



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Dear School Counselor/Educator:

Your students are invited to apply to Yellowstone National Park's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) summer program. Two, one-month long sessions will be offered to youth between the ages of 15 and 18. Sixty youth will be selected from across the country to participate in this summer program. Enrollees will work 40 hours a week and receive the federal minimum wage (\$7.25/hour) with deductions for room, board, and laundry facilities (~\$10/day).

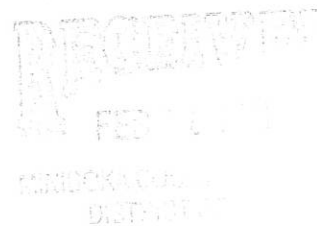
In its twenty-seventh consecutive summer, Yellowstone's YCC experience allows youth enrollees and staff the opportunity to learn and work in the world's first national park. The program is challenging, educational, and fun, and it offers enrollees opportunities to expand their horizons while building skills that will benefit them for a lifetime. No previous wilderness experience is required, but a willingness and ability to work in a physically active outdoor program, get along well with others, and maintain a positive attitude are essential for success.

YCC enrollees will work in a variety of weather and terrain conditions while completing projects which may include fence and bench building; general maintenance work; trail construction and/or maintenance; painting/staining; exotic plant control; research assistance; and working with the visiting public. Some projects will take place in remote backcountry locations within Yellowstone, requiring work crews to camp for up to five days. When crews are based in the front country, they either camp or stay at the YCC facility near Mammoth Hot Springs, where dormitory facilities and a large dining hall for meals and meetings are provided.

Enrollees will also spend time participating in resource education, recreation, and National Park Service and other agency career-orientation activities. Many of these activities are scheduled in the evenings and on weekends. Activities may include hiking, rafting, fishing, ranger-led programs, guest speakers, enrollee and staff presentations, assisting field rangers and/or scientists, and trips throughout the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

The summer 2016 YCC Program will consist of two, one-month long sessions:

- Session #1: June 12 - July 13
- Session #2: July 17 - August 17



To find out if students are age eligible and to apply for the 2016 summer program, please have interested students complete the application found at [www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/yccjobs.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/yccjobs.htm) or use copies of the enclosed "Yellowstone 2016 YCC Application" and send to:

YCC Program Office  
P.O. Box 168  
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

Or fax the application to: 307-344-2252

**DEADLINE: Applications must be received no later than March 1, 2016.**

Enrollee selections will be made using a random method. Applicants will be notified of their status by March 31, 2016.

For additional information, please feel free to contact me at (307) 344-2256, or via e-mail at [YELL\\_YCC\\_Office@nps.gov](mailto:YELL_YCC_Office@nps.gov). The YCC Program is supported by park entrance fees and generous grants to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

I look forward to receiving applications from your students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Fuhrmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Fuhrmann  
YCC Program Manager

Enclosure