

# **WILDEARTH GUARDIANS**

## **2018 Youth Conservation Valles Caldera National Preserve and Santa Fe National Forest Watershed Improvement Project**

### **WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE?**

From April 25, 2018, until late October 2018, WildEarth Guardians is organizing a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program in New Mexico. The work project will be located within the Valles Caldera National Preserve and Santa Fe National Forest. The project will focus on harvesting plant material from the, planting vegetation, fencing, thinning, construction of erosion control and in-stream structures, and weed control within the two project locations. WildEarth Guardians' YCC program strives to provide employment and job training for youth interested in a natural resource management career. The program is a combination of training and fieldwork in the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge. The WildEarth Guardians YCC program is funded through the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Commission.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

WildEarth Guardians invites individuals between the ages of 18 and 25, who will be able to commute daily to the Valles Caldera National Preserve and Jemez District of the Santa Fe National Forest to apply for the YCC program. Applicants must be unemployed at the time of application and New Mexico residents. WildEarth Guardians will select 8-12 crew members (ages 18-25).

### **WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?**

The WildEarth Guardians YCC program includes training opportunities throughout the work period in the areas of forestry, hydrology, wildlife biology and rangeland sciences. Work projects will require extensive manual labor and may include forestry work, fencing, weed removal, and planting native vegetation. Participants will receive training, which includes, Forest Workers Safety Certification Course, Chainsaw Certification Course, felling training, and First Aid/CPR.

### **WHEN DO YOU NEED TO BE AVAILABLE?**

All crew members will be required to be available on the jobsite Monday through Friday, starting on Monday, April 25, 2018, for orientation, training, and work through the end of October 2018.

### **WHAT ABOUT LODGING, FOOD, AND GEAR?**

Crew members will commute daily to the jobsite. The following equipment must be provided by the corps member:

- Solid work boots – preferably steel toe
- Long sleeve shirt
- Rain/snow gear
- Long pants
- Daily lunch

### **WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?**

- Hourly wage of \$11.50 with an opportunity of a pay increase based on performance
- Training in restoration ecology skills that are relevant to a variety of careers
- First Aid and CPR certification
- The ability to work as a team to improve the health and utility of New Mexico's public lands

## HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by visiting WildEarth Guardians' website (<http://www.wildearthguardians.org/ycc.html>) or by contacting Jim Matison via e-mail at [jmatison@wildearthguardians.org](mailto:jmatison@wildearthguardians.org).

## HOW DO YOU APPLY?

You may obtain an application by visiting the WildEarth Guardians website (<http://www.wildearthguardians.org/ycc.html>).

**Applications must be received by WildEarth Guardians no later than April 1, 2018~~January 10, 2018~~.**

Applications may be submitted via email to [jmatison@wildearthguardians.org](mailto:jmatison@wildearthguardians.org) or sent via U.S. Mail to:

WildEarth Guardians  
Attn: Jim Matison  
516 Alto Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

## WHEN DO YOU HEAR BACK FROM US?

We will review all applications and select candidates for interviews immediately after the January 10 deadline. We will call you if you are selected for an interview. Interviews will be conducted during the following week. Successful applicants will be invited to participate in the program.