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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park/Preserve

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Youth Summer Employment Opportunity

The National Park Service is offering an opportunity for youth between the **ages of 16 and 18** (cannot turn 19 during the program dates) to work at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve this summer. The purpose of the YCC program is to introduce young adults to the National Park Service mission and how Cultural and Natural resources are managed. We are planning for an exciting year of learning and exploration.

This summer Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve will be hiring:

YCC Trail Crew (7 positions)

These positions assist maintenance in remote trails and Ranger Stations grounds maintenance work. Work takes place outdoors in all weather conditions. Additional duties may include cleaning, painting, digging, hauling brush, and pulling invasive weeds. The crew will frequently base out of a tent camp for 4 days and 3-night shifts, Tuesday through Friday working 9 hours each on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 5 hours Friday for a total of 32 hours per week. Physical exertion is required in bending, shoveling, lifting, using hand tools, and hiking up to 5 miles daily with a backpack. Applicants must not have potential emergency medical problems that could complicate work in remote areas for extended periods of time. Enrollees must have the ability to live and work effectively in isolated backcountry areas in close contact with small numbers of people.

YCC crew members are responsible for actively participating in safety trainings, adhering to safety policies, and wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when required for the position to which assigned.

This program runs approximately 11 weeks beginning on or about **May 28, 2024** and ending on or about **August 9, 2024**. The **rate of pay is \$15 per hour**. Applicants will be expected to work 28-32 hours a week. When based at Copper Center Headquarters, the hours will be Tuesday through Thursday 8:00-4:30 and Friday 8:00-12:00. Camp meals are provided during the remote work weeks.

YCC interns will be expected to work on July 4th to participate in the local community holiday parade and following activities. Local housing is not provided or available. Employees will be expected to provide their own transportation to and from work shifts at the Copper Center Headquarters. During remote work weeks, youth will be transported by vehicle to work locations. If you **can** commit to working these weeks, please consider this chance to experience your National Park.

For additional information please contact:

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How to Apply:

Any interested young adults between the ages of 16 and 18 (cannot turn 19 during the program) can obtain a YCC application at the park web site at:

<https://www.nps.gov/wrst/learn/management/ycc.htm>.

Please review the Eligibility Requirements on the YCC application form.

Applications will be accepted as follows:

1. **Email** – please send application to wrst_hr@nps.gov **Applications submitted by email must be received by 11:59PM on Friday, March 29, 2024**
2. **USPS Mail** – if by mail your application must be **postmarked by March 29, 2024 and received by April 5, 2024**. Address for mailing applications:

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve
PO Box 439
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The selection process will be done by random drawing from completed applications on **Friday, April 5, 2024 at approximately 3:30pm**. Chosen applicants will be notified the following week. Selected applicants will be required to have a background investigation completed and be fingerprinted in accordance with HSPD-12.