



*COUNTY EXECUTIVE JOHN R. LEOPOLD*

**Rick Anthony, Director**

January 2012,

Dear Youth Conservation Corps Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Conversation Corps program. The YOUTH CORPS program is a NEW volunteer program based out of Lake Waterford Park, Pasadena MD. Youth completing grade 8 June 2012 up to the age of 16 are welcome to apply. The program will be held daily from 9 am – 3 pm for two 2-week sessions during the month of July. Volunteer experience will include park conservation and clean up at Lake Waterford Park as well as at other county facilities. Part of the day will be staff led group discussion of various topics ranging from school year volunteer opportunities, conflict resolution, employment strategies, to social issues that youth may face in today's society, as well as the focus of community conservation. Successful completion of the program allows for the opportunity, to earn community service hours as well as provide work experience toward future employment, volunteer experiences for college, and various other aspects throughout your life.

There is a nominal fee of \$50 per session. The fee covers the cost of shirts, field trips and other program costs. A \$25 non-refundable administrative fee is required upon acceptance into the program with the additional fee required by June 10th. There will also be limited bus available for an additional \$60 per session.

**Applications will be accepted starting January 3, 2012. Interviews and acceptance will start February 1, 2012. This is a first come first serve program with a maximum number of participants. Final deadline for application is May 4, 2012.** If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Scarborough at 410 -222-7313.

Sincerely,

Wendy S. Scarborough  
Recreation Supervisor  
1 Harry S. Truman Parkway  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Tiffany Martin  
Volunteer Coordinator



Please read all the information carefully. Applications **will not** be processed without all requested information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wendy at (410) 222-7313.

**In order to be considered for Youth Conservation Corps the applicant must:**

1. Be completing (at least) the 8<sup>th</sup> grade by June of 2012. and maximum age is 16 years by June 10, 2012
2. Complete the enclosed application and return it so that it is received no later than **May 4, 2012**. **This is a first come first served program limited to 10 youths per session. In order to assure your 1<sup>st</sup> choice of session please apply early. Interviews will be scheduled upon receipt of your application.**

Included with the application you must send:

- A **copy** of your school ID to verify completion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you do not have a school ID then you may include the top half of a report card or a letter from your school counselor.
  - Two (2) reference forms. The reference forms should be completed by a teacher, neighbor, coach, etc. (family members cannot serve as a reference).
  - A short essay of application (1-2 paragraphs) describing why you want to take part in Youth Corps and what you hope to gain from the experience.
3. Attend the Interview and 1 Orientation Workshop with your parent.
  4. Be available the entire session that you are selected for.
  5. Make full payment by June 10 for final processing of your application. (Limited scholarship is available please contact Wendy Scarborough for additional information.)

## **2012 Youth Conservation Corps Session dates and Locations**

### **Session 1:**

Lake Waterford Park      July 2-July 13      Monday - Friday 9am-3pm

### **Session 2**

Lake Waterford Park      July 16-July 27      Monday - Friday 9am-3pm

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### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER I SEND MY APPLICATION?**

1. You will receive a letter/receipt in the mail to let you know we have received your application.
2. You will be contacted to set up an interview.
3. You will receive a letter notifying you if you have been accepted to the program along with the session that you are assigned to.
4. You and your parent/guardian will attend one of the Orientation workshops in May. (Date, time and location TBD)
5. Failure to attend one of the appointments will result in immediate disqualification from consideration of for this program.
6. Once accepted and session verified you may go online to make full payment of \$50, or mail non-refundable \$25 application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to Anne Arundel County. Full payment of \$50 will need to be made by June 10. (Limited scholarship is available please contact Wendy Scarborough for additional information.) Requests for Bus Transportation will be limited to the Glen Burnie/Pasadena Area.
7. Upon successful completion of the program you will receive a letter of completion and a certificate of hours earned.



**YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS  
APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street, City and Zip Code)

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completing \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Contact Information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Please **Print** all information carefully. This is your registration form)

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Please indicate the **order of which sessions you would like** to attend **by numbering your choices** from **1 - 3**. Please mark any sessions that you are **UNABLE** to attend with an **“X”**.

\_\_\_\_ Session 1      July 2 - July 13  
\_\_\_\_ Session 2      July 16 - July 27

**APPLICATION ESSAY- REQUIRED**

Please answer the followings questions in your essay.

Why do you want to be a member of the Conservation Corps?

What activities are you currently involved in that would lend to the Conservation Corps?  
(i.e. scouts, team sports, etc.)

What will your references say about you?

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**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 4, 2012. Acceptance in the program is on a first come first served basis so apply early.**

**COMPLETED APPLICATION, SHORT ESSAY, TWO (2) REFERENCES, AND A COPY OF YOUR SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARD MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION.**

Return to:

Wendy Scarborough, Recreation Supervisor  
Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks  
1 Harry S Truman Parkway  
Annapolis, MD 21401



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\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a volunteer position in the Youth Conservation Corps with the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks. Please comment briefly on each of the following:

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe their ...

Personality? \_\_\_\_\_

Punctuality? \_\_\_\_\_

Initiative? \_\_\_\_\_

Attitude? \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Potential? \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of work? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Skills & Interests? \_\_\_\_\_

Recommend? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, explain why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.  
Thank you for your time!**



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