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EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS NWR COMPLEX ANNOUNCES SUMMER YOUTH JOBS

Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge is offering Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) positions for young people ages 15 to 18 during the summer months in 2011. This year's YCC program will last 8 weeks, starting on June 20 and continuing until August 12. YCC recruits generally work 40 hours a week, 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day, and are paid minimum wage. They must be a permanent resident of the United States, its territories or possessions, and be able to provide their own transportation to work.

The Youth Conservation Corps offers students the chance to learn a variety of skills in the great outdoors, get plenty of exercise, engage in teamwork, meet new friends, accomplish goals, and learn about the natural world. YCC recruits will spend several paid hours each week participating in environmental education programs, getting to know the many different aspects of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Working trips to other refuges are also a possibility for the Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex YCC team. Recruits will be provided with all necessary safety and work equipment, and will be under constant supervision of a YCC Leader and other refuge staff.

Youths interested in the YCC program can obtain an application from Natural Resource Planner, Carl Melberg by calling 978-443-4661 x32, or email Carl_Melberg@fws.gov. Applications can also be picked up and dropped off at the Headquarters building on 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA. **Applications must be returned by April 30th, 2011.** YCC recruits will be randomly selected from applicants in early May. If more applications are received than positions available, students who did not get selected will become "alternates" in the event a selected applicant cannot work. After selections are made, there will be an evening orientation at the refuge prior to June 20.

Eastern Massachusetts NWR Complex will also be recruiting a "YCC Group Leader" position for the duration of the program. The Leader position is perfect for outdoor-oriented educators who are looking for summer work. People interested in this position can also contact Carl Melberg at the above number.

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