



NORTH CASCADES INSTITUTE YOUTH LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

2013 Leadership Corps Application

North Cascades Institute (NCI) seeks six motivated students ages 18-22 who are alumni of North Cascades Wild, Cascades Climate Challenge or similar selected programs to participate in Leadership Corps, part of our Youth Leadership Adventures program. A partnership program between NCI and North Cascades National Park (NOCA), Leadership Corps provides students with in-depth workplace and leadership skills during a 31-day backcountry trail maintenance and ecological restoration work experience in NOCA. Students receive training in leadership, natural resources management, backcountry travel, public speaking and careers in natural resources. The 31-day course will culminate in an evening ranger program presented by crewmembers to visitors of North Cascades National Park.

Course dates: July 17-August 16, 2013. All gear, food and transportation from the Seattle-area, Skagit and Whatcom counties are provided. Students will receive an **\$800 stipend** upon completion of the summer course.

Qualifications

- **Demonstrated capacity to thrive in a rugged outdoor environment.** Minimum of 3 days of verifiable backpacking experience required. Minimum of 7 days verifiable backcountry travel experience, including canoe camping and/or backpacking preferred.
- **Excellent physical and mental stamina:** Ability to lift up to 75 lbs. occasionally and carry a 40-60 lb. backpack with tools up to 10 miles per day and hike over uneven terrain
- Enthusiastic and willing to work outdoors in the elements for full days and evenings, including multiple two-week backcountry trips
- Robust interest in working hard, living in the backcountry and learning about the natural world and natural resource management issues
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work as a member of a close-knit team, work responsibly with other team members and take direction from crew leaders
- Age 18-22 as of July 17, 2013
- Alumni of North Cascades Wild, Cascades Climate Challenge or similar programs and desire to continue building upon prior experiences
- Must pass a criminal history and background check
- United States citizen or permanent resident

Responsibilities

- Work with other Leadership Corps members to complete wilderness trail maintenance and natural resources management projects to typical standards of North Cascades National Park.
- Perform the manual labor required of trail work including carrying tools and equipment to remote backcountry sites on multi-day trips.
- Maintain a safe work environment for self, program participants and crew leaders.
- Participate fully in all educational activities and leadership development opportunities.
- Willing to work non-traditional hours, including nights and weekends.
- With other members of the Corps team, develop and deliver an evening ranger program at course end.
- If available, participate in fall events, including a fall Reunion in Seattle, the Youth Leadership Conference in November, and additional stewardship opportunities. Corps members will be encouraged to have a leadership role in developing and implementing the conference.
- Other duties as assigned.

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Compensation: \$800 stipend to be paid upon completion of the summer course. In addition, students will receive the opportunity to participate in the Youth Leadership Conference in November, including potentially having a leadership role in developing and implementing the conference, as well as year-round mentorship and stewardship opportunities. Included in the conference will be a workshop on navigating the federal hiring process to obtain jobs in natural resource management.

Application deadline: April 1, 2013

To apply: Please send in the **2013 Leadership Corps Application** with participant information, essay questions, current resume, and contact information for three professional references to:

North Cascades Institute, Attn: Leadership Corps Application
E-mail: nci@ncascades.org
Mail: 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
Fax: 360-856-1934

We can only review complete applications received by the April 1st deadline. We will contact applicants that appear to be a good fit for the program for an interview in early April. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance by April 19th.

Questions? Please visit our website or contact Amy Brown, Youth Leadership Manager, at: 360-854-2582 or email amy_brown@ncascades.org.

www.ncascades.org/youth

North Cascades Institute: Youth Leadership Adventures 2013 Leadership Corps Application

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN **BLUE** OR **BLACK** INK.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email Address (required*): _____
*(*This will be the best way for us to communicate with you. Please make sure you put an email you are able to check often.)*

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity (optional):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (describe) |

School Attending (if applicable): _____ Current Grade Level/Year in school (if applicable): _____

If in college, degree you are seeking: _____ Unisex T-shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL

Have you ever been involved in any other NCI programs: Yes No If yes, what program and year: _____

How did you hear about Leadership Corps? _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions on a separate, typed word document (250 words or less per question):

- 1) Why do you want to join Leadership Corps? How will it help you achieve your future career goals?
- 2) Describe your experience in remote outdoors camping and travel and your level of physical and mental stamina. What are the more physically challenging events you've experienced? How did you respond to them mentally? How will you prepare for the course (physically and mentally)?
- 3) Describe your prior experience with North Cascades Wild, Cascades Climate Challenge or similar programs. What did you gain from this experience?
- 4) What are your career aspirations? If you are planning to attend college, what do you plan to study? Why?
- 5) What kind of leader are you? What skills can you contribute to a community of close-knit students and instructors living in the backcountry for four weeks?
- 6) Is there anything else we should know about you when considering your application?

SUBMISSIONS

Applications are due April 1st. Send your complete application with this page, essay questions, your current resume and contact information for three professional references to:

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