



# Summer Employment Opportunity for High School Students



## Kodiak Refuge Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)



**To apply:** Application and essay must be received by April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
See below for application details.

**Employment Period:** June 9<sup>th</sup> - August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Wage:** ~ \$10 per hour

**Work Week:** Six of the weeks will be in town, 15-40 hours a week. Applicants must be available for up to three trips into the Kodiak Refuge, each which may last up to five days/four nights in the field. Applicants must complete a Water Ditching Training Course (provided by USFWS). The course will be offered to successful applicants most likely in late May.

**Some examples of duties throughout the summer may be:**

- conducting field research
- trail and remote cabin maintenance
- marine debris cleanup
- education and mentoring youth
- video filming and editing (we provide training)



**To be eligible for the Youth Conservation Corps you must:**

1. be at least 15 – 18 at time applications are due (can be 19 years of age during the period of employment).
2. be available to work the entire nine weeks.
3. wear the refuge uniform in a neat, clean manner. No shorts, or open-toed shoes are permitted.
4. have housing in the community of Kodiak.
5. be prepared to work outdoors on rainy days and indoors on sunny days!
6. have transportation to and from home and the Kodiak Refuge Visitor Center.
7. be in good health and physically fit. A health certificate may be required for enrollment in the program.



**How to Apply:** Applications will be accepted from March 14<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Pick up at the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, the Kodiak Job Services Center, the Kodiak High School Career Counseling Office, or on our website. All applicants must complete the application form *and* submit an essay. **Essay Question:** At the Kodiak Refuge, we accomplish our conservation mission by working directly with fish, wildlife, plants, their habitats and people. In 200-250 words: Describe your personal connection to nature and why you are interested in working with the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

**Mail or Drop Off in Person:**

Kodiak Job Services Center • 309 Center Avenue • 907-486-3105  
Kodiak Refuge Visitor Center • 402 Center Street, Kodiak, AK 99615 • Lobby Hours 10 am – 5 pm (closed Sunday)

**For more information please contact: Shelly Lawson • 907-487-0283 • Michelle\_Lawson@fws.gov**

## Youth Conservation Corps Application

Print or Type all answers. All questions and statements must be answered to enable Selection Office to determine applicant's eligibility and availability. Incomplete applications may have to be rejected. Authority is PL 93-408. During the term of employment, you must be at least 15 years of age and not have reached age 19.

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Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

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Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Social Security Number

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Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box)

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City

State

Zip Code

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Home Phone Number

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In Case of an Emergency Phone Number

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### Applicant's Statement

YCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

I am familiar with the YCC program and interested in working in the outdoors to develop and maintain the natural resources of the United States. If selected, I will obtain a work permit if required. I have or am applying for a social security number. I am a permanent resident of the United States or its Territories or possessions. I do not have a history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might jeopardize my safety or that of others. I certify that all information I have given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have not participated in any YCC program for more than 3 weeks in the past, nor have I submitted duplicated applications. Incorrect statements constitute grounds for immediate dismissal. You have my permission to give this application to any YCC official for whose camp I am selected.

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(Signature of Applicant)

(Country)

I am familiar with the YCC program and the applicant has my permission to participate.

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(Signature Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

### Training Requirement:

The USFWS requires that all employees traveling on aircraft over bodies of water participate in a day long Water Ditching and Survival course. Half of the day is spent in the classroom and half of the day will be spent in a pool. The class includes the use and familiarization of personal flotation devices (PFDs), life raft use and water survival techniques. The student will experience a water dunker that puts them in a simulation of a ditched aircraft. Note: For the pool portion of this module, students are encouraged to wear what they would normally wear while flying. This is an organized class with a lot of support and encouragement from instructors and classmates.

**To be a part of the Youth Conservation Corps, students must take and complete this course. It is a full day class provided free to YCC student hires. It will most likely be offered in late May in Kodiak, AK.**

Are you available and willing to complete this course requirement for employment? Yes  No