

News Release

National Wildlife Refuge System



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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Looking for a Job this Summer?

The Winona and La Crosse Districts of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge will be hiring six students this summer, four in Winona and two in La Crosse to work on a Youth Conservation Corps crew. This summer's YCC program will begin Monday, June 15 and end eight weeks later on Friday, August 7. Crew members will be paid \$7.25 per hour for a 40-hour work week. The work week is Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Young men and women, 15 through 18 years of age, who are permanent residents of the United States, are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds.

YCC is a well-balanced work-learn-earn program that develops an understanding and appreciation in participating youth of the Nation's environment and heritage. Crew members will work with agency staff and volunteers on a variety of biological, maintenance, and visitor service projects. The program also presents an early opportunity to explore a career in natural resources.

Teens interested in being considered for the crew must complete an YCC application form. Applications are available at www.fws.gov/refuge/upper_mississippi_river/ under the Jobs link or at either District office, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.

Youth interested in working in Winona area should submit their applications to: Curt McMurl, UMR Winona District, 51 East 4th Street, Room 203, Winona, Minnesota, 55987. Youth interested in working at the La Crosse District Office should submit their applications to Laurel Kullerud at N5727 County Road Z in Onalaska, Wisconsin, 54650. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Applications must be received in the appropriate office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015.

Applicants will be selected by random drawing and notified by Friday, April 17, 2015. Questions about the program should be directed to Curt McMurl (Winona) at 507-494-6213 or Laurel Kullerud (La Crosse) at 608-779-2232.

Hiring is dependent on availability of funding.

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The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, MN to Rock Island, IL, protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. This 240,000 acre refuge was established in 1924.

In addition to being the most visited refuge in the country, the "Upper Miss" Refuge has the added complexity of a major navigation system, including 11 locks and dams, within its boundary. It is also a world-class fish and wildlife area which harbors 306 species of birds; 119 species of fish; more than 300 active bald eagle nests; thousands of heron and egret nests; spectacular concentrations of canvasback ducks, tundra swans, and white pelicans; and several threatened or endangered species.