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CONSERVATION CREWS HIT THE GROUND

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is excited to be entering our 18th season in the field! On March 26th, FOUR Conservation Crews, began their term of service to address community and environmental needs in Northern New Mexico.

RMYC's Conservation Crews will work on water conservation projects, wildfire prevention, tree surveys, trail construction, fencing projects, and fire rehabilitation assignments.

Our crews will travel to far reaches of the state working with Federal, State, Tribal and Local partners. These crews will "spike" camp for up to eight days in some of New Mexico's most pristine landscapes, as they work together on projects that challenge them physically and mentally.

Beyond the projects they complete, additional outcomes in member education and development are expected. After working a 10-hour shift in the field, these members will gather around the campfire to learn about the local flora and fauna, they will handwrite their first resumes, and learn how to apply for student financial aid.

All members are eligible for college credit through a partnership with UNM-Taos as the trainings RMYC provide align with an academic discipline. Most will receive certification in Wilderness and Remote First Aid/CPR, chainsaw safety, wild land firefighting, and crosscut saws.



LOOOL out for these hard-working crews...

The projects that these crews work on will serve as a classroom that will provide the foundation for future employment or ongoing formal education.

Keep your eyes peeled, they are out there; they may like the woods more than the city, prefer camp food over fine dining, and favor a rock bar and Pulaski instead of a laptop and a mouse.

If you encounter a crew, DON'T PANIC! Feed them snacks and sweets, ask if you can help, and THANK THEM for their hard work.



Youth of all ages flocked to the first ever "Leap for More" event. It was fun and successful with over 200 in attendance.

Youth in Taos "Leap for More"

In honor of the 2012 Leap Year, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps held the event Leap for More on Wednesday, February 29th at Bataan Hall. Now, you may be wondering, What is Leap for More? Well, as Rocky Mountain Youth Corps members, we decided to have a resource fair so the youth in our community know there are fun opportunities in our town. At the fair we had booths from the Taos Police Department, the US Forest Service, Teambuilders and over 20 others! There was also a dance to help show the youth that we can have fun without getting into trouble." Angelique Vargas, Crew 5

RMYC Named NM Energy\$mart Service Provider

March 2012, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) was chosen to be a service provider for the New Mexico Energy\$mart program in northern New Mexico covering the counties of Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, San Miguel, Guadalupe, Quay and Taos. This program is part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program to assist low income families to invest in energy efficiency.

RMYC crews will improve the energy efficiency of low income homes using the most advanced technologies and testing protocols resulting in decreased the energy costs for families in need and a greener planet.

These RMYC crews will have the opportunity to develop their personal skills and receive significant "green job" training toward certification that will lead to employability.

RMYC will begin working on this exciting new project in late Summer. The program will be offered via application, which we will begin to accept in the fall. Please visit our website for updates and more information, www.youthcorps.org.



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Corps' Celebrations

Congratulations to **Ben Thomas**, RMYC Field Program Director who was named to **The Corps Network Corps Council**. Established in 1985, The Corps Network is the voice of the nation's 151 Service and Conservation Corps. Way to go, Ben!

Congratulations to our Corpsmembers of the month this quarter. Thank you for your exemplary performance and attitude.

Corpsmembers of the Month:

January: Lucinda Garcia, Crew 5

February: Eduardo Rafael, Crew 6

March: Antonio Vigil, Crew 5

...and a shout out to RMYC's Crewmembers of the Month. Great Job!!

Crewmembers of the Month:

January: Victoria Maestas, Crew 5; Katrina Thomas, 6; Elizabeth Olsen, 9; Anna Carey, Learning Lab

February: Kaylee Mitchell, Crew 5; Ginger Kehoe, 6; Margit Noel 9; Tai Evans, Learning Lab

March: Carlos Orozco, Crew 5, Evelyn Romero, 6; Drew Holsapple, 9; Cesar Garcia, Learning Lab

Announcements

We will be hiring for the RMYC Summer Youth Conservation Corps beginning in May. Applications are due by May 18th. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 thru 25. This Summer's YCC Program will run June 4th thru August 10th in the following communities: Taos, El Rito, Penasco, Questa, Mora, and Raton. For more information and to download application, please visit our website: www.youthcorps.org Get your applications in!!

Save the Date!

**"Play For The Planet Field Day, Friday April 20th
3:30-5:30 @ Parr Field, Taos**

Please join us in celebration and service for our environment. Bring kids of all ages and be prepared to have some fun in the dirt!

**RMYC's Annual Fundraiser, Saturday, May 5th at the
KTAOS Solar Center, 3pm-7pm.**

Family Fun for all ages will include: games, face-painting, bingo, food, music, and lots of prizes. \$10 for adults and youth under 18 are free.

Family Fun Day
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
SATURDAY, MAY 5TH
3PM TO 7PM
AT KTAOS SOLAR CENTER
#9 STATE RD. 150 EL PRADO, NEW MEXICO
Youth under 18 FREE!!
\$10 for Adults
COME JOIN THE YOUTH CORPS FOR AN AFTERNOON FILLED WITH FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 751-1420
WWW.YOUTHCORPS.ORG
Food, games, chicken bingo, face painting & much more

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