington WELLness Project will have its first meeting this Monday, September 16, at 7:00 pm in the EAC.** In honor of World Suicide Prevention Day (Tuesday, September 10), we will start of the term by discussing mental health on campus. BE WELL!

calendar of events

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

⌘ denotes events open to the public *Student Organizations are noted in blue*

Monday, September 16

5:00 pm Climbing, Meyer Rec Barn
8:00 pm Latin@ Club, UpCafé
7:00 pm Bennington WELLness Project, EAC Study Room 1

Tuesday, September 17

1:00 pm Archery Club, Soccer Field
5:00 pm Poetry at Bennington Lecture | Mark Strand, CAPA Symposium⌘
5:00 pm Climbing, Meyer Rec Barn
6:00 pm Constitution Trivia, Student Center
7:00 pm Meditation in Motion (Yoga), Meyer Rec Barn
7:30 pm Adams-Tillim Lecture | Fred Wilson, Tishman Lecture Hall⌘
9:00 pm Bennington Sustainable Food Project, Down Commons

Wednesday, September 18

All Day End of Drop Registration Period
All Day Last Day to Request Letter Grades
12:00 pm Saguaro National Park (FWT 2013 site), Down Commons
12:30 pm FWT Workshop: Making WorkLink Work, UpCafé
1:00 pm Poetry at Bennington Conversation | Mark Strand, CAPA Symposium⌘
4:00 pm Soccer Practice, Soccer Field
5:00 pm Climbing, Meyer Rec Barn
7:00 pm Meditation in Motion (Yoga), Meyer Rec Barn
7:00 pm Poetry at Bennington Reading | Mark Strand, Tishman Lecture Hall⌘

Thursday, September 19

12:45 pm Queer, DownCafé
5:00 pm Climbing, Meyer Rec Barn
10:00 pm PAC Presents: Karaoke Night, Student Center



Friday, September 20

12:30 pm FWT Workshop: Resumes and Cover Letters, UpCafé
1:00 pm Science Workshop, Dickinson 225
3:00 pm Party Pack Certification, DownCafé
4:00 pm Soccer Practice, Soccer Field
4:00 pm DREAM, UpCafé
5:00 pm Climbing, Meyer Rec Barn
7:00 pm Broadway @ Bennington, EAC Study Room 1
7:00 pm PAC Presents: Zombies vs. Humans Capture the Flag, Commons Lawn
7:15 pm Classic Film Series: La Jetee, Kinoteca
8:00 pm Crossett Garden Concert Series, Joan Goodrich Garden
9:00 pm PAC presents: Zombieland (Movie), Student Center

Study-Abroad and Grant Opportunities

Commons from 11:30 am-1:00 pm

- Wells College International Programs: Thursday, September 19
- Advanced Studies in England: Thursday, September 26
- Academic Program International: Thursday, October 10

Saturday, September 21

10:00 am ZUMBA with Betsy Dunham, Meyer Rec Barn
1:00 pm Climbing, Meyer Rec Barn
2:00 pm Badminton Club, Greenwall Auditorium
4:00 pm Chess Club, Student Center
7:00 pm Animation Club, EAC Study Room 1
7:00 pm Swing and Social Dance, VAPA E303

Sunday, September 22

1:00 pm Tennis Clinics, Tennis Courts
1:00 pm Climbing, Meyer Rec Barn
2:00 pm Bennington Movement Collective, Greenwall Auditorium
2:00 pm Soccer Practice, Soccer Field
3:00 pm Bennington Free Press, UpCafé
4:00 pm Ultimate Frisbee Open Practice, Soccer Field
4:00 pm Archery Club, Soccer Field
6:30 pm DREAM, Down Commons



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Anyone interested in leading pick up volleyball on Commons Lawns a few nights a week should contact Michiel Considine in the Office of Student Life.

Dodgeball is back! Games will be held in Greenwall every Wednesday night in October from 8:00-10:00 pm. Rally your friends, classmates, club members, and faculty advisers and come sign up your team in the Office of Student Life by September 30. Extra points for most creative team names! Contact Michiel Considine with any questions.

Open Hours

Dean's Office (Barn 123)

Isabel Roche, dean of the College: Monday, noon-1:00 pm
Duncan Dobbeltmann, associate dean of the College: Friday, noon-1:00 pm
Laurie Kobik, assistant dean for academic services: Monday & Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 pm

Academic Services (Barn 120)

Kate Child, assistant director for academic services: Tuesday & Thursday, 1:00-2:00 pm
Kendra Ericson, assistant director for academic services: Monday & Wednesday, 1:00-2:00 pm
Noelle Everett Murphy, assistant director for academic services: Monday-Wednesday, 12:30-2:00 pm

Field Work Term and Career Development Office (Barn 113)

Walk-ins welcome anytime Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Holly McCormack, dean of Field Work Term: Thursday, 12:30-1:30 pm
Erica Walsh, director of FWT and Career Development: Tuesday & Thursday, 1:00-2:00 pm

Looking for more information on the events listed here?

Try the online calendar at www.bennington.edu