



Regional Youth Crew FAQ

Q: Who can participate in the Regional Youth Crew (RYC)?

A: RYC is open to youth ages 16-18 residing in Colorado.

Q: How long is the Regional Youth Crew program?

A: RYC is a two-week or four-week-long program.

Q: How can I apply to be in a session of RYC?

A: Fill out an application! You can find the position description and application under the Youth Programs page on our website: <https://www.rockymountainyouthcorps.org/youth-crew-11-18>. After you apply, a staff member will email you with more information and the next steps.

Q: What are the next steps after application?

A: After you apply, a Youth Programs staff member will reach out to you to schedule a phone interview. Interviews are approximately 15-20 minutes long. If accepted into the program, you will then receive an email with your placement and program information. You will also receive a registration packet from DocuSign. **Youth and parents must complete this packet to be accepted officially into the program.** You will receive program details two weeks prior to the start of your session.

Q: I haven't heard from anyone regarding my application yet, what should I do?

A: Generally, Youth Programs staff is able to respond to applicants in 2-3 weeks after their application. We have had a high frequency of emails going to spam boxes recently. If you still have not heard from us, please reach out to:

Carlyn Lawatsch, Youth Programs Manager: CLawatsch@rockymountainyouthcorps.com

Q: Is there a registration fee?

A: No!

Q: Can youth participate in more than one session?

A: RYC receives many applications each year. We work to ensure that as many applicants as possible can participate in a session. If you would like to participate in more than one session, we are happy to place you on a waitlist.

Q: Where is the program drop-off and pick-up located?

A: Pick-up and drop-off locations vary by session and will be emailed to youth and parents/guardians about 2 weeks prior to your session start date.

Q: Do you provide transportation support?

A: Yes! We are happy to work with your family to provide transportation support on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Do you provide support for gear for the overnight?

A: Yes! We provide all tents and can provide sleeping bags and sleeping pads as needed.

Q: Will food be provided?

A: RMYC will provide all meals for the entire session.

Q: Do you accommodate food allergies and sensitivities?

A: Yes! RMYC is happy to make accommodations for youth with food allergies and sensitivities.

Q: What does a typical day in RYC look like?

A: A typical day in employment through the RYC program starts with a morning stretch and safety circle. RYC typically engages in project work for 5.5 hours each day with an hour for education, games, lunch and several snack and water breaks as needed! After the project workday, youth will participate in group chores including tool sharpening, dinner prep and clean up, camp maintenance, and crew time! Youth will participate in deciding on and planning an outdoor recreational activity for the weekend.

Q: What sorts of projects do RYC crews perform?

A: Projects change from year to year and typically consist of trail maintenance building and maintenance, invasive plant removal, barbed wire and buck and rail fencing maintenance, and other outdoor projects. RMYC partners with the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, National and State Parks, the Forest Service, Towns and Cities, and other non-profit organizations for project work.

Q: Am I paid for my work?

A: Yes! Details about payment can be found in the position description on our website. Paychecks can be expected 3-5 weeks after the completion of your session.

Q: Can I miss a day during the program?

A: We want participants to be present for the entire program. Our projects are remote and it is hard to accommodate missing a day.