

News Release

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DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge to Host Youth Conservation Corps Summer Program

Missouri Valley, Iowa - DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge will host a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program this summer. Youths from Iowa and Nebraska will be drawn to participate in the program. The enrollees will work on a wide range of projects such as nature trail maintenance, litter pickup, exotic weed control, and banding Canada geese. They will also be involved in many different environmental education experiences.

Anyone interested must submit a YCC Application to the refuge by April 15th. Applications are available at the DeSoto Refuge website http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/wildlife_and_habitat/news.html and look for YCC. Or applications can be picked up at the DeSoto Visitor Center. The center is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The only requirements for those applying are that they must reach age 15 by the start of camp and not turn 19 before it finishes. Camp will run from June 3rd through July 26th. Enrollees will be paid minimum wage.

A random drawing will be done and the winning applicants will be notified. Any questions can be directed to Mindy Sheets at 712-388-4802.

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska along on U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and along U.S. Highway 75 near Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. For more information contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at desoto@fws.gov. Check our websites, www.fws.gov/refuge/desoto/ or www.fws.gov/refuge/boyerchute/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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