

Y.A.C.C. wants you

Do you like to be outdoors?
Are you willing to work hard?
Are you a woman or man between ages 16 and 23, out of school and looking for a job?
If your answers to these questions are "yes", then the Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) may be for you.

The Chugach National Forest currently has openings in its YACC program. Walt Sheridan, who is responsible for the YACC program on the Chugach National Forest, explained the two types of programs available. "We have residential camps at Seward and Cordova and non-residential camps in the Palmer-Wasilla and Soldotna-Kenai areas and Anchorage and Kodiak. This is a labor intensive program and persons are employed for one year. It's different from our Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) which operates only during the summer months."

According to Sheridan the types of work projects include wildlife habitat improvement, stream cleaning, building trails, bridges and cabins and fire fighting. Also, all enrollees receive training in safety and first aid.

Enrollees are paid \$3.31 per hour. Persons interested in the program should contact their local State Job Service Office.

Sheridan added that group leaders also are needed for the program. "The age limitation does not apply for group leaders." Persons interested in being a group leader should contact the Chugach National Forest personnel section at 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd. in Anchorage.

Sheridan emphasized that qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation or handicaps.

"We're really pleased to be involved with the YACC program—it provides employment opportunities and helps get a lot of conservation work done," Sheridan said.