



Rocky Mountain Youth Corps inspires young adults to make a difference in themselves and their communities. Through training and team service, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is a stepping stone to new opportunities.



Rocky Mountain Youth Corps begins services in Albuquerque

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) uses community service as a strategy to connect workforce development and economic development. Youth enrolled in RMYC programs receive employment experiences which foster personal and leadership, job skills, healthy decision making and community involvement.

To serve and reach youth in central New Mexico, RMYC has begun to operate an eight person crew out of the Albuquerque area. Working on conservation projects throughout central and southern New Mexico, this conservation crew has already completed trail restoration in Cibola National Forest's Magdalena, Mountainair, and Sandia Ranger Districts. As summer 2015 approaches and demand for our services has grown, RMYC will have three or more crews working in the Albuquerque area!

Conservation program

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps' Conservation crews preserve and restore the environment. The program prepares youth for careers in forest management, public land management, and monitoring ecosystems. Crews restore New Mexico forests, improve watersheds, and maintain and build trails. Throughout their service year, using a "spike" schedule, Corpsmembers spend eight days on project with six days off. Youth serving in this program have the opportunity to earn concurrent credit from University of New Mexico as well as stackable chainsaw and other safety certifications. Graduates in this program presently are holding jobs across the United States in National Parks, other youth corps, and private industry.

In 2015, RMYC will again work with Carson National Forest, Santa Fe National Forest, and Bandelier National Monument assisting with park reconstruction efforts, but in addition, our new partners will include Gila National Forest, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Organ Mountain -Desert Peaks National Monument. Look for our crews throughout the state whenever you are visiting our federal, state and local recreational facilities.



Alex Rendon and Michael Gonzales working on historic preservation of Santa Fe Trails building.

Training department

The Training Department is the internal training provider for RMYC that also offers its powerful training to community partners. RMYC's challenge course and wilderness initiative provides effective experiential learning with team-building and a leadership curriculum. New this year, RMYC Training Department has added Mental Health First Aid to our course offerings. This course offers our corpsmembers, crew supervisors and the general public, the opportunity to learn how to help people with mental illness or in a mental health crisis.

Training Department staff provides RMYC members with a variety of development activities, including computer-assisted and direct instruction targeted to attaining a GED, developing career paths and transitioning to employment or continuing education. Corpsmember development at RMYC is a cornerstone to the success of each individual corpsmembers term of service.



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2014 DEMOGRAPHICS

Corpsmembers:	106	Hispanic:	55 %	Attending high school:	44
Male:	74	Anglo American:	20 %	H.S. diploma or GED:	28
Female:	32	Native American:	22 %	Some college:	36
Average age:	20	Other:	3%	College:	6

106 Corpsmembers earned \$593,172 in living stipend and benefits
 90 Corpsmembers earned AmeriCorps educational awards valued at \$168,156
 106 corpsmembers completed 51,737 hours of service to New Mexico communities

2014 OUTCOMES

CORPSMEMBER DEVELOPMENT

- 106 corpsmembers certified in First Aid/CPR
- 28 trained in Mental Health First Aid
- 46 earned workforce credentials
- 55% returned to post-secondary options after service term
- 17% found employment post service term
- 15% returned for another community service opportunity

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- 154.56 acres of forest restored
- 31 miles of Trail built or restored
- 44 homes received full weatherization services
- 66 homes had additional energy efficiency measures installed

Jory Hanselman developing crew code of ethics.



Corpsmembers completing prescribed burn as part of Wildland Fire Fighting training.

2014 FUNDING SOURCES

(by percent of budget)

Federal grants	52 %
State grants	12 %
Foundations	8 %
Fee for Service	25 %
Contributions	1 %
Other	2 %

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