

## Youth Conservation Corps accepting summer applications

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(BEND, Oregon) — Youths ages 16 to 18 can now apply for eight weeks of summer employment with the Central Oregon Conservation Youth Corps.

The Heart of Oregon Corps, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests are recruiting for the education and work program, which provides natural resource employment on federal land.

Nearly 100 applicants will be selected for this summer's program and will earn \$7.80 per hour, working up to 36 hours a week. Projects may include building trails, maintaining fences, piling hazardous fuels, restoring campgrounds, improving wildlife habitat and thinning timber stands.

Youths will work nine hours a day, Monday through Thursday, June 25 to August 16. Crews will be based in Crescent, Bend, Sisters, Prineville, Paulina and Madras.

Last year, 97 youths completed nearly 28,000 hours of conservation work in Central Oregon.

Applications must be received by April 20 and are available at Central Oregon high schools. They are also available at Heart of Oregon Corps, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests offices.

For online applications log onto: <http://www.heartoforegon.net>

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