Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge
2015 Youth Conservation Corp Employment

Location: Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge is located in NW Minnesota 18 miles northeast of Detroit Lakes. The Refuge consists of 43,000 acres of forest, lakes and rivers. Interns will explore upland & conifer forests, tamarack bogs and shallow lakes filled with wild rice. This pristine landscape is home to 250 species of birds, wolves, black bear, otter, fisher and more. Trumpeter Swans and their cygnets abound through the summer. This is a tremendous opportunity to connect with nature and learn about conservation practices.

Duties: YCC Students will enjoy a variety of experiences while working at Tamarac Refuge. Selected students may assist with wildlife surveys and waterfowl banding, participate in trail maintenance, perform invasive plant control, participate in native plant seed collection, complete general facilities maintenance, conduct water quality sampling and assist with other biological duties.

Benefits: Broad exposure to a variety of assignments. Work with a diversity of federal, state, and local employees. Students may assist on projects with staff from Hamden Slough and Rydell Refuges, Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District, MN Department of Natural Resources and Pelican River Watershed District. This summer position starts in June continues through July. The starting level pay is approximately $8.00/hr. Crew members are required to have Federal salary payment made by *direct deposit* to a financial institution of their choosing.

Employment Conditions: This is a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Youth Conservation Corp position. Successful applicants will be part of a 4 person crew. To qualify candidates must be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 15 and 18 and a student in good academic standing (a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher). Participants will be required to furnish their own transportation to and from Tamarac Refuge office on daily basis; however, transportation will be provided for official duties once on site. Students will do hard physical work and may be exposed to insects, poison ivy, adverse weather and difficult working conditions.

Qualifications: Anyone interested in applying should be able to work independently and in small groups, work well with a diversity of individuals, enjoy working outdoors and possess a willingness to undertake new experiences. An interest in wildlife management, science education, or a related field is desirable.

To Apply: Pick up a YCC application at your school counseling office or the refuge office and return to: **Gina Kemper, Biological Technician, Tamarac NWR, 35704 County Hwy 26, Rochert, MN 56578.**
Applications must be received at the refuge by 4:00pm April 24th, 2015.

For additional information contact Gina Kemper at (218) 847-2641 ext. 1761 or Gina_Kemper@fws.gov . Learn more about Tamarac NWR at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/tamarac/ or www.tamaracfriends.org