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Dear Interested YCC Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) at the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. It is a summer job for students interested in experiencing the outdoors and earning a salary. It is a tough but very rewarding experience.

The following is information for you and your parents:

- Applicants must be a legal citizen of the United States.
- Students must be 15-18 years of age during the entire length of the program.
- **Applications are due Friday, May 2nd, 2014 at the Anahuac office (4017 FM 563) by the close of business, 4:00pm.**

Students are selected through a **public random drawing** which is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Visitor's Center (4017 FM 563)**. Three students will be selected for the program and 2 alternates. You do not have to be present to be chosen. The five selected students will be contacted immediately. Once selected, you **MUST** bring the following documents to the Anahuac office on *May 14th, 2014 **between the hours of 9:00am and 6:30pm or you will be disqualified (including alternates)**:

- Documents of U.S. citizenship, which can include either:
 - a passport
 - OR birth certificate AND a driver's license
 - OR birth certificate AND Student ID with picture
 - OR social security card AND a driver's license
 - OR social security AND student ID with picture
 - If the student is under 16, a report card or hospital record may be substituted for the driver's license
- Proof of immunization for tetanus & diphtheria within the last ten years. **You must bring a copy of all immunization records with you.**
- If under the age of 18, your **parents must come with you** to sign legal documents.

YCC is an eight week program from June 9th through August 1st, 2014.

- It is an eight hour workday, Monday through Friday; 7:30am-4:00pm
- Pay is \$7.25 per hour.
- Participants will have weekends and the 4th of July off, which is a federal holiday with pay.

YCC students can expect the following type of work, most of which is labor intensive:

- Trail/Butterfly Garden maintenance
- Fence construction/repair
- Trash pick up
- Restoration projects
- Vehicle, equipment and building maintenance
- Pulling invasive grasses
- Five educational field trips

Participants will gain experience in a professional setting preparing them for future employment. As employees, you will be expected to work full days and fulfill the demands of the position you were hired for. **Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated.**

If you require more information, please feel free to contact the office. **The deadline for registration is May 2nd, 2014 by close of business, 4:00pm.** Applications can be mailed, faxed (409-267-4314) or brought to the office. GOOD LUCK!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Laurent
Refuge Manager
Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

*If you are absolutely unable to come on May 14th, you MUST call BEFORE May 14th, and schedule an appointment for a date no later than May 16th, 2014, 4pm. Failure to contact us and/or attend the appointed time will result in disqualification.

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.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box)

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone Number

In Case of an Emergency Phone Number

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.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Country)

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

(Signature Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

United States Youth Conservation Corps

The Youth Conservation Corps (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. It is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, and by the U.S. Department of the Interior--Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service. YCC offers gainful summer employment to youth, for approximately eight weeks, in a healthful outdoor atmosphere.

Enrollees will be paid the minimum wage for a 40 hour work week. Most projects will enroll an equal number of males and females.

Projects include building trails, maintaining fences, cleaning up campgrounds, improving wildlife habitat, and thinning timber stands. Participants will do hard physical work and may be exposed to insects, poison oak and ivy, adverse weather, and difficult working conditions.

Eligibility Requirements

Young men and women, 15 through 18 years of age, who are permanent residents of the United States, its Territories, or possessions, are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds. Handicapped youth who can effectively participate in most YCC activities are eligible. Youth must have no history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might endanger their safety or that of others; have or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of their State; have a Social Security number or have made application for one; be willing and able to work hard and participate in most work projects. Employment is without regard to Civil Service or classification laws, rules, or regulations.

How You Can Enroll

To apply, youth meeting these qualifications should complete this YCC application form and return it at the earliest possible date to the nearest unit of a National Park, National Forest, or national Fish and Wildlife Refuge or Hatchery.

Applicants will be selected on a random basis and will be notified of selection. Demographic information such as age, race, and family income is not used in the selection process.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT FOR THE YCC APPLICATION (FS-1800-18) 10/94

The following information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (PL-579). 5 U.S.C 301 and 7 CFR 260 authorize acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data will be used in the selection process of applicants for the YCC Crews, and for contacting the selected applicants. Furnishing your name and social security number is voluntary. However, your application cannot be processed without this information.



According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no agency may conduct or sponsor, and no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. The OMB approval number for this collection is 0596-0084. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

YCC complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. (29 U.S. Code 794). Under this Act and implementing Regulations, handicapped persons "who, with reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions" of the YCC are eligible. (7 CFR Part 15b and 43 CFR Part 17).