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Yellowstone Recruiting for 2016 Youth Conservation Corps Program

How would you like to help Yellowstone celebrate the Centennial of the National Park Service while you work, learn, play, and serve in the world's first national park?

Yellowstone National Park is currently recruiting for the 2016 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program, a residential work-based education program for young men and women between the ages of 15 and 18. The program is designed to develop an appreciation for the nation's natural resources and heritage through unique educational, recreational, and work experiences.

Yellowstone recruits youth from all social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds for the YCC program. Corps members work together under adult leadership to complete conservation projects such as rehabilitation of trails, campground restoration, and a wide variety of resource management, visitor support services, and maintenance projects.

Participants and staff develop their job and leadership skills while further exploring personal values, gaining self-esteem, expanding their awareness of work ethics, and learning firsthand about environmental and conservation issues. Corps members will also participate in evening and weekend recreational activities and discover the many options for careers in the National Park Service and other land management agencies.

Yellowstone will offer two, month-long YCC sessions, June 12 to July 13, and July 17 to August 17. Sixty youth will be selected from across the country to participate in the program.

No previous wilderness experience is required, but a willingness and ability to work in a physically active outdoor program, getting along well with others, and maintaining a positive attitude are essential for success.

Participants will be required to live on location, and room and board will be provided at a minimal cost. Wages will be set at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and be 15 years of age by June 12, but not over 18 years of age by August 17.

For further information and application materials visit www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/yccjobs.htm.

Questions may be directed to the park's YCC Program Manager at (307) 344-2256. Completed application materials must be received no later than March 1, 2016.

The Yellowstone YCC Program is funded by park entrance fees and the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

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