



## Rensselaer Youth Outdoors

A part of the USDA Forest Service Children's Forest Network

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Dear Guidance Office Personnel,

Enclosed please find application forms for the Rensselaer Youth Outdoors **Forest Conservation Corps** teen program. This program is open to all youth in Rensselaer County between the ages of 14 and 16. Details of the program are on the application form.

We are looking for teens who like the outdoors, like to work hard, have fun, and be part of a team. This is an excellent program for a first work experience. Youth receive vocational training, job skills development, and leadership training.

Please feel free to make copies of this application and distribute them in the best way you see fit.

The Forest Conservation Corps program is funded through a grant from the USDA Forest Service – Northern Research Station. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amanda McCreary,

Program Coordinator  
Rensselaer Youth Outdoors



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## Forest Conservation Corps

A Summer Youth Work & Learning Adventure

- Who? Youth ages 14-16
- What? Work on valuable conservation projects while developing personal values and responsibilities that can enhance your education, leadership, and future job opportunities.
- The Forest Conservation Corps program seeks to:**
- Promote conservation, education, and community service
  - Educate, train, and develop the value of respect for others and the environment in young people
  - Provide worthwhile work and community service experiences for young people while protecting the Rensselaer County's parks, waters, and other precious natural resources
- Where? Various locations in Rensselaer County
- When? Monday July 22 to Friday July 26 at Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center  
Monday July 29 to Friday August 2 at Grafton Lake State Park  
Monday August 5 to Friday August 9 Poestenkill Community Forest  
Monday August 12 to Friday August 16 Albert Family Community Forest  
Daily, 9am – 3:30 pm
- Cost? Free
- Typical Day Teens will spend roughly half of their day working on conservation projects, while the other half of the day will be spent learning about the environment, job skills development, and enjoying the outdoors. A typical day might include clearing trails, entering data for a citizen science monitoring project, building an outdoor bridge or new trail signs, hiking, creating a survival shelter, doing team building challenges, or boating.
- Questions? Contact program coordinator Amanda McCreary at:  
Email: [Amanda.ryo.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.ryo.coordinator@gmail.com)  
Phone: 518-810-4544

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# Forest Conservation Corps Application 2019

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Rensselaer Youth Outdoors

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Your age as of July 1, 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade will you have completed by July 2019? \_\_\_\_\_

List any work experience (Continue this section on back if necessary)

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Indicate which week(s) you are interested in applying for:

Week 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Week 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Week 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Week 4 \_\_\_\_\_

On the **back** of this application, please write a paragraph on why you would like to participate in this program

Do you have transportation to and from education sites: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed application to "Forest Conservation Corps" at the following address  
Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center  
475 Dyken Pond Road  
Cropseyville, New York 12052  
Or Email to: [Amanda.ryo.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.ryo.coordinator@gmail.com)

