

# **WILDEARTH GUARDIANS**

## 2017 Youth Conservation Valles Caldera National Preserve Watershed Project

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

From April 24, 2017 until October, 20 2017, WildEarth Guardians is organizing a forest management Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program in New Mexico. 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 field work in the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Fieldwork will include planting native trees, fence removal and construction, tree felling, erosion control work, noxious weed removal and other tasks. The WildEarth Guardians YCC program is funded through the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Commission.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

WildEarth Guardians invites residents of communities in and around Jemez Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, Los Alamos/White Rock, Tesuque Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola or Santa Fe, between the ages of 18 and 25 to apply for the YCC program. Applicants must be unemployed at the time of application and a New Mexico resident. WildEarth Guardians will select 8-10 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, tree-felling, fencing, weed removal and planting native vegetation. Participants will a Forest Workers Safety Certification Course, Chainsaw Certification Course, Faller Training for Sawyers, and learn First Aid and 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 24, 2017 through approx. October 20, 2017.

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

Crew-members will commute daily to 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 7, 2017.**

Applications may be submitted via email at [jmatison@wildearthguardians.org](mailto:jmatison@wildearthguardians.org)

Or sent via US 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 by April 10th. We will call you by April 12, 2017 if you are selected for an interview. Interviews will be conducted during the following week at various sites around New Mexico. By April 14, 2017, successful applicants will be invited to participate in the program..

