

# Sponsor a Community Youth Crew

Northwest Youth Corps' **OutDoor Oregon** program enables youth to work on conservation projects in their local communities, while developing critical job skills, earning a paycheck, and high school credit.

## **Sponsor a Community Youth Crew:**

**Help Youth** - Members develop a work ethic, learn teamwork, leadership, and responsibility

**Tomorrow's Leaders** - Teens learn how to solve problems and get the job done.

**Community Development** - Local youth engaged in community conservation priorities.

**Workforce Readiness**- Members master the skills it takes to enter the 21st century workforce.

## **Northwest Youth Corps (NYC):**

- Is a non-profit job skills, education, and outdoor experience program, operating since 1984.
- Annually serves more than 1,100 youth and young adults.
- Connects youth to their local public lands and resource management objectives.
- Teaches youth how to meet a challenge and work as members of a team.
- Is open to all youth from all backgrounds, participants are recruited from all ethnic groups.
- Helps youth develop an ethic of service and community awareness.
- Collaborates with diverse stakeholders to develop local youth programming.

## **What kind of work can a Community Youth crew do?**

NYC crews can complete nearly any outdoor project requiring people power. NYC staff have the training and experience to coordinate youth crews on a wide variety of projects.

Invasive Plant Removal

Trail Construction

Trail Structures

Cultural Resource Inventories

Trail Maintenance

Horse Corrals

Fencing

Campground maintenance

Park Clean-up

Roadside Brushing

Retaining Walls

## **When you sponsor a Community Youth crew, we provide everything!**

Supervision

Tools

Specialty Equipment

Technical Support

Insurance

Worker's Compensation

Transportation

Education Program

Trained Leadership

## **Where and when do the crews work?**

OutDoor Oregon crews work throughout Oregon. A crew can be placed anywhere in the Northwest when 5 weeks or more of funding is available. We have the experience and infrastructure to develop programs for communities large and small.

## **Regional Impact**

Last year, NYC crews worked with more than 60 Federal, State, Municipal, and Non-profit partners. We are proud of our reputation for hard working crews and top quality work. If you have questions, we would be happy to put you in touch with previous partners in your area.

## **Interested in Developing a Community Youth Crew?**

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## House Bill 2689

### Fact Sheet

#### Intent

House Bill 2689 is intended to create work-force training opportunities for Oregon teens aged 13-22. The Legislation will allow non-profit youth job development organizations, like Northwest Youth Corps, to enter cooperative work agreements with local and municipal entities. Currently, Northwest Youth Corps provides more than 1,000 critical, paid job training experiences each year through cooperative work agreements with Federal Land Management agencies. Not only do these programs address critical conservation needs on our public lands, they help train Oregon's workforce of tomorrow by providing Oregon youth with real world work experience and training. Participants earn high school credit, gain job skills, and earn a paid stipend for their participation.

Programs like Northwest Youth Corps are educational in nature. Northwest Youth Corps awards academic credit for their job training programs but they lack an employer/employee relationship with program participants. This excludes them from the procurement standards of most city, county, and municipal entities statewide. House Bill 2689 allows Oregon municipalities enter cooperative work agreements, like our Federal agencies do, with non-profit youth job development organizations that provide paid training experiences and academic credit to help Oregon youth succeed while benefiting our public lands.

#### How it works

House Bill 2689 is not a mandate. No municipalities are required to partner with non-profit youth job development programs. House Bill 2689 creates the legal ability for municipalities to partner cooperatively if it meets their community interest. The Bill requires partnering agencies and organizations to share responsibility for the development, execution, and accountability of each project's success, while providing flexibility in program design to meet community needs. The Bill allows accredited non-profit youth job development organizations to partner with public school districts on Career and Technical Education grants and contains protections for the displacement, duplication, and replacement of private and public employees.

#### Why it is needed

In 2012, only one in four Oregonian's between the ages of 16-19 had access to a summer job or work experience. Passage of HB2689 will allow Oregon communities to collaboratively create paid summer job training opportunities for the next generation of Oregonians entering the workforce.



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# Where Northwest Youth Corps Works

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