Summer Job Opportunity

2015 Youth Conservation Corps

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

WORK! LEARN! EARN! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Job Location: ***Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Oak Harbor, OH;*** this a federal wildlife refuge along the shores of Lake Erie that manages habitats for the migratory birds

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 & Wildlife Service** and to meaningful experiences in America's Great Outdoors. YCC members will assist refuge personnel with a diverse range of projects, including:

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

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 15th** and ending **August 7th.** Enrollees are expected to be available for the entire 8 week program. Salary is $8.10/hour. Crew members are required to have Federal salary payments made by *direct deposit* in their name to a financial institution of their choosing.

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 on State Route 2 in Oak Harbor, OH on a daily basis. No previous experience is required. Selection is by random drawing.

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Application Deadline: Applications must be received (or postmarked) by **April 17, 2015** to be considered. Applications should be sent to: **Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge • 14000 W State Route 2 • Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449 • (Attention: YCC Coordinator).** Selected applicants will be notified by phone in late April. Non-selected applicants will be notified by letter in early May.

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 Ottawa National 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 and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service play in protecting the nation's precious resources.

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

YCC Crew Members:

•Are **REQUIRED** to wear the approved uniform and safety equipment at all times as directed.

•Will arrive 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.

How to Apply: Interested youth should e-mail Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge staff at Eddy_Pausch@fws.gov for additional information about the YCC program. Applications are available online at **www.fws.gov/refuge/Ottawa.**

For more information about the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, please go to www.fws.gov/refuge/Ottawa or 419-898-0014.