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Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps 2008

Crew Supervisor PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps (VSPYCC) is a summer education and community service program for young people to learn the principles of natural resource stewardship and the importance of sustaining Virginia's unique natural environment. It was established to heighten respect for the environment, increase stewardship of public lands and foster teamwork, self-esteem and social responsibility. The program has the additional goals of improved citizenship and work skills.

Sessions: The program will be held in two (2) 8 park sessions

Availability: There will be two/three team leader positions available at each of the following State Parks:

Session One: June 21 to July 12

1. Hungry Mother (Females)
2. York River (Males)
3. Shenandoah River (Males)
4. Claytor Lake (Males)
5. Occoneechee (Females)
6. Smith Mountain Lake (Males)
7. Lake Anna (Females)
8. Staunton River (Females)

Session Two: July 19 to August 9

1. Kiptopeke (Females)
2. Grayson Highlands (Males)
3. Belle Isle (Females)
4. Twin Lakes (Males)
5. James River (Females)
6. Fairy Stone (Females)
7. Sky Meadows (Males)
8. Natural Tunnel (Males)

Crew Supervisors must be available to attend a four (4) day training session June 12-15 2008 at a park to be determined..

Application Deadline: By Noon on March 29, 2008

Compensation: Crew Supervisors will receive a \$1,500 at the end of the three weeks program. A set fee of \$350.00 will be provided to cover transportation cost to any required training and travel to and from the park(s) of assignment.

Duties: Crew Supervisors are immediately responsible for directing the activities of the youths involved in the program from the time they report to the time they depart. They are responsible for their teams and for helping to create an atmosphere that is supportive and conducive to learning. Crew supervisors are expected to help motivate, develop and discipline the members

under their supervision, assist in the planning of events and maintaining the well being of the crewmembers. They will also be responsible for driving the students to field sites (in a vehicle provided by the program), working with students on field projects, and ensuring that they are prepared for any upcoming activities. The crew supervisors are the authoritative figures that will, occasionally, have to be a friend, parent, counselor, and mentor, as well as a supervisor to the participant. The role is not an easy task, but it can be self-rewarding when the outcome for a particular youth or group of youths is positive work habits that are essential to eventual employment. Three crew supervisors will be assigned to each crew of ten to twelve crewmembers. Each individual will have meals provided and receive a \$1500.00 at the end of the three-week program.

Minimum Qualifications: All crew supervisors' applicants must have a high school diploma and have completed their sophomore year in college. They must also have a valid driver's license. It is important to have the ability to work in a team situation and provide direction to the team. The ability to perform physically demanding work such as trails building, working with field tools, hiking with backpacks, and water safety awareness are also important. Crew supervisors must be comfortable working in rural, rugged outdoor, marine and freshwater environments. Applicants should have some previous conservation education and/or experience. Applicants should also have previous experience in managing high school age students under field/outdoor situations. Experience in planning and coordinating logistics is also necessary.

Desirable Qualifications: Field leadership and teaching experience; an understanding of natural resource management issues and techniques; public speaking and community outreach skills.

Exception: Individuals having previously served in the VSPYCC that are 19 years or older and meet all other qualifications may request a qualification waiver to the YCC coordinator.

Transportation: Individuals are completely responsible for arranging transportation to and from the selected park.

Record Search: The position offer is contingent upon a "Criminal History Record Search". The principal purpose for requesting this personal information is to process your application for acceptance into the VSPYCC program. The information will not otherwise be disclosed to entities outside of Virginia State Parks without your prior written permission. VSPYCC policy prohibits the use of illicit drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products while working with youth; VSPYCC members must maintain a substance-free/Tobacco free lifestyle throughout their employment period.

Inquiries: Please contact the designated Youth Conservation Corps coordinator, Mr. Gaston Rouse Jr. at (703) 583-5497 fax (703) 583-2514 Cell (703) 901-1004 or Email: vspycc@dcr.virginia.gov for further information.
Web: <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/parks/ycc.htm>

Application Requirements: (ONLY FOR FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS) Resume, 2 work, school or professional references and a completed application. Application packets can be requested via the contact information above.

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Crew Supervisor Application Form

Answers must be typed or printed legibly in blue or black ink. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability in the space provided. Do not attach any information that is not requested. **All applicants must turn in an application, your resume, and associated reference forms (2) to:**

Gaston Rouse
Leesylvania State Park
2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Dr.
Woodbridge VA 22191-4504 Phone: (703) 583-5497 Fax: (703) 583-2514

Or you can e-mail your resume and this application form to vspycc@dcr.virginia.gov

Instructions for E-mail Applicants: This document consists of 3 pages. E-mailed applications must not be any longer than 4 pages, must use fonts no smaller than 10-point fonts. Please use Times New Roman or a similar font. Application form files should be saved as "APP-Applicant Name.doc" and resume should be named "RES-Applicant Name.doc." For example, "APP-John Doe.doc".

APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCE FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON , March 29, 2008

Name: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Current Daytime Telephone: _____ Nighttime Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell _____

Home Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

College Currently Enrolled At or Graduated From: _____

If in College, in fall 2008 I will be a: Junior Senior

Major: _____

Current occupation, if not in college: _____

Your Age as of 1 June 2008: _____ Date of Birth _____

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Session Two: *July 19 to August 9*

Indicate your preference for *parks* and *sessions* below. You may apply to one or two sessions.

	<u>Session 1</u> <i>Park</i>	<u>Session 2</u> <i>Park</i>
1 st Choice	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____

List the names of the parks you have served in before _____

FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS ONLY

1. Please list any courses, leadership positions or experiences you've taken/had that you feel would be relevant to your participation in this program (please list most recent ones first):

2. Why do you want to be a team leader in this program? What are your goals and expectations?

3. What do you consider to be your greatest strengths? Which things would you most like to improve about yourself?

4. Are you willing and able to participate in activities that require you to:

Hike up to 3 miles a day? Yes No

Work with hand and/or power tools? (Depends on age) Yes No

Work and live outdoors for three weeks in all-weather conditions? Yes No

Spend up to three weeks away from home? Yes No

Participate in education activities? Yes No

5. I understand that I am completely responsible for arranging transportation to and from any training requirements and the selected park(s) of assignment.

6. Where did you first hear about the YCC program?

Newspaper (which one) _____ Radio Word of Mouth

School Visit E-mail Flyer Other _____

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I fully understand that the work (\$1,500) and travel (\$350) stipends will not be paid prior to the successful completion of each session. I also understand that if I am scheduled to participate in two sessions, my selection for the second session is predicated on my performance during the first session.

Applicant's signature _____

Printed or typed name: _____ Date: _____

*Note: YCC participants must be able to perform efficiently the physical and mental duties of the position. Qualified applicants with disabilities who can perform the essential functions of the position are encouraged to apply. The State of Virginia is committed to making reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis.

VIRGINIA STATE PARKS YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Supporting Youths today for tomorrow

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Attention Applicant: You are required to have **two (2)** people fill out reference forms. Please type or print your name and the name of the person providing this reference (no family members please).

Applicant's Name: _____

Reference's Name: _____

Attention Reference Provider: Please complete this form in typed or printed blue or black ink. Please note that the **application deadline is noon, March 29, 2008**. Applications will not be considered if the references are received after this date.

The person named above is applying to participate as a **Crew Supervisor** in the Virginia State Parks Conservation Corps that will be held during the summer of 2008. This program will give the applicant an opportunity to participate in actual fieldwork and learn about resource management and conservation. It involves substantial hands-on participation and service work side-by-side with natural resource managers and park rangers. As a Crew Supervisor, the applicant will be responsible for a team of 5-7 individuals and will work alongside fellow supervisors. This program requires active participation, sometimes in rugged conditions. Continual contact with crewmembers and fellow supervisors in a variety of rugged outdoor settings and work conditions is one of the cornerstones of this program. It will require a positive attitude, maturity, leadership ability, and a willingness to learn. It also will require an ability by the participant to work with other crew supervisors, crewmembers, and park staff.

Please appraise the applicant's assets and limitations with regard to the elements of the program described above. As much as possible, please give examples. Feel free to be frank and to make any additional comments on this form or on additional sheets if necessary. Thank you very much for your help!

Please return this form in a sealed and signed envelope (for confidentiality) to the applicant, or you may send it directly to the attention of:

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ATTN: Gaston Rouse
Leesylvania State Park
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Woodbridge VA 22191-4504

1 a. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

b. How well do you feel you know him/her?

not very well fairly/moderately extremely well

2. Describe the applicant's initiative and ability to follow through on projects.

3. Describe the applicant's capacity as a leader and supervisor.

4. Describe the applicant's attitude, teamwork and cooperation skills.

5. What are the applicant's strongest points?

6. What are his/her weaknesses?

7. How willing and able is the applicant to actively participate in a rigorous outdoor service projects?

8. Describe the ability of this applicant to act as a disciplinarian when necessary.

9. Please share your knowledge of the applicant's ability to inspire/motivate others.

Please use this space to include anything else about this applicant:

Name (printed): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Profession/Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone (h): _____ Phone (w): _____ email: _____

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