



Sonoma County Summer Youth Ecology Corps Seeking Potential Projects

Overview

The Sonoma County Summer Youth Ecology Corps is a new effort, supported by a partnership between the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and Youth Council (YC), and a number of governmental and private non-profit organizations with an educational or environmental mission. SCWA has engaged New Ways to Work to support the project planning process, and identify quality ecological work projects for youth this summer. Once the projects are identified, the WIB/YC will be responsible for placing youth at the project sites, through the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Act youth providers.

The SCSYEC is seeking projects that can be completed in coordination with this year's summer youth program. Small crews of 6-8 youth will be available to provide up to six weeks of work on habitat restoration, maintenance, and other conservation-related projects with Sonoma County environmental and conservation organizations.

You're Invited!

Your organization is invited to submit projects for consideration. By hosting projects that help meet your priorities and serve a public benefit you will provide youth the opportunity to hold a job, learn about the environment, and develop new skills. You will also support youth throughout Sonoma County as they gain valuable work experience and advance their educational goals. We are specifically interested in projects with significant environmental impacts and a strong educational component.

Youth wages, work supervision, and operational costs will be provided at no cost to your organization. While the details of the summer program are still being worked out by the WIB and Youth Council, the program will begin in early July and continue for up to six weeks. The program will be offered to youth ages 14-24, recruited through the county's youth and young adult programs, including schools.

Submit Projects

To propose projects for the Summer Youth Ecology Corp please complete the attached forms. Please return the cover page with the list of projects no later than March 27, 2009, along with project details for your high-priority projects. As you learn more details about the individual projects please complete a project detail sheet for each proposed project.

Host a Youth Internship

You also may submit a request to have individual youth assigned to work with your organization this summer. Priority again will be given to positions/internships that offer a meaningful work and learning experience to the youth placed through the project. Please complete the worksite internship request form for each position.

We look forward to learning more about the exciting opportunities you have to offer Sonoma County youth. For more information please contact Steve Trippe or Kellie Noe at New Ways to Work.

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Please return the cover page by March 27th and all completed information no later than April 30, 2009 via email to Kellie Noe at knoe@newwaystowork.org.