



Community Youth Crew FAQ

Q: Who can participate in the Community Youth Crew (CYC)?

A: CYC is open to youth ages 14-15 who are residents of various northwest Colorado communities.

Q: How long is the Community Youth Crew?

A: CYC is a two-week-long program.

Routt-Based Projects: The first week is a day-only program from 7:45 am-4:00 pm.

Youth members camp the second week from Sunday through Friday.

All other Project Locations: Both weeks youth camp Sunday to Friday with a short weekend off in-between weeks.

Q: How can I apply to be on a session of CYC?

A: The first step to joining a CYC crew is filling out an application. Youth 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 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 mins long. If accepted into the program, you will receive an email with your placement and program information. You will also receive a registration packet from DocuSign. **Parents must complete this packet to be accepted officially into the program.** You will receive program details including leader information, drop-off and pick-up information, and any other relevant info 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: Youth Programs staff is able to respond to applicants in 2-3 weeks after receiving 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: Not for CYC participants!

Q: Can youth participate in more than one session?

A: CYC 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 are 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: Youth will be provided breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks during the **camping portions** of all sessions. Youth are welcome to bring non-perishable items with them and will be required to store those in animal safe spaces. Program staff will have extra snacks on hand for folks who forget or are unable to provide them. For **day-only portions**, youth are asked to eat breakfast before their arrival and to bring a lunch and snacks for the day.

Q: Do you accommodate for food allergies and sensitivities?

A: Yes! RMYC is happy to make accommodations for youth with food allergies and sensitivities. Please call or email us if the participant has a severe reaction to discuss options and needs.

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

A: A typical day in employment through the CYC program starts with a morning stretch and safety circle. CYC 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!

Q: What sorts of projects do CYC crews perform?

A: Projects change from year to year and typically consist of trail maintenance and building, invasive plant removal, barbed wire and buck and rail fencing, 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 do want participants to be present for the entire program. We understand that appointments and other obligations happen and will accommodate on a case-by-case basis.