

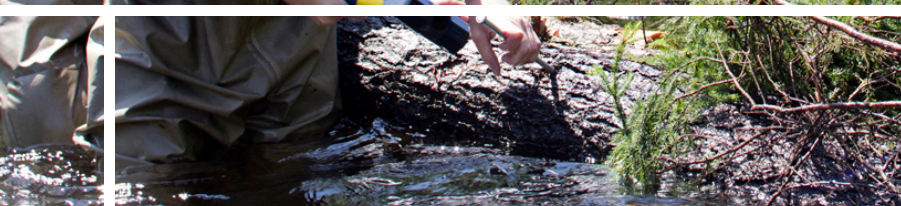
SEEDS YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Empowering youth through service learning.



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Youth Conservation Corps



About the SEEDS Youth Corps

Since its inception in 2009, the SEEDS Youth Corps has invested in local youth through service learning and skills development. An average of 60% of the revenue generated is earned by providing direct services to clients like conservancies, municipalities, private landowners and farms. Other significant partners include the National Park Service, Child & Family Services of Northwest Michigan, and the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District.

SEEDS compliments traditional education sources by offering experiential learning, on-the-job training and mentoring. Lessons embedded into daily routines cover academics, safety and team building skills. Of the 220 unique youth employed, 100% can be considered “at-risk,” “opportunity,” or “vulnerable” due to living in poverty, engaged in foster care, court-involved, or the like. Youth Corps members matriculate with industry recognized training and certifications, real job experience and scholarships to further their education.

In 2013, the Department of the Interior recognized the SEEDS Youth Corps as a 21st-Century Corps.



Since 2009:

350+

*summer jobs
created for youth*

\$150,000

*in scholarships
distributed*

\$1 million

*in gross wages to
members*

When you hire the Youth Corps, you are:

- Creating an alternative route to adult success for area youth
- Teaching the next generation to steward natural resources
- Instilling a service and team ethic
- Putting your dollars to work in support of local community



The SEEDS Youth Corps is affiliated with The Corps Network

Established in 1985, The Corps Network's 100+ members operate in all states. Each year they collectively enroll approximately 26,000 Corpsmembers from ages 16-25.

Modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, Corps are comprehensive youth development programs that provide participants with job training, academic programming, leadership skills, and additional support through a strategy of service that improves communities and the environment.



In 2015 we employed 71 Youth Corps members and accomplished the following:

CONSTRUCTION

- Restored 2 historic building structures, including the Faust Cabin in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and the Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters
- Constructed, restored and maintained 3.5 miles of trails
- Worked for local events, including the Traverse City Film Festival
- Installed 900 feet of boardwalk

RESTORATION

- Improved two miles of waterways on the Manistee River
- Built 38 in-stream fish habitat structures
- Planted 2,500 trees in Grand Traverse and Leelanau County
- Removed invasive plants from 200 acres of national and local parks

CREDENTIALS

- 46 were Certified in CPR/First Aid
- 22 youth received Chipper and Chainsaw/Sawyer Certification
- 11 youth became Certified Initial Lead Paint Renovators
- 42 attended the OSHA Two Hour training
- 14 Leadership Development Training



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