Great kids doing great things!

Northwest Youth Corps
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Dear Friend of NYC,

NYC is great kids doing great things! It is an organization dedicated to getting kids active, outside, and engaged with the natural environment. NYC teaches youth how to solve problems, work as part of a team and meet a challenge head on. NYC offers youth an incredible opportunity to broaden horizons, see new places, and discover new abilities.

We know that NYC makes a huge difference in the lives of youth and so we are always looking for opportunities to increase the number of youth we serve. Last year the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) gave us such an opportunity.

Our newest program, OutDoor Oregon, works in local communities to serve youth who might be hesitant about embarking on the multi-week camping experience that is the nucleus of NYC’s traditional summer programming. Working with local communities and resource managers, ARRA funds allowed us to provide summer jobs to 50 youth in five Oregon counties last summer.

OutDoor Oregon represents our first step into community-based programming. It was an incredible success and a program we very much hope to expand with additional ARRA funding in 2010.

ARRA funding will be exhausted in 2010 but NYC is in this for the long haul. We have a vision of teams of youth region wide completing high priority projects in their own community every summer. We plan to do this by building a coalition of resource managers and community leaders in each community who share our vision of using ARRA funding as a springboard to new opportunities.

Help NYC give great kids the opportunity to do great things. Give us a call if you can make a donation, have a project, or want to help start an OutDoor Oregon team in your community. We would love to hear from you!

Rick Scott
President of the Board

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As individuals, we came together as a crew. Like a family, to grow, to learn, to build up ourselves, each other and the world we live in.

Samson Gross
Idaho 2009 Summer Session
Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is dedicated to empowering youth. All NYC programs emphasize teamwork and leadership while promoting education, personal growth, service to the community, and individual achievement. Youth leave NYC knowing that they can overcome obstacles, solve problems, make friends, and master the skills needed to attain their objectives in life.

Service

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps funding allows AmeriCorps members to work directly with youth in our program as mentors, team leaders and educators. For example, our Corps Respond team is dedicated to teaching the public how households can be more self-sufficient in the event of a natural disaster.

Education

OutDoor High School

OutDoor High School provides a hands-on educational experience that combines classroom activities with field study, data-collection, resource management projects and outdoor recreation. OutDoor High School is a accredited high school with an enrollment of 55 students.

Community

OutDoor Oregon

OutDoor Oregon (ODO) works with local communities to serve youth who might be hesitant about embarking on the multi-week camping experience that is the nucleus of our YouthCorps programs. Working in partnership with local community groups and resource managers, OutDoor Oregon provided summer jobs to 50 youth in five Oregon counties last summer. Outdoor Oregon was started in 2009 with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding.

Adventure

YouthCorps

YouthCorps programs offer youth (14-19) a variety of spring, summer, and fall programs that combine teamwork, challenge, outdoor adventure, and leadership. Led by two staff, youth live and work as part of a ten-member team. They camp out near each week's project assignment and rendezvous with other teams each weekend.
Member Milestones

Participants reported that their NYC experience significantly increased their ability to:

- Understand Environmental Issues .................. 91%
- Work Independently ....................................... 93%
- Work Hard ..................................................... 90%
- Find a Job ...................................................... 86%
- Cooperate in a Team Effort .............................. 91%
- Handle Tools and Equipment .......................... 92%
- Work Safely .................................................... 87%
- Be Dependable ................................................. 88%
- Work With Others ........................................... 90%
- Learn from Mistakes ....................................... 94%
- Set and Work Towards Goals ............................ 61%
- Be a Leader in Groups ..................................... 89%
- Relate to People with Different Backgrounds ........ 87%
- Take Responsibility for Actions and Self ............. 90%
- Look at Life Optimistically ............................... 75%

Project Milestones

Recreation
- Gravel Laid .................................................. 2,840 feet
- Retaining Walls ............................................. 1,770 feet
- Turnpike Construction ................................... 605 feet
- Trail Maintenance .......................................... 447 miles
- Trail Construction .......................................... 17 miles
- Bridge Construction ....................................... 103 feet
- Trail Structures Built ..................................... 3,244
- Structure Removal ........................................ 420
- Switchbacks / Climbing Turns .......................... 113
- Stream Crossings ......................................... 77
- Campsite Maintenance .................................... 72

Restoration & Restoration
- Conifer Pruning .......................................... 111 acres
- Noxious Weed Removal ................................. 2,914 acres
- Fuel Reduction ............................................. 791 acres
- Stream Rehabilitation ................................... 18,480 feet

Range Management & Fence Construction
- Buck 'n' Pole Fence ....................................... 1,150 feet
- Wire Fencing ............................................ 5,547 feet
- Railing Construction .................................... 1,770 feet
- Fence Removal ........................................... 2,749 feet

Revenues $3,861,599
- Tuition & Fees 3%
- Education Contracts 16%
- Grants & Donations 5%
- Other 9%
- Service Projects 67%

Expenditures $3,766,038
- Salaries & Wages 25%
- Transportation 16%
- Field Wages 9%
- Stipends 27%
- Administration 12%
- Operations 11%
- Service Projects 16%
We couldn’t do it without you.

Every year it is the generosity and vision of our donors and project sponsors that make it possible for Northwest Youth Corps to serve youth.

Last year the 874 youth in our programs directly benefited from the grants and donations provided by foundations, businesses, and members of the communities in which we live and work. In addition to financial support, many businesses contributed products and others offered us discounts on goods or services.

Our project partners—agencies and landowners—throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Northern California, and Arizona, provided us with the resource management projects vital to the education and work experience portion of the NYC experience.

Alumni, their parents, and past staff have always play an important role in NYC’s growth and development. We want to recognize this ongoing support with our special thanks.

Thank you for helping us help youth achieve success.

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Each day I feel thankful for getting to work in this place with people I care deeply about, doing hard work that I fundamentally love. It is empowering when we work together and create something magical. Thank you for this opportunity.

Heather Kinneer
Idaho 2009 Summer Session