



Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps
Summer Employment 2010

Youth Crew Member Application

Central Oregon Youth Corps Conservation (COYCC) is a work-learn-earn program administered cooperatively by the Heart of Oregon Corps, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service in partnership with local community organizations, schools, businesses and private individuals. Heart of Oregon Corps will hire and employ youth in the program to work on public lands in a natural resources based hands-on education and employment program. Participants will do hard physical work and may be exposed to insects, adverse weather, and difficult working conditions. Participants earn minimum wage (\$8.40 per hour) and can earn a high school "skills based learning credit" for completion of the program. COYCC participants work Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm starting June 28th and ending August 19, 2010.

Youth, ages **16 through 18 at the date of enrollment (June 28th)**, who are permanent residents of the United States, are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds. No specific experience is required for a summer position with COYCC. However, we do look for youth that can follow instructions, work as a team member and follow through with a commitment, as well as those who express an interest in enjoying working in the out of doors. Applicants who were YCC crewmembers in previous years can only apply for a Youth Crew Leader position and must request a separate application. Not all locations will fill youth crew leader positions, as this is funding dependent.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications not completed by the applicant themselves must include a statement as to the reason and the name of the person completing the application. Please do not apply for a position if hard work in an out of doors setting is not the right job for you or if you have commitments that won't allow you to participate in at least 7 weeks of the program!

You must be willing to get hot and dirty while performing a variety of duties in the great outdoors of central Oregon. This could mean working in either a forested or high desert environment. Be sure to pack a hearty lunch and plenty of water to keep you energized for your 9-hour workday. The following are descriptions of some of the types of work you may be required to perform:

- Trail construction/reconstruction: Hiking at times up to 5+ miles a day at times to reach work locations. This includes carrying your tool and pack with lunches, water and other equipment as needed. Duties include clearing brush and limbs, grubbing and digging trails, installing signs, and working in vicinity of chain saws.
- Fence construction/reconstruction: Building or rebuilding barbed-wire fence for cattle allotments. Requires working with hand tools, hauling posts and fencing across range country, digging holes and placing posts; stringing barbed-wire fencing.
- Fuels reduction: Clearing brush and slash from around campgrounds and other locations on the National Forest. Includes the use of hand tools, cutting tools (pulls saws, pruning saws, etc.), and pulling and piling slash into piles.
- Weed pulling: Consist of pulling noxious weeds from various locations and bagging them for delivery to the landfill. Includes lots of bending over, pulling and being in dusty conditions.

Key Dates

April 29: Applications must be returned to any Deschutes or Ochoco National Forest office by the close of business.

May 10-14: You will be notified via mail as to your application status (select/nonselect)

May 21: Last day to phone in to accept the position (no response will be considered declining the offer)

Early June, date to be announced: 1 hour evening meeting to complete hiring paperwork

June 28: First day of work

August 19: Last day of work celebration

For more information, please contact:

Sisters Ranger District 549-7700

Crescent Ranger 433-3200

Bend Fort Rock Ranger District, Bend 383-4000

Lookout Mountain Ranger District, Prineville 416-6500

Crooked River National Grassland, Madras 475-9272

Rager Ranger District, Paulina 477-6900

Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone #: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Are you attending School? yes ___no___ Which School: _____ Grade in School: _____

If you are not attending school, explain why: _____

Glove size (please circle one unisex size): XS S M L XL XXL

T-shirt size (please circle one unisex size): XS S M L XL XXL

Do you have any work experience (either paid or unpaid)? yes ___ no ___ Briefly describe:

1. Have you ever been involved with the criminal justice system? yes ___no___ Briefly describe: (Affirmative responses will not block an applicant from a position with the Corps)

2. Are you willing and able to:

- Lift, carry and pack up to 35 pounds? yes ___ no ___
- Work on projects that require attention to detail? yes ___ no ___
- Work on projects that are physically demanding? yes ___ no ___
- Work outdoors in inclement weather? yes ___ no ___
- Use safety equipment correctly and work safely
With tools and around other corps members? yes ___ no ___
- Report to work from June 28 through August 19, 2010? yes ___ no ___

Applicant's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

3. Do you have any physical condition or limitation that may affect your ability to do this type of work? If yes, what can be done to work with those limitations? yes ____ no ____

4. What is your greatest accomplishment so far? Why is this important to you? _____

5. Tell us why we should hire you to participate in a COYCC program? _____

6. Using the attached recommendation form, enclose a recommendation from at least one adult (who is not a relative and does not live with you) who can speak about your ability to work and follow directions.

Applicant's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Applicant's Statement: I have read the information about the COYCC program for which I am applying and understand that this position will involve hard work and working as a member of a team. I understand and can meet the requirements of this position. If accepted into the COYCC program I am willing to commit to full participation and completion of the program. I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

 Applicant's Signature

Parental Consent (if under age 18): I agree to allow my child to participate in COYCC and in any activities associated with this program. I agree to hold harmless Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, its agents, officers, employees and volunteers, of any and all liabilities arising from my child's participation in the program.

 Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Optional information

To be completed by parent or Legal Guardian
 (Or applicant if age 18)

Completion of this information may assist with placement of your child through funding provided for youth that meet one or more of the following criteria.

Family Size _____ Family Income _____

- a. Is your family eligible for food stamps? yes ____ no ____
- b. Does your child require special needs or is s/he on an Individual Education Plan at School? yes ____ no ____
- c. Is your child considered to be an "at risk youth"? yes ____ no ____

Other considerations/needs:

Ethnicity: Please check one

African American	Asian	Alaska Native	Eastern European (Russian, Ukrainian, etc.)	Caucasian
Latino/Hispanic	American Indian	Pacific Islander	Multiracial	Other:

Applicant's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

RECOMMENDATION FOR COYCC YOUTH CREW MEMBER

The applicant is applying for a Crew Member position with the Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (COYCC), which is a work-learn-earn program that provides natural resources based education and work projects on public lands. Participants will do **hard physical work** and may be exposed to insects, adverse weather, and difficult working conditions. Participants earn minimum wage and can earn a high school "skills based learning credit" for completion of the program.

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Please complete the following and enclose in a sealed envelope, sign the flap of the envelope, and return it to the applicant for inclusion in his/her application packet. If you wish, you may also attach a letter of recommendation typed on your school or professional letterhead.

IMPORTANT: Applicant must receive this recommendation by ***April 20*** in order to meet the application deadline of April 29th.

Your Name: _____

Your Employer: _____

Your Position: _____ Day Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what context? _____

How might the COYCC program benefit the applicant?

What characteristics does this applicant possess that he/she would bring to the COYCC program?

Additional Comments:

Signature: _____