

Earth Day Essay: Vermont

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You're sitting by a warm, cozy fire. You watch as the sparks dance in the wind, as the wood shrivels, and slowly turns black. You realize it's a little too late to be outside, but it's okay, because as the wind reassures you, and the birds keep you company; you come to the conclusion that you're more than just okay, you're free, you're alive, you're in Vermont. Vermont is a state that has all four seasons, and endless things to do. It's filled with: excitement, adventure, and an outstanding community. Vermont is beautiful in every way, but my favorite part about Vermont is its magnificence in all four seasons.

Vermont's first season in the year is winter. Although Vermont's winter temperatures can be alarming, there are many activities you can do. For instance sledding, there are endless hills and mountains in Vermont that you can sled down, you can even make jumps! Another snow activity is ice skating. Ice skating can be very enjoyable, since you go so fast that it feels like you're going the speed of light. There is also a perpetual amount of ponds you can skate on. One of my favorite parts about Vermont's winters is the delicious food, including: sugar on snow, hot chocolate, and creamies (it's never too cold for a creamy). There are multiple different ways to get sugar on snow: you can make it yourself by getting fresh snow and pouring maple syrup on top, or you can buy it at Brag Farm, or any other maple syrup store. Brag Farm also sells their heavenly maple creamies with maple sugar on top.



Although winter is a pleasant season, so is spring. Vermont's spring season can get so muddy, especially in between winter and spring, some people call Vermont's spring mud season. Mud season can be irritating for people who enjoy staying dry and clean, but I quite appreciate it. For example, I find jumping in mud, riding my bike through mud, and playing in mud entertaining. Therefore, I find tranquility in having mud all over myself. One of my favorite activities to do in Vermont is play softball. Softball is easily one of my favorite sports, and I'm so thankful that I get to pursue it in Vermont. When I play softball, I can feel the wind beat on my face because Vermont's highest temperatures in the spring are no more than 75 degrees fahrenheit.

Spring in Vermont can be joyful, but so can Vermont's summers. Vermont's summers can be filled with excitement and thrill. One of my favorite hobbies to do in the summer is skateboarding. Skateboarding can be fun especially when learning new tricks and going so fast, you feel like you're ascending through the air. Another activity I enjoy doing is swimming. Though I'm far from an excellent swimmer, I love the feeling of diving into a pond and feeling your body go deeper and deeper, until you reach a stop and feel the refreshing water hit your face. Swimming is so peaceful and



relaxing, it feels as though I'm floating through space. I not only like swimming, I also love going to the Champlain Valley Fair every summer. I am the type of person to go on the scariest, most ominous rides. My favorite ride is called "The Claw", you are strapped in a seat, and then the ride presides to swing you upside down in circles. "The Claw" is easily one of the most terrifying rides there, to the point where none of my family members will go on it, except my dad. I even talk to my friends about "The Claw", and they don't even go on it. Going to the Champlain Valley Fair is easily one of my favorite things to do in Vermont.

Though summer is filled with fun and excitement, fall is also a beautiful season in Vermont. I love Vermont's fall for many reasons, but mainly because of the brisk weather, and the lovely fall trees. When the trees are colored red, orange, and yellow, I feel like I could fall asleep in the cozy, warm leaves. When I jump into a pile of leaves, I feel like I'm jumping on a cloud, or what I imagine a cloud would feel like. It feels so heavenly how the leaves hug you and comfort you. Furthermore, a fall sport I enjoy playing is soccer. Though some might dislike playing soccer in such cold weather, I quite like it. Since I play goal keeper, I have to dive and slide for the ball, so when it's cold out, the ground usually has frost on top, which makes it refreshing diving on a cold, brisk, squishy surface. I not only play soccer, I also celebrate halloween. Halloween in Vermont is so exciting and fun. When you dress up and go door to door, everyone is so welcoming, and after all of your hard work running down streets, you get to reward yourself with candy when you get home (if it's not already gone).

I truthfully believe Vermont is such a welcoming and peaceful place, you can make so many great memories and unforgettable friends. I am so thankful for getting to grow up in such a beautiful place. Vermont is wonderful in every single way, but my favorite part about living in Vermont is its seasons.

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