

# SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

## 2013 YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

### DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



**WORK! LEARN! EARN! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Job Location:** Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, Grosse Ile, MI

**Typical Duties:** The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program introduces young adults, 15-18 years of age, to the important work being done by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and to meaningful experiences in America's Great Outdoors. YCC members will assist refuge personnel with a diverse range of projects, including:

- General Refuge Operation
- Wildlife Research
- Trail Maintenance and Visitor Access Projects
- Environmental Education and Recreation Programs
- Grounds and Building Maintenance



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**Schedule and Salary:** YCC Crew Members work Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an 8 week period, beginning **June 17<sup>th</sup>** and ending **August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Enrollees are expected to be available for the entire eight week program. Salary is \$7.40/hour. Crew members are required to have Federal salary payments made by *direct deposit* to a financial institution of their choosing.



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**Eligibility and Selection:** The YCC Program is open to young adults, 15-18 years old. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and provide a social security card prior to their first day of work. This is a non-residential program and participants will be required to furnish their own transportation to and from the Refuge in Trenton, MI on a daily basis. No previous experience is required. Selection is by random drawing.

**Application Deadline:** Applications and Medical Forms must be received (or postmarked) by **April 24, 2013** to be considered. Applications should be sent to: Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge • 9311 Groh Road • Grosse Ile, Michigan, 48138 • (Attention: YCC Coordinator). Selected applicants will be notified by phone no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>. Non-selected applicants will be notified of their non-selection by letter no later than May 17, 2013.

**YCC Program Expectations:** By submitting an application, you agree to comply with the following expectations of employment. Failure to do so will be grounds for termination.

YCC Crew Members:

- Are **REQUIRED** to wear the approved uniform and safety equipment at all times as directed.
- Will be to work on time and ready for daily assignments.
- Will follow instructions given by supervisors.
- Will participate in all aspects of the program, both outdoors *and* indoors.
- Will work cooperatively as a team player to help ensure the success of the program.



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**Physical Demands and Hazards:**

This position will require hard work in an outdoor setting. Physical demands and environmental hazards may include:

- Use of hand tools such as shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows.
- Repetitive lifting of up to 50 pounds of weight.
- Extensive hiking on sometimes rough terrain.
- Physically demanding work involving bending, pulling, digging, and lifting.
- Exposure to sun, wind, rain, poisonous plants, biting insects, and demanding field conditions.

**The Student's Experience:** The Youth Conservation Corps isn't just about work; it's about building a future for yourself and the nation. While working on projects you will learn: 1) How your work benefits the Detroit River Wildlife Refuge, and the public. 2) About the benefits, the history and the heritage of natural resource conservation. 3) About the role National Wildlife Refuges play and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service play in protecting the nation's precious resources.

**How to Apply:** Interested youth should e-mail Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge staff at [Jamie\\_Lanier@fws.gov](mailto:Jamie_Lanier@fws.gov) for additional information about the YCC program. Applications and Medical Forms are available online at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Detroit\\_River](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Detroit_River).

For more information about the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, please contact [DetroitRiver@fws.gov](mailto:DetroitRiver@fws.gov) or 734-365-0219.