



National Park Service Conservation Corps

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Application Packet 2009

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying to the National Park Service Conservation Corps 2009 season. This application packet includes all necessary application materials: a position description, a question and answer sheet and an application. Please read through these materials, so you are familiar with the program and its application requirements.

In order to be considered, applications must include:

- National Park Service (NPS) application form.
- Proof of enrollment at accredited educational institution for Fall 2009 verifying status as part/full time student in high school, college or technical school.
- A postmarked date on or before April 23, 2009.
- *If you are under 18, your parent/guardian's signature on the application.*

The application deadline is May 1, 2009. You will hear from us by May 8, 2009 if you are scheduled for an interview. We will conduct interviews the week of May 11, 2009 and will notify you by May 18, 2009 if you have been selected for a position. ***The program dates are June 8, 2009 – August 30, 2009.*** Please return applications to:

Southeast Utah Group
Canyonlands National Park
Attn: Human Resources
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I encourage you to call me at (435) 719-2141 with any questions you may have regarding the NPS Conservation Corps or the application process. It is important to fill out all materials completely and accurately to be considered for this position. Thank you for your time and interest. I look forward to reading your applications.

Sharon Brussell
NPS Conservation Corps Coordinator



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONSERVATION CORPS POSITION DESCRIPTION

General Information:

This position is for Grand and/or San Juan County youth (age 17-22 at the time of the program) enrolled as a student in an accredited educational facility for the fall of 2009. Students will be hired under the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) as WG-01 Laborers (\$10.04/hr). Employment in this program is recognized to be flexible and is for eight to nine weeks of summer employment only. The emphasis for this program is to encourage understanding of how the National Park Service manages the land in its stewardship, and why. This process will include activities in many divisions of the park service, but will focus on labor-intensive activities in the front and backcountry areas of Southeast Utah Group National Parks. The NPS Conservation Corps is targeted to establish an individual work ethic, teamwork, interpersonal social skills, self-sufficiency, leadership responsibility and an appreciation of the natural and cultural resources of the Southeast Utah Group parks.

Major Duties:

Enrollees will perform labor intensive projects including, but not limited to: trail maintenance and repair, brushing trails and four-wheel drive roads, erosion control projects, fence construction and repair, shade structure construction, revegetation, invasive exotic plant removal, ditch and culvert maintenance, litter control, custodial and janitorial duties, painting projects and resource management projects.

Enrollees of the conservation corps will also attend and participate in outdoor education sessions throughout the summer. Outdoor education topics may include: NPS mission and organization, park history, desert survival, first aid and CPR, archaeology, primitive skills, geology, ecology, land use ethics, vegetation communities, restoration, orienteering, wildlife biology and taxonomy. Active participation in these sessions, along with an individual educational project (due at the end of the summer), are required.

Attendance for the full eight weeks is required; exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Work Direction:

Enrollees will work under the direct supervision of National Park Service supervisors. They will receive detailed instructions and demonstrations on how to accomplish project goals from a variety of qualified persons, and will be expected to work with close supervision and direction from their supervisors.

Work Environment:

The National Park Service Conservation Corps is established as a field-oriented program. Youth must meet at their respective (Monticello or Moab) Base Station on workday mornings at 7:00 am (Monday through Thursday) and will then be transported to the work area. Youth will then work a nine to ten-hour day and return to their base station between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. Youth are responsible for personal transportation between their residence and base station on a daily basis.

Participants will be expected to carry backpacks, supplies, materials and food/water into backcountry project locations. Work is performed outdoors. Work schedules may be modified during temperature extremes. Enrollee may be required to work in any Southeast Utah Group park unit. Enrollee may encounter stinging and biting insects and reptiles, dust, extreme temperatures and/or rain during work hours and/or in spike camps.

Some field assignments will require spending up to a full work week (3 nights and 4 days) in the field. Accommodations may be in primitive backcountry camps with no electricity or flush toilets. In these cases, food and camping equipment would be provided.

Safety:

Enrollee will be trained in safe work practices and is expected to practice safe work techniques, whether working alone or in teams.

Physical Effort:

Enrollee may bend, lift and carry objects. Moderate physical effort will be required to move materials and supplies weighing 10-30 pounds. Enrollee may occasionally lift weights of up to 45 pounds. Objects weighing greater than 45 pounds will require team effort to lift and move. Enrollee must have good dexterity, such as moving hands, arms, feet and legs to remove rock, place rock and work with hand tools. Enrollee will be expected to walk long distances over rough, rocky terrain and carry a backpack and tools to back country sites. A willingness and ability to work long hours in extreme temperatures is required.



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Application for Employment

Thank you for your interest in a position with the National Park Service Conservation Corps. This is an eight week work/education program in which the crew will complete labor intensive projects in the Southeast Utah Group National Park areas. Each crewmember is required to complete research for a final project due at the end of the summer. All application materials must be submitted or postmarked by May 1, 2009. If offered a position you must be able to work the entire season: June 8 – July 30, 2009.

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Positions are filled on a competitive basis. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an educational or vocational program (high school, technical institute or college) for the 2009 Fall semester, and be at least 17 and no older than 22 by June 5, 2009.

Name: _____ SS# _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School attending in fall 2009: _____

Best way and time to reach you: _____

You must return proof of enrollment/college acceptance with this application.

10. A major part of the NPS conservation corps involves participating in education and career exploration activities and presenting a final project on a topic of interest. Please list three areas of interest that you would like to learn more about.

11. Why do you think you would enjoy working for the NPS conservation corps?

12. How will you contribute to the program this summer?

13. What do you foresee to be the greatest challenge for you in the conservation corps?

14. Please describe your experience in the outdoors (camping, physical labor, hiking, etc.).

15. How will your participation in the conservation corps contribute to your future educational and career aspirations?

16. Please list the names and contact information of three people not related to you who would be willing to give you a reference.

Name	Phone Number	Relationship	Years Known
1.			
2.			
3.			

Signature, Certification and Release of Information

I have read the information about the National Park Service Conservation Corps and **I understand** that this position will involve some overnight field assignments, hard physical work, working as a team and participating in an education program. **I certify** that all of the statements made in this application are true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith. **I understand** that misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification and/or termination as crew member. **I also understand** that the information provided herein may be used to process my application for acceptance into the NPS conservation corps program, and it will not be disclosed outside of these entities without prior written permission.

X _____
 Signature (in dark ink) Date signed (month/day/year)

For Parent or Guardian of Applicants Under 18 Years of Age
I have reviewed this application and understand the responsibilities and benefits associated with the National Park Service Conservation Corps. **I authorize** my son/daughter/legal ward to apply and participate in the program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____ Relation: _____

First Day of Work (if hired) June 8, 2009

Last Day of Work (if hired) July 30, 2009



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NPS CONSERVATION CORPS- Questions and Answers

What is the National Park Service Conservation Corps?

The National Park Service Conservation Corps is a work and education program run by the Southeast Utah Group of National Parks, funded through the visitor fees under the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program. It provides a unique employment opportunity for the youth of San Juan and Grand Counties by combining labor intensive work projects with outdoor education and training.

Is this the same program as the Canyon Country Youth Corps?

No. Don't be confused! The National Park Service Conservation Corps is a different program completely unrelated to Canyon Country Youth Corps (CCYC), although they have many similarities. CCYC is run through Four Corners School of Outdoor Education out of Monticello, Utah and is a residential program that lasts ten weeks. NPS Conservation Corps is a Southeast Utah Group of National Parks youth program, is non-residential and lasts eight-nine weeks. Both conservation corps participate in similar work projects and education programs, however NPS Conservation Corps works only on projects in the four national parks in the Southeast Utah Group. CCYC works on other public lands in Southeast Utah.

What are the hiring requirements of the NPS Conservation Corps?

There are a few hiring conditions of NPS Conservation Corps that you must meet in order to apply:

- Applicants must be at least 17 and no older than 22 by June 8, 2009.
- Applicants must be enrolled at least half time at an accredited educational institution for fall 2009.
- Participants must abide by established program rules and guidelines.

How much will I be paid?

NPS Conservation Corps participants will be hired as federal employees at the Wage Grade (WG) one pay level, or \$10.04 per hour, based on a 36-40 hour work week.

When and how long do I have to work?

NPS Conservation Corps is a eight week program from June 8, 2006 through August 30, 2009. Participants will work four ten hour days, Monday through Thursday. The crews meet at their base at 7:00 a.m. and return between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

What kind of students is the NPS Conservation Corps looking for?

Because of the living and working conditions, students applying should have an interest in the landscape of Southeast Utah, willingness to work as a team, openness to new people and ideas, great work ethic, a positive attitude and motivation to independently research and present a topic of interest related to park resources.

What is a normal day at work like as a NPS Conservation Corps participant?

Crewmembers meet at the Federal Office Building in Monticello or the National Park Service Headquarters in Moab at 7:00 a.m. on workdays. The crew will gather the equipment and supplies that they need for the day, load up their Suburban and head out to the project site for the day. Some projects NPS Conservation Corps crews have participated in include: shade structure construction, crested wheatgrass removal, fence installation, graffiti removal, and trail building.

Often, we will break up the work day with educational programs and independent research time for final project preparation. The crew returns to Moab or Monticello by 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Some project assignments will require us to stay overnight at the work site. Accommodations may be in park housing or in primitive backcountry camps without showers, flush toilets or running water, where we will live and cook our meals together. Crew members will be required to participate in camp chores.

What does NPS Conservation Corps provide?

NPS Conservation Corps will provide a hat, three uniform T-shirts, two uniform workpants, safety equipment and gloves. NPS Conservation Corps will also provide tools and equipment required to perform each job. On field assignments, we will either provide food, or a modest “per diem”, or food stipend, with which you can purchase food.

What do I need to provide?

Each day, you will need to come prepared with:

- Work boots
- Food
- Water
- Sunglasses
- Day pack
- A great attitude!

For some multi-day field assignments, you may need to pay up front for food costs, which will be reimbursed to you at a later date.