



# Resource List for High School and College Youth

## Internship and Job Opportunities

### **Heart of Oregon Corps** ([heartoforegon.org](http://heartoforegon.org))

Central Oregon Youth Corps Conservation (COYCC): 8-week summer work-learn-earn program administered cooperatively by the Heart of Oregon Corps, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and the U.S. Forest Service. Participants, ages 16-18, work full time and earn minimum wage doing natural resource conservation projects on public lands. Crews are based in Madras (including Warm Springs and Culver), Redmond, Prineville, Sisters, Bend, Crescent (including La Pine and Gilchrist), and Mitchell. Eligible youth (17-18 years old) accepted in the program can apply for 1 of 30 AmeriCorps Education Award positions to earn a scholarship to use at any Title IV post-secondary college or university.

AmeriCorps: 6-month work program for 17-27 year olds providing job skills through fuels reduction, recycling, and natural resource projects. AmeriCorps members earn a weekly stipend and AmeriCorps Education Award. Crews are based out Bend.

### **Student Conservation Association** ([thesca.org](http://thesca.org))

Opportunities for Youth Under 18: Regional and National crews based in many locations in the northwest, and beyond. Students ages 15-19 spend 3-5 weeks engaged in natural resource and recreation service projects.

Opportunities for 18+: SCA offers a wide variety of individual internships and crew opportunities in many locations in the northwest, and beyond. Terms generally last 3-12 months and are open to high school graduates ages 18 and up, with housing provided.

### **Northwest Youth Corps**

Youth Corps: YouthCorps programs combine education, job skill training with outdoor adventure for ages 16 to 19. Under staff supervision, youth crew members work on conservation, reforestation, and recreation projects, and learn valuable lessons of teamwork and responsibility. Crews camp in the field for 5-6 weeks, traveling from project to project. Participants earn a \$1250 - \$1500 stipend (minus food costs).

### **Discover Your Forest/Deschutes National Forest** ([discoveryourforest.org](http://discoveryourforest.org))

Internships: Discover Your Forest offers various summer internship opportunities through Deschutes National Forest in natural resources and interpretation/visitor services. High school or college interns complete 200-300 hours and receive a \$1,000 stipend and valuable training opportunities.

### **Deschutes Children's Forest** ([deschuteschildrensforest.org](http://deschuteschildrensforest.org))

Internships: Deschutes Children's Forest partners, including Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, The Environmental Center, Wildheart Nature School, and others offer fall and spring internship opportunities in environmental education to high school and college students. Interns complete 100-150 hours and receive a \$1,000 stipend and valuable training opportunities. Interns need to provide their own transportation.

## Natural Resource Degree Programs in Oregon

### **Central Oregon Community College** (cocc.edu)

Offers 2-year programs in Forestry, Fire Science, Fire/Fuels Management, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Biology/Botany.

### **Oregon State University – Cascades** (osucascades.edu)

Offers undergraduate programs in Biology, Natural Resources, and Tourism and Outdoor Leadership.

### **Oregon State University** (oregonstate.edu)

Offers undergraduate programs in Forestry, Forest Engineering, Natural Resources, Recreation and Resource Management, Tourism and Outdoor Leadership, Renewable Materials, Agricultural Sciences, and more.

### **University of Oregon** (uoregon.edu)

Offers undergraduate programs in Biology, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Geography, and Geologic Sciences.

## How to Apply for a Federal Job

USAJOBS: <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads>

Student Employment Opportunities: <http://www.federaljobs.net/student.htm>

Application tips: [http://gogovernment.org/how\\_to\\_apply/index.php](http://gogovernment.org/how_to_apply/index.php)

## Other Great Opportunities

### **Camp Tamarack** (camptamarack.com)

High School Student Leader Program: Gain valuable leadership experience by working as a Cabin Group leader for 1 week for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor School program at Camp Tamarack, near Sisters, OR. The program is offered in spring and fall, during the school year. Training and transportation is provided.

### **Caldera** (calderaarts.org)

Youth Program: Caldera is a catalyst for transformation through innovative art and environmental programs. Offered to select students in Central Oregon, Caldera's youth program provides weekend events, leadership training, and career support year-round.

### **High Desert Museum** (highdesertmuseum.org)

Teen Volunteer Program: Teens 11-18 years old can volunteer at High Desert Museum in wildlife programs, living history interpretation, kids camps and education programs, and greeting and admissions. Trainings are offered twice each year, with a required 1 year commitment.

### **Deschutes National Forest and Discover Your Forest** (discoveryourforest.org/volunteer)

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Stacey Cochran, Discover Your Forest Event and Volunteer Coordinator at 541-383-5530 or [stacey.cochran@discovernw.org](mailto:stacey.cochran@discovernw.org).