Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)

What is YCC?

YCC is a summer employment program for diverse young men and women ages 15 through 18 from different backgrounds to work, learn, and earn together by doing projects to protect public lands.

What do YCC members do?

- Work outdoors with other young people on crews, supervised by a trained crew leader
- Gain valuable professional experience working on Forest Service lands come rain or shine
- Get training in tool use, safe work habits, teamwork, and more
- Learn how conservation projects benefit the environment, and there cultural and historical significance.

What are the benefits of being in YCC?

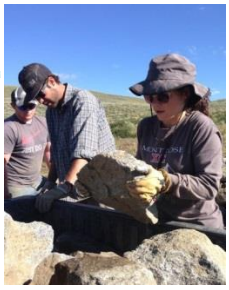
- Develop an appreciation of the nation's natural environment and heritage resources
- Learn work ethic and interpersonal communication skills
- Make new friends with youth from various social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds
- Earn Federal or State minimum wage—whichever is higher. Colorado minimum wage for 2016 will be $8.31/hr

Am I eligible?

- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident
- At least 15 years of age by June 1st and not yet 19 years of age by August 30th of that year
- Youth from all social, economic, ethnic, racial, and disable populations are encouraged to apply.
- Must have Social Security #
- No criminal record or other antisocial behavior that might endanger others
- Has not previously worked in the YCC Program

How do I apply?

- Contact the Grand Valley Ranger District (USDA Forest Service) at 970/242-8211
- E-mail Chris Foreman at *cforeman@fs.fed.us*
- Deadline to submit the application is ***April 15 each year***
- http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/ycc
- To fill out application electronically go to: http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/, print application, sign/signatures, scan and e-mail to Chris Foreman at *cforeman@fs.fed.us* . ***or***
- Mail application to: Grand Valley Ranger District, 2777 Crossroads Blvd. Unit 1, Grand Junction, CO. 81506

For the Grand Valley Ranger District YCC Program (Grand Junction, CO.)

The recruitment period for the YCC on the Grand Valley Ranger District has begun. These positions will be utilized as a Trail Crew: clearing trails, constructing drainage structures, installing signs, and basically "digging in the dirt". The crew will routinely stay out for the work week (Mon-Thurs) and camp.