General Program Information

The HYCC program runs for six weeks from June through July each year. Members and Team leaders (TLs) receive a stipend and if eligible will receive three college credits upon successful completion of the program from U.H. Manoa. HYCC Positions will be available on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, and Hawaii Island. The program provides participants with a living allowance (cash), service gear, and pays for related flights and accommodations.

Applicants Criteria: Member applicants must be at least high school sophomores and no older than current college sophomores. No previous experience is necessary. Team Leader applicants must have completed their sophomore year in college and have some previous experience in conservation or education. Both applications are due the first week of March annually. Please contact us or check out our website for exact dates.

Come, join the YCC and be the difference!

“Over the past few weeks I have confirmed in my head and heart the desire to spend the day outside putting all my energy into fighting for something that cannot fight for itself.”
-Liabeth

TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US:

APPLY ONLINE!

www.hawaiiycc.com

Phone: (808) 247-5753
Fax: (808) 247-2115
Email: yccinfo@ponopacific.com

Be the Difference...
What is the YCC?

The Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC) is a hands-on summer learning experience aimed at educating Hawaii’s youth on the many conservation issues that threaten Hawaii’s unique environment. Participants are mentored and work alongside premiere conservation leaders in Hawaii while building friendships with other young adults who desire to protect and restore Hawaii’s environment. Members are also challenged to develop leadership and teamwork skills. Participants work in rarely visited, breathtaking habitats. HYCC is more than just “out of the ordinary”; it’s a chance of a lifetime!

“We learned in the field, not in a classroom”
-Tiana, HYCC

How do we make a difference?

HYCC members have been part of the difference by participating in a wide variety of conservation activities. Some of these activities include:

- Trail maintenance and erosion control
- Restoring rare and endangered native plants to the wild
- Monitoring of wildlife including forest birds, coastal birds, fish, and other populations
- Eradicating non-native, invasive species
- Studying human impacts on all aspects of our ecosystems
- Learning from governmental officials how the legislative process impacts conservation projects
- Learning about Hawaii’s cultural relationship to the environment including participation in lo‘i (taro farm) building

“We wish we could do it all over again, but longer!”
-Monica, HYCC

“I wish I could do it all over again, but longer!”
-Brad, HYCC

“Today we got to see all the birds we saw in the slide show. We saw ‘i‘iwi and ‘apapane and heard ‘oma‘o. We also saw Hawaii creepers and akiapolaau, which is very rare.”-Emma, HYCC

“The best part was everyday at HYCC because everyday was a highlight”
-Darrell, HYCC

“[HYCC] taught me more about the environment where I’ve lived than the other seventeen years that I’ve lived here”
-Kolea, HYCC

“The amount of help these islands require to keep them beautiful increases everyday, this program gets people out in the field...and creates tangible differences in everything around us”
-Ishan, HYCC

“We learned in the field, not in a classroom”
-Tiana, HYCC