



OREGON YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS
ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



PREFACE

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) was created by the 1987 Oregon Legislature to emulate the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. OYCC builds on strong connections between positive work experiences, work skills, personal responsibility, commitment to education, and future employment for Oregon's youth. OYCC is housed within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Office of Workforce Investments.

The goal of this annual report is to provide a broad overview of the activities performed throughout the grants administered by the OYCC, give insight into the populations served and why this work is so important, and to highlight the benefits to all Oregon communities resulting from the many accomplishments of the youth that we serve.

On behalf of OYCC, thank you to all who have helped contribute and provide support throughout 2018. Contributions by those listed and those that were inadvertently left off, along with all program grantees, have helped empower youth by providing outdoor work and stewardship experiences throughout Oregon.

For questions regarding this report or for information about how to become a partner, please contact oycc.info@oregon.gov



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Advisory Committee

Under ORS 418.653, OYCC has a nine-member Advisory Committee. The following appointing authorities appoint three members each: Oregon Governor Kate Brown; Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney; and Oregon Speaker of the House Tina Kotek.

Committee members volunteer their service and can serve up to two, three-year terms. The committee meets quarterly. These two-day meetings are held in different program grantee locations throughout the state. The duties of the Advisory Committee include advising and approving all policy decisions, overseeing the implementation of OYCC’s Strategic Plan, and determining who receives OYCC grants each year. Advisory Committee members often reflect that meeting youth Corpsmembers on site is one of the biggest rewards of serving.

“OYCC promotes inter-group/interracial respect and harmony by bringing together youth from diverse backgrounds and forming teams of youth with a work goal in common.”

Advisory Committee Member Jeff Gottfried

“I was thrilled to be appointed to the OYCC Advisory Committee and give back to an organization that gives so much to so many Oregon youth.”

2019 Co-Chair Michael Oliver



Senate Appointments	House Appointments	Governor Appointments
Tom Cope, Co-Chair Albany, Oregon	Mary Chamness Salem, Oregon	Robert Jones, Co-Chair Sherwood, Oregon
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Jeffrey Gottfried Portland, Oregon	Michael Oliver Gresham, Oregon	

The OYCC Advisory Committee continuously works toward geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity amongst its volunteer members. Positions often come available as Advisory Committee members term out. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please email oycc.info@oregon.gov.

Strategic Plan

In 2017 it became clear that OYCC needed to expand partnerships and find additional funding opportunities in order to sustain, then expand the number of youth served across Oregon. Staff and the Advisory Committee held a two-day retreat in the fall of 2017 that produced a new mission and vision statement, and a formal strategic plan.

The five main goals included in the plan are below. There have been many sub-goals completed since the plan was drafted. As we continue to work through the goals and form new partnerships, we will develop additional goals and strategies as needed. A big thank you to the Advisory Committee for helping steer this work!

Goals

GOAL 1: Maintain a fully seated and engaged Advisory Committee

2018 Outcome: Positions continue to open on the Advisory Committee as appointments expire. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, please email oycc.info@oregon.gov.

GOAL 2: Increase the number of youth served

2018 Outcome: OYCC has explored new partnerships for prospective grantees in counties that did not have a summer grant in the previous year. OYCC has also started working with foundations exploring the capability of expanding new opportunities for youth programming to increase the number of youth served.

GOAL 3: Create a Marketing Strategy

2018 Outcome: OYCC, along with the Office of Workforce Investments, is exploring options to develop a marketing and expansion plan.

GOAL 4: Promote collaboration among grantees

2018 Outcome: OYCC, along with HECC, is exploring strategies for webinars and developing a social media presence.

GOAL 5: Increase percentage of tuition vouchers used

2018 Outcome: Legislation is being introduced that will change the usage requirements for Corpsmembers participating in the Community Stewardship Corps, providing recipients with expanded options when using their earned tuition voucher.

Three Action Items for 2019

- 1. Program outreach with Federally Recognized Tribal Nations within Oregon**
- 2. Credentialing essential skills for participating Corpsmembers**
- 3. Development of a Youth River Stewards program with local program partners in Southwest Oregon**

The three items listed above are examples that already have planning efforts underway. As OYCC moves forward into 2019, there are numerous other planned actions to achieve the goals set forth in the Strategic Plan. OYCC looks to expand and enhance the experiences of all of those directly involved (Corpsmembers, Grantees, and Program Partnerships).

Overview

Created in 1987 and funded through the Oregon Lottery Amusement Device Tax, the OYCC has broad functions outlined in statute.

The purpose of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) as stated in ORS 418.650 to 418.663 is:

- To establish a disadvantaged and at-risk youth work program in order to perform conservation work of public value in the most cost effective manner;
- To utilize such a program as a means of needed assistance to protect, conserve, rehabilitate, and improve the natural, historical, and cultural resources of the state; and
- To utilize such a program to increase education, training, and employment opportunities for disadvantaged and at-risk youth for the purpose of improving work skills, instilling work ethic, and increasing employability.

MISSION

Empowering youth by providing outdoor work and stewardship experiences throughout Oregon.

VISION

Oregon's at risk youth are successful community members engaged in work, stewardship and lifelong learning.

The OYCC Mission and Vision is primarily accomplished through the allocation of state grants to community partners in two main programs, the Community Stewardship Corps and a variety of Summer Program Grants. These grant programs conduct activities throughout the year and all over the state, but a majority of the training and outdoor activities happen during the summer. The overarching goals of the programs are to offer meaningful and engaging learning and working opportunities in a crew setting, helping disadvantaged and at-risk youth develop essential skills for both their personal life, and in future work. These opportunities are often in new environments that aim to improve their social and technical skills, increase their awareness of community engagement, and educate them about the world they live in, and the impact of climate changes. These concepts can be grouped into three categories, Work Indicators, Stewardship, and Education/ Lifelong Learning.

Goals of OYCC:

Increased work skills

Increased stewardship

Increased community involvement

Increase in education/ lifelong learning

Safely completed projects

Opportunity to earn academic credit

Positive Youth Development



Positive Youth Development is defined by the *Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs* and used by OYCC as: “An intentional, pro-social approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that is productive and constructive; recognizes, utilizes, and enhances youths' strengths; and promotes positive outcomes for young people by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships, and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths.”



Our Partners

Oregon Youth Conservation Corps works and continually strives to improve because of the valuable connections it has established since 1987. While the goal is to provide grant funds to programming throughout the state, it's because of partnerships that the programs are effective and the impacts are realized in their communities.



Grant Partnerships

Through funding from the Oregon Lottery Amusement Device Tax, and cooperative agreements with the Bureau of Land Management and Oregon State Marine Board, OYCC is able to offer grants to 30 different employers around the State of Oregon in 54 different grant agreements. Through the 54 different grants, grantees have found an additional 257 partners that help make their programs succeed.

Training Partnerships

OYCC provides annual trainings for grantees helping provide foundational knowledge and developing interpersonal skills for leading a youth crew experience. Partnering with Erik Marter, the owner and CEO of Synergo, teams of professionally trained facilitators lead new and returning Crew Leaders. Additionally, OYCC brings in individual subject matter experts from a variety of different programs and agencies helping provide specific learning opportunities. OYCC provides two main trainings each year, a Summer Crew Leader Training at Oregon State University (OSU), Cascades Campus in Bend, and a Mid-Year In-Service for Grant Staff, Teachers, and/or Crew Leaders at the OSU 4-H Center in Salem, Oregon.

Youth River Stewards

Created by Ron Adams (former OYCC Director and Oregon State Legislator) in 2004, the Youth River Stewards (YRS) Program is a collaborative effort between OYCC, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism), United States Forest Service (USFS), and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The goal is to provide insight and education, while helping instill a sense of ownership and a lifetime commitment to Oregon's rivers. YRS has programs on both the Deschutes and Willamette rivers.

Education Partnerships

Providing educational opportunities and setting up Corpsmembers with a foundation for life-long learning is at the heart of the OYCC experience. Throughout trainings, OYCC consistently strives to link the educational experience to field work already being accomplished. In 2018, OYCC brought in Jamie Rummage from the Department of Education, to help grant programs better understand the Next Generation Science Standards, and link existing work to the science class. The long standing partnership with the Office of Student Access and Completion, now part of the HECC agency, continues to help OYCC Community Stewardship Corps participants use their earned program tuition vouchers.

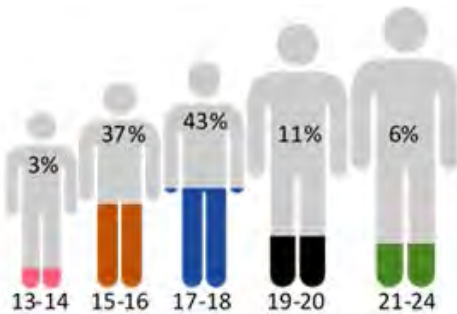
Equipment Partnerships

Providing gear and equipment that help lessen programmatic costs for OYCC grantees is always under consideration. OYCC worked with a local Qualified Rehabilitation Facility, Rockwest Training Company in Salem, Oregon, to provide a work shirt for all Corpsmembers. A new partnership in 2018 with Hydroflask, in Bend, Oregon, has allowed OYCC to purchase insulated water bottles for all grantee Crew Leaders in 2019. In 2019, OYCC will continue to partner with gear and equipment companies where items can be distributed to OYCC grantees.

Our Youth

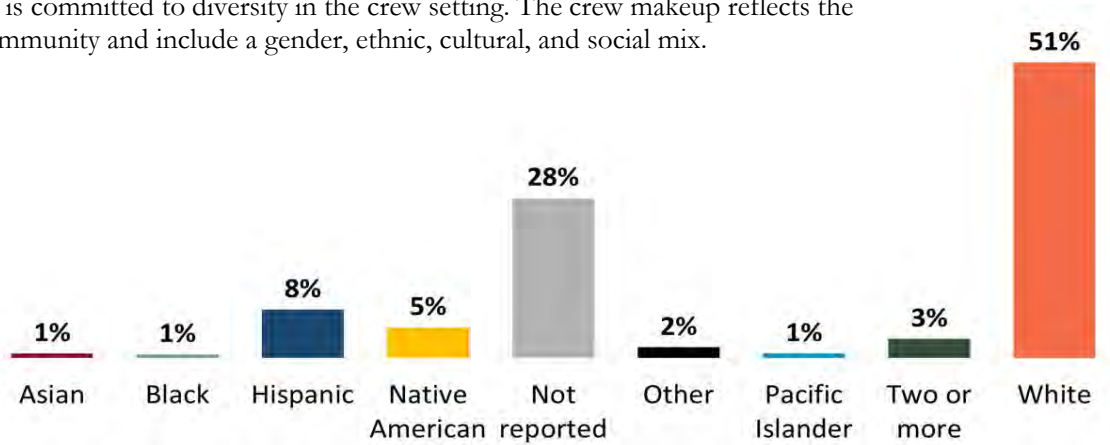
OYCC is charged with serving disadvantaged or at-risk youth. The target population of OYCC is as follows:

- Local Oregon youth ages 13 – 24
- 75% of youth served must meet OYCC’s disadvantaged and at-risk definition: “Those who may be unable to achieve the educational, economic, or social expectations of their community.”



16% of OYCC youth are in the juvenile justice system

- OYCC is committed to diversity in the crew setting. The crew makeup reflects the local community and include a gender, ethnic, cultural, and social mix.



Although factors that contribute to a youth being considered at-risk or disadvantaged, such as poverty, homelessness, being in the foster care system or being the child of an incarcerated parent cross all racial/ethnic and socioeconomic groups, we do see that the youth in our programs tend to reflect the general population of the county in which they live. While many risk factors are common across the state, risk factors in Lake County can be very different than risk factors in Multnomah County. The OYCC definition of disadvantaged and at-risk takes into account the different risk factors found throughout Oregon and the communities found within.

“Sarah has brought her own personal brand of sunshine to the OYCC program. Every day Sarah is a “fantastic 10” in Circle Up. She will be a junior this fall and loves dinosaurs, outer space, puns, and painting.

Sarah has experienced loss and sadness in her family, but still sees the bright side of every situation. She came to us withdrawn, anxious, and pretty unwilling to engage. A year later, she is a school leader and a student we can count on for cooperation and positivity. Sarah accepts responsibility for her actions and works hard to improve her organization skills and focus. These efforts and a strong work ethic have helped her succeed academically this year.

When it comes to OYCC, Sarah is about produce! She runs the vegetable and fruit tables at the weekly Oregon Food Bank Pantry and is our star gardener. She even paints exotic vegetables for art class. Her friendly and warm personality puts clients at ease and her willingness to work with anyone makes her a valuable team (crew) player. She is also completely unafraid of mud, bugs, and blisters.”

95% of participants say they feel better about their future after the program.

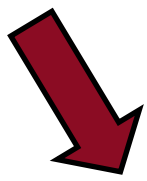
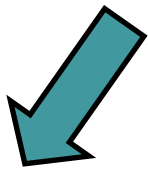
Grant Accomplishments

\$1,113,930
Total Annual State Funding

\$762,838
Total Annual Grants Awarded

\$2,136,758
Total Annual Matching Funds

746
Total Youth Served



Education/Lifelong Learning

86%
Report they are interested in furthering their education

78%
Improved their grades

862
Credits earned

86%
Improved taking responsibility for their actions

Over \$100,000
Tuition vouchers

Stewardship

66%
Report spending more time outdoors

60,954
Trees and shrubs planted

7,468
Pounds of produce harvested

329
Miles of trail developed or maintained

34
Oregon waterways cleaned

Work Indicators

98%
Report an improvement in their good work habits (punctuality, honesty, responsibility)

96%
Reported improvement in setting and working toward goals

91%
Indicated an interest in pursuing other job training as a result of this program

105,686
Total hours worked

Main Programs

OYCC manages grants in two main programs: the Community Stewardship Corps and the Summer Conservation Corps.

Community Stewardship Corps

OYCC Community Stewardship Corps (CSC) programs focus on hands-on, integrated, alternative education involving natural resource conservation and community stewardship. Programs funded by OYCC provide program participants with meaningful education and job skills training. A successful CSC program involves the collaboration of many community organizations. It is essential that CSC programs be connected to the school system and that a method of awarding credit is established. Academic Content Standards must also be incorporated into the program. Youth gain valuable education, employment, and leadership skills while learning work ethic and gaining environmental knowledge, all while working toward their high school diploma or GED.

Grants operate: September—June

Grants Awarded: 17

Grant Amounts: Up to \$20,000

Training: Provides one training for all Teachers, Crew Leaders and CSC Grantees

The CSC program gives grantees an extended opportunity to help empower youth. Programs can really focus on providing meaningful connections to both the community and environment while integrating the educational and work experience components. While many grantees follow the traditional school calendar and educational credits, there are many grantees that serve youth looking for GED achievement and work vocational skills. The main theme in a CSC grant is that youth are working toward building both the educational and work experiences. Participating Corpsmembers have the opportunity to earn up to \$1,500 in tuition vouchers for their participation in this program.

Summer Conservation Corps

The Summer Conservation Corps (SCC) is OYCC's largest state-funded program, with the goal of having a local program in each of Oregon's 36 counties and in Oregon's nine Federally Recognized Tribes. The primary objective of an SCC program is to provide youth an opportunity to develop critical soft/life skills through paid summer employment opportunities where they gain valuable job skills while completing community focused, natural resource, and stewardship projects. OYCC's goal is to fund programs that last approximately 5-6 weeks. Youth complete work projects focusing on natural resource enhancement and/or community stewardship in a crew setting.

Grants operate: June—September

Grants Awarded: 32

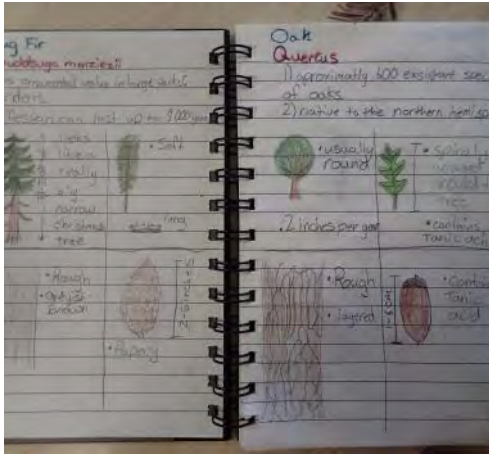
Grant Amounts: Up to \$13,000

Training: Provides one training for all Summer Grant Crew Leaders

Limitations: Work must occur within their community boundaries. Programs must hire youth within their community boundaries. Applicants must be physically located within the county or sovereign nation for which the funds are targeted.

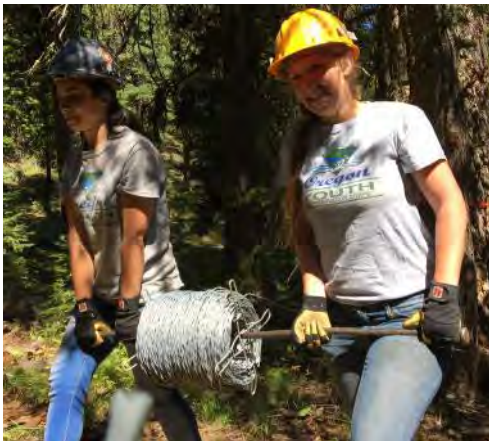
The SCC program is truly a summer experience, taking place June-September. Corpsmembers, in a crew setting, undertake a variety of different work experiences and work towards building essential life skills, while gaining tangible work skills, all while making stronger community connections through program stewardship. Programs will often coordinate educational credits with the local school district, so Corpsmembers can earn credits during their summer experience.

Vision Experienced



Education/Life-Long Learning

- Plant and Animal ID, water quality tests, etc.
- Building a resume, interviewing practice, understanding a paycheck
- Enrichment Activities (journaling, nature exploration, meeting industry professionals)
- Connecting field work with educational credits



Essential Skills

- Learning and working in a crew based setting
- Developing work ready skills (punctuality, work ethic, appropriate appearance, initiative, etc.)
- Developing interpersonal skills (communication, conflict resolution, active listening, appropriate language, etc.)
- Wearing safety equipment and following safe work practices



Stewardship

- Meeting and learning from local resource professionals
- Educating Corpsmembers on why their work is valuable and what their work means for the future
- Understanding and helping out with community and environmental issues
- Participating in impactful community-based projects



Work Experience

- Invasive species and noxious weed removal
- Adopt-a-River work for SOLVE
- Riparian and wetlands restoration
- Cultivation of native plant stock
- Planting and harvesting garden food
- Trail and fence maintenance/construction

Community Stewardship Corps Grants

IMPACT ON YOUTH

Gavin's Story: *When you think of the classic "troubled" kid that gets blamed for everything, that was Gavin at first impression. Because of Gavin's outspoken nature and his excellent ability to instigate, it was clear that he was unfairly blamed for things in life and learned to accept this.*

Through our program, I watched Gavin slowly unravel that identity; through honest discussion and interactions with peers and adults that weren't his teachers or other similar figures of disrespected authority, Gavin began to see his role in the program and that he was appreciated. Gavin is a genuine example of how this program allows students to positively redefine themselves. As an honest, sensitive, and smart kid hardened by life into an identity of the trouble maker, Gavin began to rediscover himself...The positive impact this program had on Gavin was driven home when he applied for and accepted a job on our competitive summer OYCC work crew. Four weeks in, we have heard that he is thriving on the crew, where he is surrounded full time by a positive group of peers and adults.

82%

of youth who indicated they got in trouble in the past, report that this program has helped them stay out of trouble

78%

of youth indicate that since they started the program their grades have improved

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

Excerpt from Final Report: *Our program is continuing to restructure our focus on the optimal ways for youth to "Learn, Serve, and Earn" their way to pathways to college and careers...our projects continue to help youth assist in the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of our public lands while improving the natural, historical and cultural resources of our local community...Our community sees the importance of our program and continues to give the necessary support needed for the future. Not only are the students given the opportunity to attain their Food Handlers Card certification, we also brought in community partners as guest speakers. With our OYCC Block Class, students "serve" by helping local farms while learning valuable real world lessons that are brought back to our garden program. Students also help with the various community gardens that are established around our town. This community service helps garner outside relationships, partnerships and a stronger sense of community.*

91%

Of participants report having more awareness of the concerns within their community

55%

Of participants report they are spending more time within their community than before



IN THE NUMBERS

Number of Grants Awarded:

17

Total Amount

Granted: **\$285,142**

Total

Leverage:

\$981,750

Number of Youth Served:

323

Tuition Vouchers

Earned: **\$105,175**

Youth River Stewards

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Programs that are current OYCC grant recipients are invited to apply for one of a total of three river trips. Each trip is free to program participants with all equipment and camping gear provided. OYCC staff members act as guides leading groups down the river and take care of all logistics. In return, the programs complete service/work projects with professionals from natural resource based agencies.

Youth River Steward trips occur each September and early October.



Essential Skills

Paddling trips provide an introductory experience into developing and working on soft skills (communication, teamwork, being able to count on your partner, active listening, etc.) through a three day/two night trip at the very beginning in the season. Corpsmembers are expected to be responsible for the experience throughout, including setting up/taking down campsites, cooking, meal planning, and the biggest component, paddling a canoe, with an OYCC guide. For most participants, this is their first experience in a canoe. One of the greatest joys is watching the guarded barriers youth often put up on the first day and seeing the development of self-confidence, communication, and trust grow and shine on the third and final day. Ultimately, this trip often sets the tone for that crew for the rest of their time in the program.



Educational Experience

Education happens in many forms during the Youth River Stewards experience. Traditional education filters in as Teachers/Crew Leaders lead lessons where youth can learn about a variety of concepts in geology, aquatics, riparian ecosystems, indigenous history, etc. While many formal lessons occur, education happens throughout in teachable moments where youth learn by asking questions as they are inspired by something they have either experienced or triggered one of their senses. Two examples include: youth on the Willamette trip experienced digging with their hands in knee deep mud looking for Wapato, a traditional food used by Native Americans. Youth on the Deschutes trip, with guidance from OFDW experienced capturing, measuring, weighing, and releasing trout in East Lake and the impact that invasive fish have on trout populations.



Stewardship Experience

Youth participating on a Youth River Steward trip experience meeting and talking with many natural resource professionals as part of the their experience. Being able to understand the importance of the work they participate in is a critical element, not only for that day, but in a bigger picture to help participants set up the framework for life-long learning opportunities. Youth on all trips participate in a work experience where they can contribute toward improving the local resources. Additionally, introductions to resource professionals help Corpsmember learn more about new and potential career paths.

Special Accomplishment—Ron Adams Award

The Ron Adams Award is given to participating OYCC Youth River Steward programs who meet levels of set criteria. The award signifies true excellence and recognition for going above and beyond the norm. Program screening and selection is performed by OYCC staff. Programs that are selected for the award will receive a certificate as well a cash award. The cash award is for the program to use to purchase needed items for the program.

Areas evaluated for Ron Adams Award:

Language Respect Work Ethic Leadership Morale Teamwork

The youth from Training and Employment Consortium in Harney County excelled in all areas and their personal achievements during this trip exceeded expectations in each category that each participating program is evaluated against. Below are a few excerpts taken from their evaluation:

“The level of respect that this crew had toward each other, OYCC staff, and partner staff (ODFW, USFS, and Discover Your Forest) was incredible from the moment they stepped out of the vehicle. Both Jeremy and Doug received compliments from each of the partners regarding how professionally the youth carried themselves. They introduced themselves with a handshake before the partners had a chance to say hello....There was little direction that had to be given to the group because the youth self-directed themselves for most projects. They always participated as a team, helped each other, and coordinated next steps.”

2018 Ron Adams Award Winner Training and Employment Consortium—Harney County



Summer Program Grants



Summer Conservation Corps

The Summer Conservation Corps (SCC) is OYCC's largest state-funded program, with the goal of having a local program in each of Oregon's 36 counties. OYCC Summer Conservation Corps funds programs that provide summer employment for youth during which they gain valuable work skills training with an emphasis on education and lifelong learning. OYCC's goal is to fund programs that last approximately 5-6 weeks. Youth complete work projects focusing on natural resource enhancement and/or community stewardship in a crew setting. Work projects must protect, conserve, rehabilitate, and improve the natural, historical, and cultural resources of Oregon.

Grants Awarded: 32

Grant size: Up to \$13,000

Youth Served: 385



Oregon State Marine Board

Through a Cooperative Agreement, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) provides funding to OYCC for grants during the summer. This funding comes from boat registrations, titling fees and marine fuel taxes. Projects are specific to enhancing recreational motorized public boating-related areas and can include dock, launch ramp, parking lot, restroom and signage repair, painting, and renovation projects.

Grants Awarded: 2

Grant Size: Between \$5,000-\$15,000

Youth Served: 21



Bureau of Land Management

Through a Cooperative Agreement, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides funding to OYCC for grants during the summer. The majority of this funding comes directly from the Oregon/Washington state office. This collaboration allows the BLM to utilize OYCC partnerships that are currently in place in order to employ, connect, and engage Oregon's youth in outdoor work on public lands. Work projects often include maintenance on trails, in campgrounds, and water guzzlers, as well as, fence and trail construction.

Grants Awarded: 3

Grant Size: Up to \$24,000

Youth Served: 22

Summer Program Grants

IMPACT ON YOUTH

When Hector joined the OYCC program, he found opportunities to be the support he needed, both in school and at home.

He became a positive role model on the crew, accepting leadership responsibilities, and always looking for ways to include everyone. Hector would be the first to introduce himself and the crew at each site and on several occasions would invite the partners to have lunch with the crew. Hector said "Don't be afraid to bond with people you have never met before because in the end they will be like family to you." As Hector took risks meeting new people, he would almost always say "I really liked that person, I think I might want to have the same career they have!"

He has expressed interest in being a crew leader someday so that he can help other have a great OYCC experience.

\$877,3016.14

Total wages earned by
Corpsmembers

85%

Of participants report
interest in furthering their
education

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

Excerpts from Community Benefits Accomplished: *"Free Food to Families in Need: Several thousand pounds of food was donated to families in need thanks to OYCC crew members work over the summer."*

"We benefitted the community by taking care of public use areas. By removing invasive weeds and picking up trash in the park we created a safer space for people and families to get together and enjoy the outdoors. Improving the outside space of the recreation center contributes to the overall appeal of the opportunities available to the public"

95%

of participants indicate that
they a better understanding
of environmental concerns
because of this program

61%

Of participants report they
spend more time in the
outdoors than before



IN THE NUMBERS

Number of Grants Awarded:

37

Total Amount

Granted: **\$477,696**

Total Leverage:

\$1,155,008

Number of Youth Served:

423

Percentage of Youth in the
Juvenile Justice System:

13%

Adopt-A-River

OYCC has partnered with SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) to incorporate an Adopt-A-River project into each summer grant. Crews must complete one day of cleaning and preserving a stretch of a waterway (river, lake, or stream) of their choice by doing litter removal, invasive species removal, plantings, watershed restoration, etc. Projects are focused on watershed health and natural resource stewardship. Programs can choose to register their project with SOLVE where they can receive resources such as bags and gloves as well as educational materials for their projects. Programs can also officially adopt a stretch of river and perform regular maintenance.

Adopt-A-River Impact				
Participants	Project Hours	Trash Removed	Invasive Species Removed (Sq. Ft).	Waterways Impacted
271	2,188	9,390 Pounds	483,516 Sq. Ft.	34



Waterways Impacted by Adopt-A-River Project Days

- | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Ash Creek | Badger Creek | Big River |
| Chetco River | Columbia River | Coos Bay |
| Cow Creek | Crooked River | Delintment Lake |
| Doris Davis Wetland | Fall Creek | Goose Creek |
| Hood River | John Day River | Ladd Creek |
| Link River | Long Creek | Martha's Creek |
| McKay Creek | McKenzie River | North Fork John Day River |
| Odell Lake | Rock Creek Reservoir | Rogue River |
| Sandy River | Siletz River | Silvies River |
| Soda Creek | State Line Reservoir | Trapper Creek |
| Umatilla River | Willamette River | Willow Reservoir |
| Yellowjacket Lake | | |

Benton County - Community Services Consortium

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 9

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$1,875

Wages earned: \$16,055.52

GEDs awarded: 3



Highlights

- Planted and raised 2,000 vegetables for distribution
- Maintained over 50 raised beds, green houses, flower beds, and half acre farm
- Took an entrepreneurial approach to a business model to bring produce and value added products to sell at Corvallis's Saturday Farmers Market
- Youth earned First Aid/CPR certifications
- Youth earned Oregon Food Handlers cards
- Youth attended financial literacy courses

Program Partners:

- Trillium Family Services (Children's Farm Home)
- Corvallis Saturday Farmers Market
- Allan Bros Coffee Company
- CSC YouthBuild Staff and Participants
- OSU Health and Human Studies Department
- OSU Soil Sciences Class
- Linn Benton Food Share

"I think I would describe the experience to be uplifting and encouraging. Couldn't have asked for better crew leaders."

Corpsmember - Felix P.



Benton County - Community Services Consortium

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 11

Total Hours Worked: 787

Total Wages Earned: \$9,255.34

Total Credits Earned: 1 high school credit



Highlights:

- 3,700 pounds of produce harvested, portions of which were distributed to low-income, food-insecure senior citizens through the Linn-Benton Food Share
- 2,000 square feet of invasive plants removed from local stream bank
- Planted Willow trees in the wetland area at the Linn-Benton Food Share
- Oregon Food Handlers card obtained
- First Aid/CPR certification earned
- Financial literacy classes
- Oregon Food Banks SafeServ training

Project Partners:

- Trillium Family Services
- Corvallis Farmers Market
- Allan Bros Coffee Company
- CSC Youth Build Staff and Participants
- Linn-Benton Food Share
- OSU Extension
- Jackson Street Youth Services

"The most important things I've learned are punctuality, great work skills and most importantly great teams make a great place to work."

Corpsmember - Shadow E.



Clackamas County - AntFarm

Bureau of Land Management Grant

Youth Employed: 4

Total Hours Worked: 252

Total Wages Earned: \$3423.15

Highlights:

- Two miles of trail construction on the Johnny Royale Trail
- Re-vegetation planting of 100 square feet on the Johnny Royale Trail
- Occupational therapy coaching

Project Partners:

- Bureau of Land Management
- IMBA
- AntFarm



“Although our crew changes to offer opportunity to more and different youth each year, the work in connecting these trails and building side by side with IMBA has been powerful and good.”

Excerpt from Program Narrative in Final Report.

Clackamas County - Rivers of Life

Summer Conservation Corps Grant & Oregon State Marine Board Grant

Youth Employed: 11

Total Hours Worked: 1,822.61

Total Wages Earned: \$26,440.85

Total Credits Earned: 11 high school credits



Highlights:

- Striped 55 boat and boat trailer parking spots at SportCraft Landing
- Three miles of expansion and regrading paths and access at the Environmental Learning Center
- Three acres of mulching site features and exhibits at the Environmental Learning Center
- Created foundation for “Independence Rock” at the End of Oregon Trail Museum

Project Partners:

- Oregon City Parks
- Clackamas Community College
- Clackamas Heritage Partners
- Cascade Environmental Group
- Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant Program
- Pacific Habitat Services
- Clackamas County Parks
- City of West Linn
- Gladstone Public Works
- Clackamas County Marine Patrol
- Oregon City Junior ROTC
- nERG Kayaking
- Clackamas County Tourism Division
- Jerry Miller
- Bryon Boyce

“The most important thing I learned was to step up and help lead teams on a regular basis.”

Corpsmember - Joshua B.



Columbia County - Columbia River Youth Corps

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 25

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$10,500

Total Credits earned: 102 credits

Diplomas awarded: 7

Highlights:

- Planted 5,000 native trees, most of which were grown by Corpsmembers
- Removed over 25 acres invasive weeds
- Raising native trees and plants for restoration work
- Spent more than 60 hours maintaining their tree nursery and potted more than 3,000 native plants
- Performed one mile of trail maintenance at Beaver Falls Trail near Rainier
- Performed one week of leaf raking for senior citizens in the community



Program Partners:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Scappoose Bay Watershed Council
- PGE
- Upper Nehalem Watershed Council
- Lower Nehalem Watershed Council
- Port of St. Helens
- Columbia County Parks
- Oregon State Parks
- Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership

“We had a lot of interesting field trips to fish hatcheries, the Bonneville Dam, Portland plays, and some career fairs. The field work was my favorite part. We had lots of diverse projects and camp trips all over this part of Oregon.”

Corpsmember - Scott G.

Columbia County - Columbia River Youth Corps

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 7

Total Hours Worked: 1,654

Total Wages Earned: \$19,213.71

Highlights:

- Half mile of trail of blackberry cleared from Port of St. Helens
- Maintained two acres of riparian habitat in Clatskanie
- One acre of weeding next to the Scappoose Airport
- Removing encroaching Douglas Fir trees on 40 acres at Walker Flat, near the Nestucca River
- Two miles of litter pickup at Trestle Beach

Project Partners:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Columbia Soil and Water District
- Port of St. Helens
- North Coast Land Conservancy



"I picked up a lot of new skills, i.e. using tools, plant identification, better communication and relying on others to help complete a task. I know I will use many of these skills later on in life and especially with future jobs.

Corpsmember - Ashley B.

Coos County - Coos Watershed Association

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 10

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$6,875

Total Credits earned: 10 credits

Highlights:

- Constructed a rain garden for the Pacific Cove Humane Society that filters runoff from nearby parking lots
- Removed invasive species from more than three acres throughout Coos County
- Installed two interpretive signs for the Coos History Museum
- Planted more than 100 native trees and shrubs at various partner properties
- Presented at the annual Coos Watershed Mayfly Festival

Program Partners:

- Coos History Museum
- City of Coos Bay
- Pacific Cove Humane Society
- Port of Coos Bay
- The Wetlands Conservancy
- Harding Learning Center
- Coos Bay School District



“It was cool to see the students grow through nature and discover things about themselves that they maybe didn’t know before; through this program I watched the students personally understand the meaning of accountability, team work, determination, flexibility, self-worth, the list goes on...”

Americorps Co-Crew Leader - Kaedra

Coos County - Coos Watershed Association

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 9

Total Hours Worked: 2,777

Total Wages Earned: \$33,228.36

Highlights:

- Released 8,000 native trees at nine different restoration sites
- Removed over 12 acres and eight miles of invasive species at multiple restoration sites
- Potted 1,500 trees
- One day at the Coos County Fair sharing knowledge on invasive weeds, teaching knots, and tree ID
- First Aid/CPR certification



Project Partners:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Weyerhaeuser
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- The Wetlands Conservancy
- United States Forest Service
- Port of Coos Bay

“The youth crew was a great help with the Natural Resource Area at the Coos County Fair this year. They had great energy and enthusiasm demonstrating knot tying skills as well as explaining their work on the Youth Crew and the mission of the Coos Watershed Association. Valuable life skills are learned by the crew members while accomplishing important work in the community.”

OSU Extension Service - Norma K.



Crook County - Heart of Oregon Corps

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 12

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$4,000

Total Wages earned: \$61,225.76

Total Credits earned: 18 credits

Highlights:

- Performed riparian restoration at over 122 acres
- Conducted fire fuels reduction at 33 acres
- Removed and sprayed invasive species at 117 acres
- Built over one mile of fence
- Eight youth completed Wilderness First Aid Training
- S-212 Chainsaw Training

Program Partners

- Bureau of Land Management – Prineville District
- Children’s Forest of Central Oregon
- Crook County School District
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- US Forest Service – Ochoco National Forest
- Better Together
- Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation
- Crook County Community Justice



“Joe took part in an USA Jobs workshop last winter and applied for various seasonal positions within Central Oregon. He found out he was offered a position at Diamond Lake for the summer and after finishing his time with us, transitioned into that job. This was after he took it upon himself to use his education award to earn a Wilderness First Responder certification. Joe is extremely responsible, considerate, and hard-working. It is because of his dedication and character that he was nominated by our staff for the Children’s Forest of Central Oregon Corpsmember of the Year Award, which he won!”

***Testimonial about Youth Crew from
Development Coordinator – Jenn K.***

Crook County - Heart of Oregon Corps

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 17

Total Hours Worked: 4,586

Total Wages Earned: \$53,014.61



Highlights:

- Completed 20 acres of riparian restoration
 - Completed four miles of trail maintenance on the Ochoco National Forest
 - Maintained 22 miles of fence in riparian zones, helping protect 1,394 acres
 - Removed invasive species from 275 acres of land
 - Hand-piled 15 acres of hazardous fuels in the Rimrock Springs Wildlife Management Area
 - Provide 50 acres of post-fire reforestation seedling protection and shading in Easy Maury and Bailey Butte fire zones
 - Eight youth earned an additional AmeriCorps scholarship opportunity
- Youth attended a College Day partnering with Central Oregon Community College
 - Youth attended a Career Day with 13 different natural resource agencies present

Project Partners:

- United States Forest Service
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Crook County School District
- Better Together
- The Corps Network
- Crook County Juvenile Justice
- Children's Forest of Central Oregon
- Central Oregon Community College
- Discover Your Forest

“The most important thing I learned in this program is what I am capable of. From someone that had absolutely no experience in any of the jobs we were doing, I left the job with so many skills and so much knowledge.”

Corpsmember - Maelynn P.



Curry County - S.C.B.E.C.

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 5

Total Hours Worked: 1,196.5

Total Wages Earned: \$14,121.21

Highlights:

- Rock and trail work at Slide Creek repairing and retreading four landslide areas
- Over four acres of invasive removal from a local campground
- Pulled back fuels from large trees and control lines covering 30 acres
- One week working with an archeologist working the dig site and cataloging at the Gold Beach Ranger Station

Project Partner

- United States Forest Service



“Our work on the Rogue River Trail has helped improve safety of the trail and public visibility through signage. Constructing fire line at Wildhorse will help to improve the meadows in that area for the natural habitat and for visitors to enjoy.”

***Testimonial on the public impact of crew projects –
Crew Leader John P.***



Deschutes County - Heart of Oregon Corps

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 24

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$92,635.68

Total Credits earned: 20 credits

Diplomas awarded: 5

GEDs awarded: 1

Highlights:

- Performed riparian restoration work at over 45 acres
- Conducted fire fuels reduction work at 207 acres
- Maintained and built five miles of trails at numerous sites, including Benham Falls and Riley Ranch
- Built over nine miles of fence
- 12 youth completed Wilderness First Aid Training
- S-212 Chainsaw Training



Program Partners:

- Bureau of Land Management – Prineville District
- Children’s Forest of Central Oregon
- Sisters School District
- US Forest Service – Deschutes National Forest
- Bend Park and Recreation District
- Oregon Vocational Rehab
- Deschutes County Community Justice
- Deschutes County Solid Waste

“My favorite part of this program has been the projects within the community and making it not only better for people but wildlife as well. I loved the amazing people I got to work alongside with and got to know.”

Corpsmember - Abby H.



Deschutes County - Heart of Oregon Corps

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 39

Total Hours Worked: 9,445

Total Wages Earned: \$109,122.27

Highlights:

- Ten miles of trail maintenance in the Deschutes National Forest
- Completed seven acres of landscaping work around the Pine Mountain Observatory
- Cleared 14 acres of invasive plants, four acres of conifers in the Newberry Meadow, and 41 acres of brush in the Cougar, Browns Creek, and Bull Savage fire units
- Hand piled 50 acres of hazardous fuels
- Removed seven miles of hazardous fence line
- Youth attended a College Day partnering with Central Oregon Community College
- Youth attended a Career Day with 13 different natural resource agencies present
- Eight youth earned an additional AmeriCorps scholarship opportunity



Project Partners:

- United States Forest Service
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Sisters School District
- Central Oregon STEM Hub
- Better Together
- The Corps Network
- Deschutes County Juvenile Justice
- Children's Forest of Central Oregon
- Central Oregon Community College
- Discover Your Forest

"This summer I really enjoyed the humbling experience of serving my community while meeting new people that I could very well know for the rest of my life."

Corpsmember - Anna K.



Douglas County - Phoenix School of Roseburg

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 34

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$7,000

Total Wages earned: \$20,062.90

Total Credits earned: 187 credits

Diplomas awarded: 7

GEDs awarded: 1

Highlights:

- Planted over 2,600 native plants and trees
- Over seven miles of trail maintained and cleared
- Helped an elementary school “Nature Days” event, by helping build bird boxes and stepping stones, taught about the nature trail, natural wonders and the hatchery
- 13 students were taught how to snorkel and count salmon
- Cleaned up and prepped local campgrounds



Program Partners:

- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- City of Roseburg
- Diack Foundation
- Diamond Power Equipment
- Douglas County Museum
- Douglas County Public Works
- Douglas Education Service District
- Douglas Forest Protective Association
- Freed Estate Winery
- Lighthouse Center Bakery
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Norm Lehne Garden and Orchards
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Oregon State University, Master Gardeners of Douglas County
- Pacific Rivers Council
- Raven Feather Farms
- Roseburg Disposal
- Umpqua Community College
- Umpqua Watershed Inc.
- United Communities Americorps
- Upper Cow Creek Community Center
- USDA Summer Food Service Program
- USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station
- USFS Umpqua National Forest

“I think it's important that we learned about our environment and how we impact it and can improve it.”

Corpsmember - Caitlyn C.

Douglas County - Phoenix School of Roseburg

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 42

Total Hours Worked: 5,649

Total Wages Earned: \$72,432.04

Highlights:

- Maintained 10.25 miles of trails by clearing brush and debris
- Performed 207 hours of cross sections of creeks and pebble counts
- Performed 316 hours of stream surveys for fish
- Performed 646.5 hours of meadow surveys
- Learned three types of tree climbing skills, tying knots and owl nesting protocols
- Cut and stacked 12 cords of wood and moved six cords at local campgrounds
- Youth were taught about accurate data collection techniques, project report writing, use of GPS units, and orienteering with map and compass

Project Partners:

- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- City of Roseburg
- Diack Foundation
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Roseburg District BLM
- Roseburg Public Schools
- South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership
- Umpqua Community College
- Umpqua Watersheds Inc.
- United Communities AmeriCorps
- USFS Umpqua National Forest

“The most important thing I learned was the joy working outside brings me. Comparing this job to my food service job has encouraged me to seek out more forest internships/jobs in the future.”

Corpsmember - Joseph M-D.



Gilliam County - Gilliam County Family Services

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 5

Total Hours Worked: 1,425

Total Wages Earned: \$16,089.42

Highlights:

- Removed tree tubing from native trees at Cottonwood Canyon State Park
- Removed over 3,600 pounds of invasive species from Cottonwood Canyon State Park
- Planted 3,000 square feet of flowers and removed weeds along the park and Main Street of Condon and helping clean up the city for the 4th of July events
- Helping load and unload food for the Condon Food Pantry
- Cleanup, working a booth and landscape help, before and during the Gilliam County Fair
- Oregon Food Handlers card
- Workplace ethics training



Project Partners:

- City of Condon
- Gilliam County Maintenance Department
- City of Arlington
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- Gilliam County Fairgrounds
- Lonerock Cemetery
- Gilliam County Wheatlab



“My favorite part of this program was getting to accomplish something that was not just for myself and working with other people.”

Corpsmember - Alyssa G.

Grant County - North Fork John Day Watershed Council

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 7

Highlights:

- Installation of three analog beaver dams using 150 willow stakes cut by youth, to weave into dam structures.

Program Partners

- Monument School District
- Prairie City School District
- SAGE Center
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- US Forest Service
- South Fork John Day Watershed Council



“Youth performed hands-on restoration work of East Fork Beech Creek by helping build beaver dam analog structures. This was done to improve stream habitat for fish and beaver, and enhance plant species for ungulates.”

Work project as described in the Final Report

Grant County - North Fork John Day Watershed Council

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 33

Total Hours Worked: 5,467.25

Total Wages Earned: \$66,048.57

Highlights:

- 37 miles of trail improved/maintained in the Strawberry Wilderness
- 60 acres of fencing enclosures built with Prairie City Wildlife protecting 50 different Aspen trees, riparian areas, and heritage sites
- Four miles of Upper South Fork John Day restored with 18 beaver dam analogues
- Over 12 acres of invasive species removed around a wetlands and trail surrounding a pond
- 3,000 willows cut/transplanted into Bull Run Creek/Deep Creek
- First Aid/CPR certification
- Wilderness First Aid certification
- Crosscut saw certification

Project Partners:

- Monument SWCD
- United States Forest Service
- Eastern Oregon Trail Association
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Bureau of Reclamation
- South Fork John Day Watershed Council
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife
- Charlotte Martin Foundation
- Mule Deer Foundation
- Western Native Trout Initiative
- National Forest Foundation
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Trailblazer Foundation
- Reser Foundation
- Bill Healy Foundation
- Bella Vista Foundation
- Interfluve
- Audubon Society
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology
- Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site
- Grant County Historical Society



“Teamwork makes the dream work.”

Corpsmember - Cameron E.

Harney County - Training and Employment Consortium

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 7

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$5,000

Wages earned: \$12,110.63

Total Credits earned: 9 credits

Highlights:

- Planted 1,500 Willows at Crooked Creek
- Planted 250 native plants
- Collected 2,500 Willow and 1,500 Dogwood starts for the nursery
- Maintained and repaired 35 water guzzlers
- Maintained and repaired 55 acres of riparian fence
- Cleanup of downed trees and blocked roads in Burns and Hines after the towns were hit with 80+ MPH winds

Program Partners:

- United States Forest Service
- Harney County Court
- Harney County Juvenile Department
- Burns High School
- Oregon Employment Department



"I have learned how to build, repair and take down fence, along with why we build them and take them down. It has taught me a great work ethic and is a great way to meet new people and stay out of trouble. We also check guzzlers by making sure that there are no leaks in the pipes and that the pad that collects the water has no holes in the tin and that it is still attached. Mike makes work not only a great learning experience, but also a fun experience. This is a great program and I am so excited for future generations to have the same experience I have had."

Corpsmember - Dustin B.

Harney County - Training and Employment Consortium

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 14

Total Hours Worked: 3,664.76

Total Wages Earned: \$41,424.36

Total Credits Earned: 18 high school credits

Highlights:

- 1,200 Willow and 750 Dogwood planted in the Marshall Creek rehabilitation area
- Two miles of stream and riparian restoration work
- Built four new fences protecting over 18 acres
- Built 100 enclosures throughout the district protecting over 300 acres
- Maintained 22 miles of trail and reconstructed another one and a half miles
- Life Skill training

Project Partners:

- Training and Employment Consortium
- United States Forest Service
- Harney County Court
- Burns High School
- Oregon Employment Department
- Harney County Juvenile Department
- Burns Hines Alternative School



“My favorite part of the program is the constant opportunities. I got to learn about different species of plants and animals in the wilderness. The program helped me build better character. I'm grateful the program exists and gives kids of all backgrounds opportunities. If I didn't have this program I wouldn't be succeeding as much as I am now. Thank you.”

Corpsmember - Rachel M.

Harney County - Northwest Youth Corps

Bureau of Land Management Grant

Youth Employed: 8

Total Hours Worked: 608.5

Total Wages Earned: \$7,418.68

Highlights:

- Constructed just under one and a half miles of new trail and maintained just under a half mile of trail in the Blitzen and Three Mile Canyon trail system over a two week period

Project Partners:

- Steens Mountain Wilderness (Burns BLM District)



“This project helped young people acquire skills, education, and training they need for productive employment, while helping the Burns BLM complete 1.4 miles of new trail and maintained another 0.4 miles of trail in the Blitzen & Three Mile Canyon trail systems, allowing visitors to the Steens Mountains to have greater access to remote areas of the mountains.”

Excerpt from Public Benefits narrative in Final Report



Hood River County - Next Door, Inc.—Klahre House

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 10

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$3,750

Total Credits earned: 18 credits

GEDs awarded: 1

Highlights:

- Researched, mapped, designed, and prepared the 2,000 square foot garden space to help provide ingredients for lunches prepared for the school community
- Planted and maintained an 8,400 square foot garden for the FISH Food Bank
- Weeded and mulched sections of stream bank near Indian Creek
- Tended educational bee hives



Program Partners:

- Oregon State University Extension Service – Central Gorge Master Gardeners
- Nuestra Comunidad Sana
- FISH Food Bank
- Hood River Watershed Group
- Territorial Seed Co.
- Gorge Grown Food Network



“The garden has helped me grow as a person in so many ways. I’ve learned patience and teamwork, which has helped me at work with customers and with my work team. The garden has tested my skills, pushing me to keep going and not give up on myself, to stay focused and to be an active participant in class.”

Corpsmember – Keegan W.

Hood River County - Next Door, Inc.

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 4

Total Hours Worked: 1,021.5

Total Wages Earned: \$12,032.44

Total Credits Earned: 2 high school credits



Highlights:

- 475 combined hours of trail maintenance at Skyline Trail, Lookout Mountain Trail, and Knebal Springs Trail system
- Three acres habitat improvement at Nichols Natural Area, including blackberry removal, irrigating new Cottonwood trees, and laying mulch
- Painting and applying sealer to benches and picnic tables at Hood River Ranger Station, repainting the sign for the historic Cloud Cap Inn, and repainting the National Forest entrance sign on Lost Lake Road
- Ground restoration and landscaping at Wahkeena Falls Day Use Area

Project Partners:

- Mt. Hood National Forest/Hood River Ranger Station
- Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area
- Columbia Gorge Riverkeepers
- Hood River Valley High School
- Reser Foundation
- Trust Management Foundation
- Depcom
- Hood River Prevention
- David Gross

“They were working in a few stretches of 100 degree heat and 4-10 hour days, which are very long days. They were a tight knit group and by the last day, seemed like best friends. I am sure some of them will be reapplying next year, which of course is a sign of success.”

Excerpt from project narrative in Final Report



Jackson County - College Dreams

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 9

Total Hours Worked: 770.5

Total Wages Earned: \$9,206.56

Highlights:

- Constructed one mile of trail and heavily maintained numerous miles of trail for Siskiyou Upland Trails Association
- Built four garden beds, planted 14 existing garden beds and maintained them, harvesting over 100 pounds of vegetables for Rogue Valley Farm 2 School
- Helped local school districts in Medford and Phoenix-Talent with painting, assembling furniture, and numerous prep-work tasks
- SOLVE Adopt-A-River clean up at numerous Rogue River locations picking up over 120 pounds of garbage from river banks
- Oregon Food Handlers card
- First Aid/CPR certification



Project Partners

- Rogue Valley Farm 2 School
- Siskiyou Uplands Trail Association
- Medford School District
- Phoenix Talent School District



"I did gain a lot of communication skills, and I think in future instances I will be a lot better in communicating with future employers or even teachers. I came out of my shell a little more than usual and was able to be a leader."

Corpsmember – Mariana C.

Jefferson County - Heart of Oregon Corps

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 18

Total Hours Worked: 3,707.5

Total Wages Earned: \$42,921.13



Highlights:

- Completed two miles of trail maintenance
- Completed two acres of riparian restoration, caging and protecting new shrubs and plants
- Cleared 109 acres of invasive species from the Crooked River National Grassland
- Maintained and repaired 11 miles of fence, helping protect 704 acres
- Removed 15 acres of hand-piled hazardous fuels in the Rimrock Wildlife Management Area
- Youth attended a College Day partnering with Central Oregon Community College
- Youth attended a Career Day with 13 different natural resource agencies present
- Two youth earned an additional AmeriCorps scholarship opportunity

Project Partners:

- United States Forest Service
- 509J School District
- The Corps Network
- Central Oregon Community College
- Children's Forest of Central Oregon
- Jefferson County Juvenile Justice
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Let's Talk Diversity
- Central Oregon STEM Hub

"I'm stronger than I thought I was."

Corpsmember - Ikeena K.



Josephine County - College Dreams

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 14

Total Hours Worked: 1,365

Total Wages Earned: \$15,994.29

Highlights:

- Maintained over 16 miles of trail for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Removed plant material along six miles of BLM trail at numerous locations
- SOLVE Adopt-A-River day, removed 210 pounds of trash/debris from banks of the Rogue River at Riverside, Tussing, and Schroeder Parks
- Harvested approximately 900 pounds of fresh produce for distribution to families throughout the community at Raptor Creek Farm
- Painted two bathrooms for the BLM at Cathedral Hills
- First Aid/CPR certification



Project Partners

- Bureau of Land Management
- Raptor Creek Farm – Josephine County Food Bank
- Grants Pass School District 7
- Three Rivers School District



“The most important thing I learned from this program was being responsible for myself, and learning to make my own decisions. Because of this job I was able to save up money, and buy my own car.”

Corpsmember – Gabriel F.

Klamath County - Heart of Oregon Corps

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 4

Total Hours Worked: 1,080

Total Wages Earned: \$12,484.92

Highlights:

- Completed 75 miles of trail maintenance in the Crescent Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest
- Removed 30 acres of noxious weeds in the Crescent Ranger District, including Diamond Peak scenic viewpoint
- Completed seven acres of landscaping around Rosedale Compound and US Forest Service facilities
- Removed barbed wire from 45 acres
- Youth attended a College Day partnering with Central Oregon Community College
- Youth attended a Career Day with 13 different natural resource agencies present
- One youth earned an additional AmeriCorps scholarship opportunity



Project Partners:

- United States Forest Service
- Klamath County School District
- Better Together
- The Corps Network
- Children's Forest of Central Oregon
- La Pine Chamber of Commerce

“One of the most important educational components of this program is teaching youth how to be successful members of the workforce. During the season, youth are held to a high standard, like any other adult employee would be, except that they also receive steady and consistent support from their crew leader during the season.”

Excerpt from Educational Outcomes found in 2018 OYCC Grant Final Report



Klamath County - Integral Youth Services

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 11

Total Hours Worked: 1,707.25

Total Wages Earned: \$22,004.31

Highlights:

- City water crew removed 2,208 pounds of plant material and debris from 21 water towers
- Repaired buck and pole fence at Surveyor Campground
- Provided trail maintenance to BLM/Wood River Wetlands Trail, trimming overhanging branches and weedeating.
- River and trail cleanup at Veterans Memorial Park and Link River Trail system, removing 60 pounds of trash from three and a half miles of trail



Project Partners

- City Water Department
- Freemont/Winema Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management



“My favorite part about this program was being outdoors and being around people my age. I am very happy that I had the opportunity to work for this program and had the chance to get to know the crew.”

Corpsmember - Emily B.

Lake County - Lake County School

Summer Conservation Corps Grant & Bureau of Land Management Grant

Youth Employed: 9

Total Hours Worked: 1,624

Total Wages Earned: \$18,667.46



Highlights:

- Constructed one and a half miles of fence at the Christmas Valley Sand Dunes
- Installed informational signs and painted decking at Fort Rock Museum
- Installed posts at Sun Stone Areas to help keep cars from driving off-road
- Removed stinging nettles from the Crack in the Ground

Program Partners:

- Bureau of Land Management
- United States Forest Service

“One of the most important things I learned was how well team work is used through everything.”

Corpsmember - Ronald R.



Lane County - Bethel School District

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 40

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$6,000

Total Credits earned: 92 credits

Diplomas awarded: 15

Highlights:

- Planted 10,000 native wetland species and 100 trees
- Collecting and analyzing data to create endangered and invasive species maps for properties managed by Lane County and Army Corps of Engineers
- Raising native and endemic plants for wetland restoration work



Program Partners

- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- Lane County

“My experiences working with the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps has given me an amazing learning and hard work opportunity. Just seeing how passionate all the people are to helping out such environmental problems in our community, bettered my faith in humanity.”

Corpsmember - Sage H.



Lane County - Kalapuya Conservation Corps

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 11

Total Hours Worked: 1,783.25

Total Wages Earned: \$21,257.46

Total Credits Earned: 11 high school credits

Highlights:

- Planted two acres of land with food crops at the Bethel Farm
- Harvested nearly 4,000 pounds of produce that was given away to families in need at a free farmers market or preserved for the Bethel Nutrition Services Department for the school lunch program
- Lead two weeks of a free summer Farm Camp for elementary students
- Ten miles of hiking trails cleared at Shotgun Trail Loop, Tiki Trail, Drury Creek Trail, Armantrout, and Old Growth Trail.
- Three miles of off highway vehicle trails cleared and removed ruts at Shotgun Creek
- Worked with McKenzie Watershed Council and removed 240 pounds of garbage and four mattresses from the McKenzie River



Project Partners:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Lane County
- The Nature Conservancy
- McKenzie Watershed Council
- Oregon Community Foundation

"I'm really proud that I actually made it through all this because it was pretty hard work sometimes but I'm not one who usually does hard work like that. It helped show me that if I can do this I can do a lot of other things too."

Corpsmember - Robert R.



Lane County - Looking Glass Family Services

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 23

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$2,625

Total Wages earned: \$1,909.75

Total Credits earned: 30 credits

Diplomas awarded: 2

Highlights:

- Over 300 pounds of native seed and bulbs planted, along with over 2,700 native plants and shrubs planted and/or harvested
- Constructed six new bog bridges
- 20,000 square feet of fire line brush cut
- 196,000 square feet of invasive species cleared and removed
- Surveyed Fender's Blue Butterfly population and behavior

Program Partners:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Land Management
- Lane County Waste Management
- Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
- City of Eugene
- Looking Glass Family Services



"I learned a lot about different plants and agriculture. I guess the most important thing was learning to work better with my peers."

Corpsmember - Elle B.



Lane County - Looking Glass Family Services

Oregon State Marine Board Grant

Youth Employed: 10

Total Hours Worked: 523

Total Wages Earned: \$5,627.62

Total Credits Earned: 3 high school credits



Highlights:

- Replaced 40 boards on docks
- Painted three bathrooms inside and out, one pump house and three picnic tables
- Obtained First Aid/CPR certification
- Participated in water safety training hosted by a representative from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Project Partners:

- Lane County Parks Division

"My favorite part of this program is having something to work hard on every day and feeling like I accomplished something at the end."

Corpsmember - Kreg B.



Lane County - MLK Education Center

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 12

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$5,000

Total Wages Earned: \$12,186.71

Total Credits earned: 22 credits

GEDs awarded: 1



Highlights:

- 12 miles of trail resurfacing completed for the City of Eugene Ridgeline Trail System
- 15 miles of maintenance completed for the Bureau of Land Management
- 12 miles completed for the United States Forest Service, McKenzie Ranger District
- 250 acres of invasive species removed

Program Partners:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- Lane County
- Bureau of Land Management
- Eugene Parks and Open Spaces
- United States Forest Service
- Lane ESD
- Lane Workforce Partnership



"The most important thing I learned was to be safe and put in exceptional effort."

Corpsmember - Brad W.



Lane County - South Lane School District

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 11

Total Hours Worked: 1,452.25

Total Wages Earned: \$16,617.63

Total Credits Earned: 10 high school credits

Highlights:

- Grubbed out three and a half acres of Scotch Broom and pulled one acre of seedling Scotch Broom
- Cleaned and weeded out the picnic area and shrub bed at Mosby Creek trailhead
- Removed blackberry from Dorena Dam and Culp Creek trailheads
- Brushed out over one mile of combined fence line at Dorena Dam and Smiths Creek



Project Partners:

- United States Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Army Corps of Engineers
- South Lane School District
- City of Cottage Grove



“One thing that I am proud of myself for is using the money I made from crew to help buy food and groceries.”

Corpsmember - Julian B.

Lane County - Twin Rivers Charter (Northwest Youth Corps)

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 38

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$9,875

Total Credits earned: 187 credits

Highlights:

- Nearly 8,000 feet of trail created or maintained
- Planted over 600 plants in a bioswale for the City of Springfield
- Removed nearly an acre of invasive species for Lane County Waste Management, the City of Eugene and other local partners

Program Partners:

- City of Eugene
- City of Springfield
- Bureau of Land Management
- Heart 2 Heart Farms
- Lane County Waste Management
- US Forest Service
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



"I will try my best to lead those who need me by pushing them to be great, by pushing them to be great we are all pushing each other to be amazing."

Corpsmember - Genevieve G.

Lincoln County - Community Services Consortium

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 24

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$12,875

Total Wages earned: \$13,450

Total Credits earned: 44 credits

Diplomas awarded: 4

Highlights:

- Two youth tested and earned their FAA remote pilot's license
- 50 hours mapping/surveying using drones flown by youth
- Maintained 20 miles of trails for Lincoln City Open Spaces
- Cleared four square miles of invasive species

Program Partners:

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Mid-Coast Watershed Council
- OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center
- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians
- Lincoln City Open Spaces
- Oregon Department of Education
- Lincoln County School District
- Schooner Creek Designs



“On drone crew, I learned about FAA drone flight rules and regulations. I also learned how to use a program called drone deploy to map and survey such places as Siletz and Netarts Bay.”

Corpsmember - Sabrina S.

Lincoln County - Community Services Consortium

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 9

Total Hours Worked: 1,365

Total Wages Earned: \$16,240.50

Highlights:

- Surveying mud shrimp beds, conducting lab research and data collection for Hatfield Marine Science Center with Dr. John Chapman
- Maintained 20 miles of trails for Lincoln City Open Spaces
- Removed four square miles of ivy growing on trees at Culter City Open Space, Knoll Open Space, Spring Lake, and at Friends of Wildwoods.
- First Aid/CPR training

Program Partners:

- Hatfield Marine Science Center (OSU)
- Lincoln City Open Spaces
- HELP program with Lincoln County School District
- CSC Head Start



"I learned that even the smallest change in an ecosystem can effect the whole balance of things."

Corpsmember - Rhiannon L.



Linn County - Community Services Consortium

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 19

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$8,000

Total Wages earned: \$51,371.83

GEDs awarded: 7

Highlights:

- Built 12 raised beds and built three 60 foot retaining walls for Linn Benton Food Share
- Improved weatherization efficiencies at four low income properties in Albany
- Improved landscapes around derelict properties identified by City of Albany code enforcement
- One mile of litter and trash removal on trails at Monteith Park
- First Aid/CPR certificates for youth
- 11 youth received Lead RRP certification
- Two youth received their PTCS Duct Sealing certification



Program Partners:

- Albany Public Parks
- CSC Weatherization
- Albany Habitat for Humanity
- Lebanon Habitat for Humanity
- Code Enforcement – City of Albany
- YouthBuild USA
- Linn Benton Food Share
- Linn Benton Community College
- Albany Worksource Center
- AmeriCorps

“Through these experiences I have learned communication skills, and how to work with a team. I think this program is great, and has helped me gain job skills and a positive attitude.”

Corpsmember - Brandon T.



Linn County - Community Services Consortium

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 5

Total Hours Worked: 885

Total Wages Earned: \$19,921.63

Highlights:

- Completed four park clean up projects at Monteith River Park, Bryant Park, Tadena Landing, and Waterloo park
- Constructed a 12'x12' pergola for Linn Benton Food Share
- Worked with Albany Code Enforcement clearing trash and debris from property in Albany
- Performed stream stabilization along McDowell Creek
- Adopted a road along Seven Mile Lane in Albany
- Youth participated in a financial fitness class
- Two youth completed the Lead RRP class
- Youth completed First Aid/CPR certification



Program Partners:

- Linn Benton Food Share
- Albany Public Parks
- Linn County Roads Department
- Code Enforcement—City of Albany
- Linn Benton Community College
- Albany Worksource Center
- AmeriCorps

“Crew members took a financial fitness class which covered banking, budgeting, savings and credit. They participated in career exploration, job search, and resumes, interviewing skills, and participated in mock interviews.”

Excerpt from Enrichment Activities found in Final Report



Marion County - Boys and Girls Club

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 13

Total Hours Worked: 924.5

Total Wages Earned: \$10,715.91



Highlights:

- Just under 1,000 feet of trail maintenance at Oregon Gardens and just under 2,000 feet of trail maintenance at Ankeny Rail Trail
- Performed 13 miles of river clean up on the Willamette River
- Cleared 25 acres of Hazel tree roots at Keizer Rapids for park development and over six acres of invasive removal at Oregon Gardens
- Received First Aid/CPR training
- Participated in a Forest 101 workshop
- Assisted Marion Polk Food Share with harvesting, weed removal and maintenance from the field of crops

Program Partners:

- City of Woodburn
- Keizer Rapids Park
- Salem Fire Department
- Deepwood Museum and Gardens
- Marion Polk Food Share
- Salmon River/Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery
- SOLVE
- Oregon Forest Resource Institute
- Ankeny Wildlife Refuge
- Oregon State Marine Board

“The one personal accomplishment that I am most proud of was being able to talk to people when in a group.”

Corpsmember - Ayliah M.



Morrow County - CAPECO

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 4

Total Hours Worked: 965

Total Wages Earned: \$11,024.63



Highlights:

- Participated in a four day river clean up along a two miles stretch of the Columbia River resulting in removal of over 370 pounds of debris
- Removed invasive Puncture Vine and Russian Thistle along the paved pathways in Boardman Marina Park
- Painted 2,000 feet of fence along Main Street in Boardman as part of a city beautification project
- Planted trees, shrubs, tall grasses, and ornamental plants in front of the Boardman Pool and Recreation Center

Program Partners:

- Boardman Marina
- Boardman Parks and Recreation
- City of Boardman

“By removing invasive weeds and picking up trash in the park we created a safer space for people and families to get together and enjoy the outdoors. Improving the outside space of the recreation center contributes to the overall appeal of the opportunities available to the public.”

Excerpt from Public Benefits found in Final Report



Multnomah County - Multnomah Youth Cooperative

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 11

Total Hours Worked: 1,102.05

Total Wages Earned: \$16,569.92

Total Credits Earned: 6 high school credits



Highlights:

- Performed 4,000 square feet of tree and shrub landscape maintenance for local parks
- Cleared over 94,000 square feet of invasive species at local partner sites
- Constructed six water bars across trails to help with management of storm water runoff
- Helped construct a half mile of trail and maintained an additional two miles
- Helped maintain ten rain gardens for low-income homeowners, helping reduce their utility costs

Program Partners:

- City of Troutdale
- Verde
- Columbia Slough Watershed Council
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- City of Gresham
- Little White Salmon Biodiversity Reserve

“A highlight for me was being able to do things for a job that help the community and the outdoors.”

Corpsmember - Dane J.



Polk County - Community Services Consortium

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Employed: 9

Total Hours Worked: 1,045.25

Total Wages Earned: \$12,292.48

Highlights:

- Raised a community garden from the ground up and planted many herbs and vegetables, while donating over 500 pounds of crops to the local food bank
- Covered two miles of trail with bark dust for the City of Independence Riverfront Sports Park
- Cleaned debris from nine miles of riverbank on the Willamette River
- Helped the local elementary school get ready for the following year both on the outside and the inside

Program Partners:

- City of Independence
- Inspiration Gardens
- Central School District



“A personal highlight that I had was when we started our plants in our garden beds and everyone had the same size plants but I felt motivated that if I put enough love and hard work into my garden that it will thrive and grow huge. After harvesting my garden I feel proud of myself for being able to grow my own food.”

Corpsmember - Nathan R.



Polk County - The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 18

Total Hours Worked: 4,851.75

Total Wages Earned: \$56,328.82

Total Credits Earned: 6 high school credits



Highlights:

- Processed approximately 162 lamprey for the tribal community
- Maintained over three miles of trail, just under one mile of new trail constructed, and just under two miles of trail roughed in, constructed, and finished
- Removed 10,000 square feet of invasive plants from Ash Creek, and just under 20,000 square feet of invasive plants removed from tribal property
- First Aid and CPR training for Corpsmembers
- Participation in Financial and Human Resources Professional Development trainings
- Archaeology and cultural training provided by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Program Partners:

- Polk Soil and Water Conservation District
- Willamina School District
- Sheridan School District
- Shell Services LLC
- United States Forest Service Hebo Ranger District
- Falls City School District
- Dallas School District

“If I choose to continue my education, I will look into more wildlife and outdoor learning, because this job has made me more interested in this subject.”

Corpsmember - Karli H.



Tillamook County - Tillamook School District (Wilson River)

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

Youth Served: 21

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$9,000

Total Credits earned: 23 credits

Diplomas awarded: 3



Project Highlights:

- Planted 400 native plants and shrubs, and 1,600 cuttings
- Two miles of trash removed from trails at Kilches Point
- 1,000 hours of service for Oregon Food Bank
- Helping prepare landscape at Sitka Sedge State Natural Area for its grand opening

Program Partners:

- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
- Kilchis Point Reserve
- Oregon Food Bank
- Tillamook School District 9
- Habitat for Humanity

“Having the opportunity to learn so many things while helping others (and the environment) is what OYCC is all about. It’s the best school experience ever!”

Corpsmember - Sarah B.



Tillamook County - Tillamook School District (Wilson River)

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 5

Total Hours Worked: 1,167.5

Total Wages Earned: \$14,834.22

Highlights:

- Removed one acre of English Ivy, six acres of Scotch Broom, and four acres of Purple Loosestrife
- Performed two miles of beach cleanup
- Restored four miles of trail
- Weeded 5,000 nursery plants, and installed weed barriers and bark mulch around native plant display at Alder Creek Farms
- Attended trail building/maintenance workshop

Program Partners:

- Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership
- Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation
- Wilson River Community Garden
- Alder Creek Farm



“The physical labor was not the end goal with this crew. Growing together and individually while learning to take risks provided long lasting meaningful memories they will take with them into their futures.”

Excerpt from Program Narrative found in the Final Report



Umatilla County - CAPECO

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 5

Total Hours Worked: 1982.75

Total Wages Earned: \$11,221.51



Project Highlights:

- Provided the City of Pendleton a hazard tree survey of 3,000 trees with a database which maps out the location of all the trees in Pendleton and their condition
- Repainted five historic cabins
- Removed 390 pounds of trash from McKay Creek Dam and Umatilla River
- Corpsmembers earned National Career Readiness Certificates

Program Partners:

- CAPECO
- City of Pendleton
- Parks and Recreation
- Kiwanis Cabins
- Rotary of Pendleton
- IMESD

“I learned that the best way to get the job done is with a positive attitude. It is also helpful to get to know your fellow crew members to make friendships to make working a little easier. I was pleased to have gotten so many tree surveys done this summer. Especially since we completed quality work in such a short amount of time.”

Corpsmember - Maureen D.



Union County - Ladd Marsh/Certified Personnel Services

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 5

Total Hours Worked: 869.5

Total Wages Earned: \$10,242.11

Highlights:

- Captured, banded and released 983 ducks, 135 Canada Geese, and 174 Mourning Doves as a part of the Federal Migratory Banding Program
- Pulled, removed and recycled approximately 2,660 pounds of metal from riparian areas around Ladd Marsh
- Cleared away invasive grass at Riverside Park in La Grande and applied bark mulch to help with weed control
- Cleared out one mile of interpretive trail at Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area
- Scraped, prepped, and painted 1,300 square foot ODFW Summer Intern house at Ladd Marsh



Program Partners:

- Certified Personnel Services Inc.
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Friends of Ladd Marsh 501C3

"I appreciate the job opportunity at such a young age: especially in an area with such a small job market for minors."

Corpsmember - Kenneth M.



Wasco County - Next Door, Inc.

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 4

Total Hours Worked: 950.5

Total Wages Earned: \$11,196.14

Highlights:

- 140 hours of trail maintenance at Boulder Lake and Billy Bob Sno Park
- 292 hours of surveying and hand pulling invasive species in the Keeps Mill area
- Removal of invasive species from Crow Creek Reservoir
- 178 hours dedicated to removing barbed wire fencing at Happy Ridge



Program Partners:

- Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Dufur-Barlow Ranger Station
- The Dalles High School
- Dufur High School
- Reser Foundation
- Trust Foundation
- David Gross

"I learned about how much effort goes into projects in the outdoors. I will be more appreciative."

Corpsmember - Sofia B.



Washington County - Cascade Education Corps

Community Stewardship Corps Grant

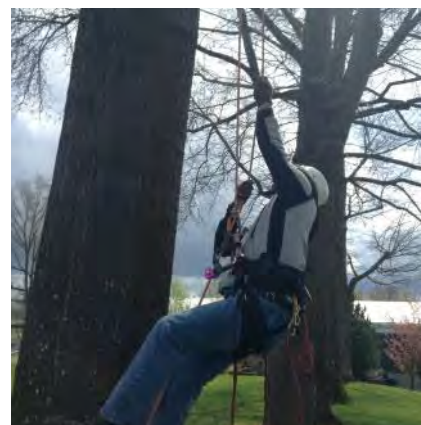
Youth Served: 9

Total Tuition Vouchers earned: \$5,000

Total Wages earned: \$9,189

Total Credits earned: 18 credits

GEDs awarded: 4



Highlights:

- Planted over 8,000 native plants, bulbs, and shrubs
- Removed invasive species on over 38,000 square feet of partner properties
- Built over a quarter mile of trail
- Two youth served as student leaders on location at Outdoor School

Program Partners:

- Northwest Regional ESD
- Clean Water Services
- The Wetlands Conservancy
- Friends of Trees
- Willamette Riverkeeper
- Mountain Park HOA
- SupaFresh Youth Farm
- Oregon Episcopal School
- Portland Parks and Recreation
- Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District



“When I first started C.E.C. I was in it for the money and the credits. Now I am in it for the friendships I’ve made and it has changed my point of view about the environment, the connections I’ve made, and how I’ve discovered myself.”

Corpsmember - Tyler R.



Wheeler County - Wheeler County

Summer Conservation Corps Grant

Youth Served: 5

Total Hours Worked: 888

Total Wages Earned: \$10,157.36

Highlights:

- Five miles of riverbank cleanup along the John Day River
- Half mile of trail improvement and extension at Bear Hollow and Shelton Park
- Removed Scotch Broom and Bull Thistle from approximately 15 acres in Shelton and Bear Hollow Park
- Set up the stage, tables, chairs, and tents for the annual Wheeler County Bluegrass Festival, along with providing an information booth
- Helping the Wheeler County fair get gates and goat pens built at the fairgrounds
- First Aid/CPR training for Corpsmembers

Program Partners:

- Wheeler County Parks
- City of Fossil
- Wheeler County Fair Board
- Prineville District BLM
- Wheeler County Bluegrass Committee



Award Winning Exhibit at Wheeler County Fair

“My favorite part was knowing that I was helping make my community a cleaner and safer place. I was also enlightened to the fact that I am not as shy talking to people as I was before OYCC; if I need to speak with someone I can.”

Corpsmember - Maddie M.



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