

Youth In the Great Outdoors!

The Department of the Interior is engaging young people across the country in conservation and energy efficiency projects on America's public lands, to inspire and provide career pathways in natural resource occupations and related sciences, and to become better educated about the nation's ecosystems.

To help implement the Secretary's Youth Initiative, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(FWS) is committed to offering our nation's youth unparalleled experiences to conserve the nature of America on some of the most beautiful and awe-inspiring lands in our nation.

The Youth Conservation Corps

The Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970 (YCC), establishes permanent programs within the Departments of Interior and Agriculture for young adults who are between the ages of 15 and 18 to perform specific tasks on lands and waters administered under the jurisdiction of these Secretaries. The legislation also authorizes the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a joint grant program to assist States that employ young adults on non-Federal public lands and waters. YCC programs are conducted for 8-10 weeks during the summer.



2010 YCC crew on an airboat during a goose banding project

Environmental awareness is an integral aspect of the YCC program, with projects embracing both work and environmental learning goals. The participants spend most of their time in the outdoors. All participants are expected to gain an understanding and appreciation of the nation's environment and heritage equal to one full academic year of study.

To apply for Bear River's YCC 2014 crew, please find a 2014 application, at the Refuge or online at the link below. Send it to the contact and address on the bottom of the application by **April 12, 2014**. The work period will be June 16 through August 8, 40 hours a week at minimum wage.

Visit Bear River Refuge's YCC Website at <http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147508820>
Visit the Regional [YCC Web Site](http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/ycc/index.html) at www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/ycc/index.html



2013 YCC crew helping with revegetation project at Hardware Ranch WMA