

Archaeology Crew Positions continue in 2024

YFMP Archaeology Members:

- Spend a summer outdoors learning about cultural landscapes and ancient artifacts
- Work cooperatively in a group of peers
- Work with SHPO scientists to collect data and report out information
- Engage in hands-on learning in addition to reporting and mapping through programs like GIS
- Collect data and present findings to forest scientists, county commissioners, and the public
- Gain experience in an unrivaled array of transferable skill sets that can be used in various different job sectors



Learning to monitor vegetation health

To apply:

Email or Postmark by **11:59pm April 12, 2024** the following information:

- Contact information
email, address, and phone #
- School transcript
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher
- Cover letter describing:
 1. *What you hope to gain by this experience.*
 2. *Special contributions you can make to this program.*

YFMP

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Youth Forest Monitoring Program

Citizen Science 2024



2023 YFMP Team

What is YFMP?

YFMP stands for Youth Forest Monitoring Program. This program is available through a partnership between the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Montana Discovery Foundation, Lewis & Clark County, Montana DNRC, State Historic Preservation Office, and Helena College.

YFMP Members:

- Spend a summer outdoors learning about forest ecology
- Work cooperatively in a group of peers
- Engage in hands-on learning about natural resource management
- Collect data and present findings to forest scientists, county commissioners, and the public
- Make recommendations that improve forest health
- Explore a variety of natural resource careers
- Gain experience for future employment opportunities

Program Dates

Dates: June 17—July 25 (Mon—Thurs)

Holidays off June 19th and July 4th

Time: 8:30am—5:00pm

Location: Helena Forest Office
Transportation is provided from the office to the field each day

Overview: Students spend the first week learning concepts and techniques in natural resource conservation and management. Students will work in classroom and field settings. Outdoor skills will be introduced in preparation for a 3-day field monitoring trip into the Scapegoat Wilderness in July: (tentatively 7/9—7/11).

Starting the second week of the program, students split into teams and apply their training to specific monitoring projects. Teams collect, compile, and interpret monitoring data. Field instructors supervise students and each monitoring project is sponsored by a designated Forest Service scientist. Students consult with their Forest Service contact periodically throughout the program.

Presentation: Students work in their team to create a presentation for forest scientists and the public on **Thursday, July 25th at 11am.**

Stipend: \$1,000 (\$45/day) received as a lump sum at end of program.

Requirements: Open to students entering grades 10-12, who are in good academic standing and/or have shown ability and interest in natural sciences.

Students must apply to the program by **11:59pm April 12, 2024.** Selected students will be interviewed April 24th. Students will be notified by May 1st if they have been accepted into the program.

YFMP Teams for 2024 include:

- Streams
- Soils/Wildlife
- Vegetation/Forestry
- Archeology



Measuring a stream cross-section