

**FY 2009 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS  
WORK ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

<b>STATION NAME</b> Very Good National Wildlife Refuge	<b>ORG CODE</b> 62999	<b>Number of Enrollees</b> 3	<b>ENROLLEE SALARIES</b> \$6,082.89	<b>STAFF SALARIES</b> \$9,990.92	<b>OTHER COSTS (supplies etc)</b> \$1,001.68	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b> \$17,075.49
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NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS INFORMATION:  
  
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PROJECT TYPE	QUANTITY	APPRAISED VALUE	PAID ENROLLEE HOURS	\$ VALUE PER HOUR
Biological Noxious Weed Control Leafy Spurge Flea Beetle Collection, Distribution And Monitoring	6 release sites 353,000 Beetles	\$1,524.64	104	14.66
Mapping And Monitoring Invasive Weed Species & Assisting with Native Prairie Inventory	1500 acres +	\$1,172.80	80	14.66
Property and Facility Maintenance				
-Landscape work (mow, pull/trim weeds)	5 sites	\$1,664.7	62	26.85
-Miscellaneous Tasks (fill brochure boxes, organize MSDS sheets etc)	3 projects	\$2,125.70	145	14.66
-Sign and Picnic Table Protection and Maintenance	6 tables	\$2,577.60	96	26.85
-Clean And Organize Buildings Plus Small Repairs	3 buildings	\$1,074.00	40	26.85
-Wash and Clean Vehicles	10 vehicles	\$563.85	21	26.85
- 2009 Flood Maintenance and Cleanup	5 buildings + roads	\$7,815.08	247	31.64
Wildlife Surveys and Studies	1 project	\$517.44	12	43.12
Field Trip		\$163.68	24	6.82
Holiday		\$163.68	24	6.82
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$19,363.17</b>	<b>855 hours</b>	<b>\$22.65/ hr</b>

## **FY-2009 YCC Narrative:**

**Field Station:** VERY GOOD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### **Narrative:**

The 2009 Youth Conservation Corps of Very Good NWR was comprised of Chantil Madeup, Chase Names, and Cameron Fiction. The 8-week program began on June 8 and concluded on July 31.

The YCC crew spent a large portion of the summer concerned with invasive species control. They spent many long hours monitoring invasive species including Canada thistle, absinth wormwood and leafy spurge on both the Very Good Refuge and the District. They also searched for potential new invasive weeds such as yellow toadflax, houndstongue, plumeless thistle, and musk thistle. The YCC crew became familiar with the identification of many weeds, plants, and other native prairie flora on both the Refuge and the District. Another major focus was the biological weed control of leafy spurge with *Aphthona czwalinae* and *Aphthona lacertosa* flea beetles. The work included monitoring and distributing leafy spurge flea beetles throughout the Refuge and District. Very Good Refuge yielded only 157,000 flea beetles in 2009. A total of 196,000 beetles were harvested from Paulson WPA by Big Lake. Flea beetles were released on five different units on the Refuge and onto one WPA.

The YCC crew also participated in various maintenance and miscellaneous tasks. Time was spent cleaning and maintaining vehicles, equipment, buildings, picnic tables, blue bird boxes and the grounds (mowing, trimming, sweeping, pulling weeds, and picking up litter). They also spent a good deal of their time cleaning up the buildings and grounds after the spring flood.

During the last week of the YCC program, the enrollees went on a field trip with the Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge YCC crew to tour the Chahinkapa Zoo in Whapeton, ND. They learned what a days work for a zoo keeper entails, how much work it takes to run a zoo, and learned about the various animals that call the zoo home.

The 2009 YCC enrollees completed many essential projects at Very Good National Wildlife Refuge. As always they provided support for our regular staff and accomplished many individual tasks both large and small that would not have been completed without their time and extra effort. The YCC program provided the opportunity for the crew to experience a position working in the outdoors and to learn more about the environment. Overall, the YCC program was once again a success at providing the students with a productive, educational, and fun summer!