Downeast Salmon Federation and Cobscook Institute partner to offer a two-week summer experience for teens.

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Cobscook Institute's mission is to create responsive educational opportunities that strengthen personal, community, and global well-being. It was started in 1999 as CCLC, and now consists of two mutually supporting divisions with a common purpose.

Cobscook Experiential Programs are a unique high school experience for Washington County students, and Cobscook Center is an innovative venue for hosting events and attending classes.

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The Work

During the program teens work with their trip leaders and local professionals on a variety of important conservation projects. This year’s work includes:

- Trail building
- Salmon habitat restoration
- Chemical water quality monitoring
- Macro-invertebrate sampling
- Campsite development

The Camp

The Wigwams Rapid is a classic salmon fishing site recognized by guides and anglers and used from past to present by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The Downeast Salmon Federation owns the historic fishing camp situated there, along with the portage trail and a few tent sites. Remote and beautiful, it is an easy place to appreciate the charms of Washington County.

River Trip

To top off the 14-day experience, participants test themselves and their newly developed skills on a four-day canoe expedition on the St. Croix river. Designated as a Canadian Heritage River, the St. Croix flows along the eastern Maine border with New Brunswick, and is one of Maine’s most outstanding river trips. The river features a near perfect blend of natural scenery, moderate whitewater, wilderness campsites, and excellent fishing.

Who should apply?

High school students age 13-17 with a passion for the outdoors who have a desire to develop and strengthen leadership, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills.

Apply now or learn more

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