

National Forests and Grasslands in Texas accepting Youth Conservation Corps applications

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The National Forests and Grasslands in Texas is accepting applications for summer employment with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program, according to Acting Forest Supervisor JaSal Morris.

YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women ages 15 to 18 who work, learn and earn together for eight weeks on projects that help conserve the natural resources of the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas.

Projects may include building trails, building campground facilities, planting trees, collecting litter, clearing streams, building fences, office work and many other tasks.

Since much of the work will be in the woods away from towns, enrollees receive instruction on how to work safely and handle tools. Gloves, protective eyewear and hard hats are provided when required by the work activity.

Enrollees will work 40 hours per week and be paid minimum wage. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2012.

Applications are available at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2221 N. Raguet St., Lufkin, and on the web at www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/ycc/index.shtml

For more information, contact Youth, Volunteer and Hosted Programs coordinator Donna Hightower-Thomas at 936-639-8673.