Rocky Mountain Youth Corps inspires young adults to make a difference in themselves and their communities. Through training and team service, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is a stepping stone to new opportunities.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps begins services in Albuquerque

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) uses community service as a strategy to connect workforce development and economic development. Youth enrolled in RMYC programs receive employment experiences which foster personal and leadership, job skills, healthy decision making and community involvement.

To serve and reach youth in central New Mexico, RMYC has begun to operate an eight person crew out of the Albuquerque area. Working on conservation projects throughout central and southern New Mexico, this conservation crew has already completed trail restoration in Cibola National Forest’s Magdalena, Mountainair, and Sandia Ranger Districts. As summer 2015 approaches and demand for our services has grown, RMYC will have three or more crews working in the Albuquerque area!

Conservation program

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps’ Conservation crews preserve and restore the environment. The program prepares youth for careers in forest management, public land management, and monitoring ecosystems. Crews restore New Mexico forests, improve watersheds, and maintain and build trails. Throughout their service year, using a “spike” schedule, Corpsmembers spend eight days on project with six days off. Youth serving in this program have the opportunity to earn concurrent credit from University of New Mexico as well as stackable chainsaw and other safety certifications. Graduates in this program presently are holding jobs across the United States in National Parks, other youth corps, and private industry.

In 2015, RMYC will again work with Carson National Forest, Santa Fe National Forest, and Bandelier National Monument assisting with park reconstruction efforts, but in addition, our new partners will include Gila National Forest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Organ Mountain – Desert Peaks National Monument. Look for our crews throughout the state whenever you are visiting our federal, state and local recreational facilities.

Training department

The Training Department is the internal training provider for RMYC that also offers its powerful training to community partners. RMYC’s challenge course and wilderness initiative provides effective experiential learning with teambuilding and a leadership curriculum. New this year, RMYC Training Department has added Mental Health First Aid to our course offerings. This course offers our corpsmembers, crew supervisors and the general public, the opportunity to learn how to help people with mental illness or in a mental health crisis.

Training Department staff provides RMYC members with a variety of development activities, including computer-assisted and direct instruction targeted to attaining a GED, developing career paths and transitioning to employment or continuing education. Corpsmember development at RMYC is a cornerstone to the success of each individual corpsmembers term of service.
2014 DEMOGRAPHICS

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Hispanic: 55 %
Anglo American: 20 %
Native American: 22 %
Other: 3 %

Attending high school: 44
H.S. diploma or GED: 28
Some college: 36
College: 6

106 Corpsmembers earned $593,172 in living stipend and benefits
90 Corpsmembers earned AmeriCorps educational awards valued at $168,156
106 corpsmembers completed 51,737 hours of service to New Mexico communities

2014 OUTCOMES

CORPSMEMBER DEVELOPMENT

106 corpsmembers certified in First Aid/CPR
28 trained in Mental Health First Aid
46 earned workforce credentials
55% returned to post-secondary options after service term
17% found employment post service term
15% returned for another community service opportunity

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

154.56 acres of forest restored
31 miles of Trail built or restored
44 homes received full weatherization services
66 homes had additional energy efficiency measures installed

2014 FUNDING SOURCES

(by percent of budget)

Federal grants 52 %
State grants 12 %
Foundations 8 %
Fee for Service 25 %
Contributions 1 %
Other 2 %

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Corpsmembers completing prescribed burn as part of Wildland Fire Fighting training.

Jory Hanselman developing crew code of ethics.

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Corpsmembers traveling through the forest.