



OUTRIGHT VERMONT

Press Release

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Camp Outright is Getting Ready for Our Fifth Season!

Camp Outright, a program of Outright Vermont and Common Ground Center, is gearing up for its fifth season!

Camp Outright 5.0, a week-long residential summer camp experience for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and allied youth is scheduled for August 16-22, 2015. Campers participate in a wide variety of daily activities based upon their interests, including swimming, sports and games, visual and performing arts, wilderness skills, social justice, identity caucuses, and much more.



New this year, Camp Outright will be open to youth, ages 13-18. Youth ages 19-22 will have the option to apply for the Counselor in Training (CIT) program. Micah Barritt, Director of Programs at Outright Vermont, had this to say about the change: "Who is better suited to become the leaders of Camp Outright than campers? Youth are profoundly impacted by their experiences at camp, and with the CIT program, we are giving older youth the opportunity to give back to that community and shape it for future generations of campers." Barritt added: "Older campers have been asking for more leadership opportunities and skill development over the past couple of years. With the CIT program, youth in the 19-22 age range will be better supported in their transition from camp to adulthood."

A camper from 2014 said: "It was more refreshing that I could have imagined to be in a place totally surrounded by queer people! The counselors/adults/all staff were so welcoming and accepting and supportive. It was fantastic."

Tuition this year is \$550, which covers a week of lodging, food, supplies, and materials. Limited financial aid is available to Vermont youth. We strive to make camp accessible to as many youth as possible. Registration opens April 1st.

For more information, to register, or to inquire about financial aid or the CIT program, please visit <http://www.campoutright.org/>

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The mission of Outright Vermont is to build safe, healthy, and supportive environments for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth, ages 13-22. Since 1989, Outright has worked to provide safety and support for queer youth, helped make schools safer, and focused on youth empowerment, leadership, and advocacy. To learn more about Outright, visit www.outrightvt.org.

Common Ground Center is a cooperatively run non-profit arts, education, and outdoor recreation and retreat center. CGC is dedicated to bringing together and strengthening diverse families and communities through unique program offerings and facility rentals. Located on 700 acres in Starksboro, VT, our beautiful site demonstrates our commitment to environmental sustainability. For more information, visit www.cgcvt.org.