

Frequently Asked Questions

Prescott National Forest / Yavapai County Education Services Agency 2016 Youth Conservation Corps Program



What type of work will YCC crew members engage in?

Crew members will work under the supervision of experienced outdoor crew leaders on a variety of projects in several locations across the Prescott National Forest. Examples include: trail maintenance, fence removal, recreation and historic site maintenance, invasive weed removal, fuels reduction, and wildlife habitat improvement. Environmental education will be incorporated into every project, and crew members will have opportunities to learn about the importance of forest restoration, ecosystem health, recreation ethics, wilderness, native species, and cultural site preservation. Crew members will also have opportunities to develop and exercise personal leadership skills in addition to outdoor safety and tool use skills.

What are the dates of the program and daily work schedule?

The program will start in early June and continue to the end of July. Specific program dates will be announced in April. The typical daily work schedule for YCC crew members will be Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm. One work day will take place on a Saturday so YCC crew members can participate in the Prescott Fourth of July Parade in downtown Prescott.

How do I apply to be an YCC crew member?

Yavapai County Education Service Agency will oversee the recruitment and hiring for YCC crew member positions. The open application period is anticipated in April (specific dates to be announced). At that time, application information will be posted on the Prescott National Forest's YCC webpage and distributed to the high schools in Yavapai County.

How many positions will be available this year?

There will be 20-30 YCC crew member positions available for 2016. The final number will be determined by April.

What is the age range to apply?

Youth ages 16-18 years old can apply to be crew members. (Please note this is different from other YCC programs which are open to youth ages 15-18 years old.)

Are there housing options available for YCC crew members?

No. Crew members will need to have housing arrangements in the local area already in place.

What is the pay for YCC crew members?

Crew members will earn the current minimum wage pay rate for the state of Arizona.

Do YCC crew members need to provide their own transportation?

Crew members will need to provide their own transportation to a central drop-off/pick-up location where they will meet their YCC crew leaders and board large passenger vehicles provided for each crew to travel to their work site(s) for the day. One central drop-off/pick-up location will be in the Prescott area, and a second location may be established in the Verde Valley (Cottonwood or Camp Verde). Final location(s) will be confirmed in April.

What gear or supplies do YCC crew members need to provide?

Crew members will need to wear clothing and footwear that meets basic safety requirements for outdoor work; these include: long sleeves, long pants, and comfortable hiking boots. Crew members should be prepared to work in outdoor settings and bring their own lunch, snacks, and personal hygiene items as most work locations will be in undeveloped areas with no access to restroom facilities, stores, or restaurants. Crew members will be provided hardhats, leather gloves, safety glasses, water bottles, and day packs (hydration pack style). Crew members are welcome to use their own day packs if they prefer.

Will there be opportunities for overnight camping in the program?

During one week of the program (“spike camp week”), crew members will complete work in a wilderness setting and will be required to camp overnight for three consecutive nights. Water, meals, and group supplies will be provided during this week. Sleeping gear and tents will also be provided; however, crew members are welcome to use their own gear if they prefer. A complete list of items will be provided to crew members before the scheduled week.

Is there a policy for using cell phones?

Crew members will be allowed to carry their cell phones with them each day, but they may be asked to leave their phones in their day packs or crew vehicle to reduce distractions from completing their work. Crew leaders will carry radios and may carry personal cell phones and will be trained on handling any communication for emergency needs. Emergency contact information will be kept on hand for all YCC crew members. Additionally, parents will be provided contact information and instructions in the event they need to contact their child during the work day.

Who can I contact for additional information?

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