



2012 Application for Storrie Student Trail Crew

Please print the following information as neatly as possible:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Additional #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please circle answers

Gender: M F T-Shirt Size: S M L XL Most Recent Year in High School: 9th 10th 11th 12th

As part of the Storrie Student Trail Crew, you will be conserving our natural resources through outdoor restoration service work, enhancing environmental awareness, and developing teamwork and leadership skills. Please have a parent or legal guardian sign below to show her/his support for your commitment to and participation in the program.

Parents/Legal Guardians:

I give full support for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for and participate in the Storrie Student Trail Crew. I understand the attached program description, have signed below, and have discussed the program and its requirements and benefits with my son/daughter. I realize that completing this application does not guarantee my son/daughter's acceptance into the program.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Please print name & Relationship to Applicant Date

Recommendation from a Teacher, Counselor, Youth Worker, or past or current Supervisor:

Please ask a teacher, counselor, youth worker, or past or current Supervisor to complete this section. This person must be an adult who is not part of your family.

How are you (the recommender) affiliated with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Her/His greatest strength is: \_\_\_\_\_

His/Her greatest limitation is: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this applicant for the Storrie Student Trail Crew position? Please check answer.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Yes with reservations \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Reference/Recommender Name & Title (printed) Date

School, Company or Organization Phone # Email

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**Tell us about yourself (attach additional pages if needed):**

Please describe your home life, your interests, how you spend your free time, your goals.

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What experiences have you had in the outdoors? Have you ever been camping before? (It's okay if you haven't.)

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Participating on a Student Crew is physically demanding and includes working outdoors for the duration of the program. You will be working on a conservation service project for approximately 8 hours each day. Potential Duties include: shoveling, raking, digging, sawing, pruning, hammering and many other physical tasks. Do you enjoy physical activities? Give some examples of physically demanding activities you have participated in and how you will prepare for the program.

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What kind of community service or volunteer work have you done in the past? Why? Describe a time when you have dealt with a difficult situation.

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Why do you want to be a member of the Storrie Student Trail Crew? How might it help you in the future?

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What do you consider to be your greatest strengths?

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How did you hear about this opportunity?

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For any questions please contact: Tara Stone 530.545.2580 [tara@sierratrails.org](mailto:tara@sierratrails.org)

**\*\*All applications will be reviewed and considered. Selections will be made after interviews are closed on May 11th and all applicants will be notified of hiring decision by May 18th.**

Please return signed application no later than April 27th to:

Tara Stone, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

PO Box 268, Clío CA 96106

[tara@sierratrails.org](mailto:tara@sierratrails.org)

The Storrie Student Trail Crew Program, is a 4-week long trail restoration and backcountry learning experience. The crew will consist of 8 Plumas County high school students (ages 16-18), and 2 professional adult leaders. Crew members will camp in tents, get up early rain or shine, and spend the day in the Plumas National Forest working to restore the Pacific Crest Trail and Three Lakes Trail.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Storrie Student Trail Crew will be responsible for maintaining an approximate 6- mile long section of the Pacific Crest Trail through the Bucks Wilderness, as well as restoring a heavily eroded section of tread on the Three Lakes Trail.

- Develop Backcountry Safety Skills
- Earn a Trail Builder Certification
- Become a Sierra Trail Steward
- Take home some CASH!

Members will be supervised by 2- adult Crew Leaders that are familiar with the work area, are experts in trail restoration, and are well rehearsed in backcountry safety. Members will live in tents, and cook their own meals. Food and transportation will be provided.

### **SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

- Backcountry Safety
- Brushing and Scouting
- Tread Maintenance
- Basic Handsaw Training
- Hand Tool Field Maintenance
- Drainage Design and Drain Dips
- Waterbars and Checks
- Rock Retaining Walls
- Turnpike Construction

### **Frequently asked Questions:**

#### **Q: What are the requirements to participate in the program?**

**A:** You must be, motivated to do physical work and to learn about protecting the environment. Able to lift and swing tools (shovels, sledgehammers, pick mattocks, rakes, etc.); able to be outside in most kinds of weather; able to hike 3-4 hours (5 miles), and bend, squat, & walk on uneven and slippery slopes. All tools and equipment will be provided, including personal protective equipment (hardhat, safety glasses and gloves). You will also be required to have a medical professional approve your participation, using our medical review form.

#### **Q: What is the time commitment?**

**A:** You will spend the duration of time camping out Sunday-Thursday. The crew runs from June 25-July 21. Additionally, you will need 3 people to volunteer with you for the last day of work on July 21st, as leading a volunteer work crew is the final certification of the program. You will receive a paycheck and certification for completing the program.

#### **Q: What exactly will I be doing as a Storrie Student Trail Crew member?**

**A:** You will engage in rewarding and valuable physical work outdoors on restoration projects. The work is physically demanding, but if you are motivated and able to meet the requirements above, you will be able to do it! You will participate in one day of orientation at the beginning of the program. Time will also be devoted to learning about the local ecology and environment. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the environment, to enjoy the outdoors, gain leadership skills, and to work on a team-while also earning money!