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## Prince William Forest Park News Release

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### **Youth Opportunity to Work In Local National Park**

Prince William Forest Park, a unit of the National Park System, will be hosting a Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) work team during the summer of 2015. For over 25 years, youth from the area have worked on park resources such as trails, historic buildings, and landscapes by helping to rehabilitate historic cabins and perform cyclic maintenance. This year's program will run from June 22 through August 14, 2014. Applications from diverse social, economic, ethnic, and racial groups are being sought. Selected participants must commit to working a minimum of 260 hours during the eight week program. The YCC staff is employed full-time and will receive \$7.75 per hour. All eligible youth considering a career with the National Park Service, or who would like to work in an outdoor environment, are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted from April 1, 2015 through May 1, 2015. Contact the park directly or go on-line to download the application form at [www.nps.gov/prwi](http://www.nps.gov/prwi) and click on the "News" link, then "News Releases". To be eligible, you must have reached your 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by June 22 but not have reached your 19<sup>th</sup> before August 14. Completed applications should be submitted to:

Prince William Forest Park  
ATTN. YCC Coordinator  
18100 Park Headquarters Road  
Triangle, VA 22172-1644

Applications may also be faxed to 703-221-4322. Remember, your application must be postmarked and/or received by May 1, 2015.

Prince William Forest Park has had a number of participants move on to promising careers with the National Park Service. Public Law 91-378 declared the YCC pilot program a success and established the permanent Youth Conservation Corps program in 1970. Since that time YCC participants have worked in positions at National Wildlife Refuges, National Parks, National Fish Hatcheries, and in other facilities across the United States. Participants gain education, experience and work skills in environmental stewardship and community service. They also learn about teamwork, safety, leadership and resource evaluation while building organizational and decision-making skills. The program has been and continues to be positive initiative for Prince William Forest Park and the community.

Prince William Forest Park is just 35 miles from downtown D.C. and is one of the largest national park sites in the metropolitan area. The Park is an oasis of nearly 15,000 acres of diverse woodland habitat and protects numerous natural and cultural resources. If you have questions about the YCC program or need more information, call Kathy Caudill at 703-221-3074. For general park information call the Visitor Center at (703) 221-7181 daily from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/prwi](http://www.nps.gov/prwi) anytime.

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