



HIRING: staff for 2022 Forest Conservation Corps

Do you love the forest? Do you enjoy being in nature with young people? We do. That's why we created the Forest Conservation Corps (FCC). We wanted to inspire a new generation of young people who know how to care for the unique ecology of the Rensselaer Plateau.

Now in its third year, FCC is ramping up our efforts. This season we have the opportunity to run five week-long service-learning projects in different forests and preserves across Rensselaer County. Join us this summer and help usher in the next generation of young people who will care for the natural world.

Forest Conservation Corps Staff will be responsible for mentoring a crew of 10-12 teens as they learn skills that preserve and maintain the health of forests and wetlands across the plateau. The crew will work on valuable conservation projects and engage in environmental education and outdoor recreation experiences.

FCC Lead Staff will:

- Supervise teens age 14-16 as they learn hands-on skills such as trail maintenance and responsible forest stewardship.
- Support teens emotionally as they build relationships with each other and participate in physical challenges.

- Create opportunities for teens to develop respect for the environment and reflect on what they are learning and how that might apply to future job opportunities.
- Design and lead participatory environmental educational opportunities for youth to learn about the conservation field and the land they're working on.
- Help organize logistics for on-site events including deciding what activities are suitable for each site.
- Work with the Rensselaer Youth Outdoors Coordinator to ensure a smooth transition between sites.

Applicants must be able to think on their feet and adapt to last minute changes (e.g., weather disruptions) and be able to go off plan when necessary.

Experience needed: Working with youth, ideally teens age 14-16, required. Some experience in outdoor recreation is preferred. Ideal candidates have a Bachelors in Environmental Education, Natural History, Social Work or equivalent experience working a minimum of three years in the field of education, conservation or youth work.

Dates: On-site training will begin on or around June 27th. FCC runs from July 5 - August 5, excluding weekends. On-site wrap-up and debrief will end by August 12th.

Job Requirements: Must be able to lift 50 pounds and comfortably hike three miles in two hours, pass a background check, possess a valid driver's license and have access to your own vehicle.

Job Type: This is a position that is 7 weeks long, 40 hours per week. Hourly salary range is \$22-\$25/hour depending on experience. There is the option for the position to continue and grow in the fall, if interested.

To apply: Please submit a statement of interest & resume to celia@rensselaerplateau.org. Put in the subject line, FCC Lead Staff.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in learning more about the position or the application process, please reach out via email.

School teachers, retired educators, mature youth and environmental educators of all ages are encouraged to apply!