

Skamania County Forest Youth Success Youth Application

Applications Due Monday May 7th

Mentors:

Employment Criteria
Successful academic performance
Good behavior & attendance record
Leadership skills
Current 10th or 11th Graders

Job details
Wed June 27th - Fri August 10th (6.5 weeks)
31 paid hrs/wk: 7.5 hrs (8:00am-3:30pm) M-Th
4 classroom hours / 1 hour paid on Friday
\$11.00/hr

Crew

Members:

Employment Criteria
Desire to develop work and life skills
Desire to earn your pay
Current 8th or 9th Graders

Job details
Mon July 2nd - Fri August 10th (6 weeks)
28 paid hrs/wk: 7 hrs (8:30am-3:30pm) M-Th
4 classroom hours on Friday
\$9.35/hr

Participants cannot plan to miss more than
3 days of work.
(for camps, family vacations, etc.)

For more information visit:
www.forestyouthsuccess.org



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How to Apply:

Required Application Materials

- Application
- Essay
- Resume (optional)

Return Applications to:

In person:

School Offices that serve Skamania County
Mill - A School
Stevenson High School / Wind River Middle School
Skamania School
Washougal High School
Canyon Creek Middle School
Henkle Middle School
Columbia High School

Mail:

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The Forest Youth Success Program is a learning and job opportunity for high school students residing in Skamania County.

The Program

Students who are selected as mentors will start the program on Wednesday, June 27th, with a few days of leadership training in Stevenson, WA. The full program will start on Monday, July 2nd, with all crew members and mentors reporting to Wind River Education Center in Carson, WA (subject to change) for a training day. This training day will include ropes initiatives which help build workers into a team, teach creativity, and develop problem solving skills. These initiatives are used throughout the employment period, and all participants in FYS are expected to participate fully in these activities. Technical training in the proper use of tools will also be provided.

Participants report for work Monday - Friday at the WREC building (subject to change) at 8:30am. They will work four (4) days a week in small work crews with an adult supervisor on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and other locations. Projects may include trail and campground maintenance and reconstruction, debris clearing, invasive plant removal, stream or habitat rehabilitation, and other forest-related projects. The work requires physical exertion in the field including lifting, carrying heavy objects, using hand tools, pushing wheelbarrows, and hiking distances on steep, rocky terrain through brush, as well as on trails.

Friday of each week will include forest ecology, workplace issues, life-skills development, or other pertinent trainings in the classroom or on field trips. Fridays are short days (8:30am - 12:30pm for crew members & 8:30am-2:00pm for mentors).

The season's final event will be a community luncheon and slide show with project sponsors, to celebrate the season's accomplishments. The luncheon date will be held on Friday, August 10th at Stevenson High School. More details to come.

The Participants

Participants must be able to write and follow directions either independently or with assistance. Workers are expected to be safe, respectful, and tolerant of individual differences. All workers are expected to work to the best of their ability. They will be trained in proper tool use, and expected to follow guidelines regarding the tools. Workers must conform to the dress code and prepared to work at the start of each day – this means bringing lunch, water and any necessary personal items to each day at work.

All participants will need work attire and boots appropriate for trail work (sturdy leather boots that cover the ankle). Students selected for employment are responsible for their own transportation to and from the work report site, which will be Wind River Education Center in Carson, WA (subject to change).



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Application for Summer Employment: Forest Youth Success Program
An Equal Opportunity Employer

No specific experience is required for a position with Forest Youth Success. Your application is the first, and often the only opportunity for you to say, "I can do this work; I really want this position." It's always a good idea to make a rough draft first, then proof read it for spelling and grammar. Or, ask a friend, parent, or teacher to proofread it for you. Remember, when writing the final copy do not fill out the application in pencil; always type or fill out an application like this in blue or black pen. Employers, like FYS, are looking for people who follow instructions, complete their own application neatly, and put some real effort into the task by answering every question using complete sentences.

Name _____ Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____
Last First M.I.

Mailing Address: _____
Street/PO Box No. City State Zip

Physical Address if different from mailing address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ - _____ Emergency Contact Phone: () _____ - _____

School _____ Current Grade _____

General Information

1. Completed application can be turned into your school office by May 7th. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. This Application for Summer Employment serves as the initial screening document therefore items should be completed to the best of your ability. Applicants can include a resume if they so desire.
3. The selected students will be notified by May 16th. Additional information about campouts will be provided at this time.
4. Salary and schedule of summer employees are determined by position (Mentor or Crew Member).

Work Experience

Work may include baby-sitting, yard work, shoveling snow, etc.

Dates		Company / Employer	Phone Number
From	To		
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

References

Give three or more references including supervisors, employers, adult friends who have first hand knowledge of your character, personality, and work skills. Do not use your parents.

Name

Relationship to Applicant

Phone

Additional Information

- 1) You will be doing hiking/manual labor in the forest or at various parks or hatcheries. Do you have any health conditions that may affect your performance in the position for which you are applying? If "yes" please describe.

- 2) Do you have other responsibilities in July & August, which would require time away from work? (Camps, family vacations, sports practices or events, County Fair commitments, etc.). If "yes" give details & dates.

- 3) Do you have experience with grounds care hand tools (shovel, rake, hoe, loppers, ax, or hatchet, etc.)? Experience is not required but if "yes" please describe.

- 4) Use a separate sheet of paper. In essay form, please state why you want a summer job with Forest Youth Success and describe what skills, interests, and experience you have to offer the position. If you are currently a sophomore or junior you are eligible to work as a mentor. If you are interested in working as a mentor, please include in your essay what leadership experience you have and / or why you think you would be a good mentor.

Please read and sign the following:

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Application for Summer Employment is a true and complete statement of my personal record to date. I guarantee the correctness of all statements and information and realize that the making of any false statement or giving of any false information herein will be sufficient cause for my dismissal.

Signature

Date
