



Wild Arizona, in partnership with the Coronado National Forest's Douglas Ranger District, is announcing its six-week summer residential Youth Conservation Corps program for 2022 and is seeking crew members.

Are you or your child a high school student who enjoys the outdoors and conservation and would like to get paid to work and live together with a crew of similarly aged people, camping and backpacking to remote areas in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeast Arizona and learning the skills required to maintain and repair hiking trails?

The YCC Program:

- Is a 6-week Residential program, from June 12 to July 23, 2022 - You must be available to stay on site for the duration of the program.
- Is supervised by male and female camp crew leaders and field crew leaders

Crew Members:

- Will learn trail work and other recreation management skills, including the safe handling of primitive tools, and apply those skills to complete trail maintenance activities on Wilderness hiking trails
- Will live in large group tents at a Forest Service facility as well as individual tents in the field during the work week and take turns cooking group meals for the crew
- Develop teamwork and leadership skills
- Work alongside other high school students
- Learn practical outdoor skills
- Learn about local natural and human history
- Learn from Forest Service district staff about their different positions and future job opportunities with the agency

The Ideal Crew Member:

- To be age eligible, your 15th birthday must be no later than June 12, 2022 and your 18th birthday no earlier than July 24, 2022.
- Is a current high school student or recent graduate
- Demonstrates leadership skills and/or responsibility
- Participates with extracurricular groups or volunteer organizations

- Likes working and living with people in close quarters for an extended period of time
- Enjoys spending time outdoors and is comfortable spending extended time in the backcountry and away from home
- Wants to learn more about natural history and ecology

Program Dates

The program will run from June 12 to July 23, 2022, arriving June 12 at the Tucson International Airport or the Douglas Ranger District Office in Douglas, AZ, and departing from Tucson or Douglas on July 23. To be eligible to participate, you must be available for the entire program duration.

Compensation & Costs

Crew members will be compensated at the current Arizona state minimum wage rate at start of the program. The current rate is \$12.80 per hour, for a maximum of 40 hours per week. Payroll is provided via direct deposit twice monthly. Food and housing while in the program are provided at no cost. All travel expenses to and from the Tucson International Airport (or Douglas Ranger District Office in Douglas, AZ if dropping off in person) from each crew member's home will be the responsibility of the crew member and their family. All other travel during the 6-week program will be provided by Wild Arizona and the U.S. Forest Service.

Crew members are responsible for providing their own gear, including work clothing and camping equipment. For a full gear list, please visit <https://www.wildarizona.org/ycc>. If you are interested in participating and do not have some of the required equipment, please reach out to us about the possibility of borrowing gear.

COVID-19 Protocol

Per federal regulations for government contractors and for the safety of the crew as a whole, Wild Arizona is recommending that all employees be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 at least two weeks prior to the start of the YCC program. If the employee is unvaccinated a negative PCR test will be required within 24 hours of the start of the program. All employees regardless of vaccination status must follow masking policies when inside any federal building in any common spaces and outside when 6 feet of social distance cannot be achieved.

How to Apply

Please visit <https://www.wildarizona.org/ycc> to *fill out the electronic application*.

Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, reach out to Brian Stultz at brian@wildarizona.org

See you this summer!

