

Northwest Youth Corps 2015

The Outdoor Youth Connections grant of \$2,500 to Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) helped them grow their Outdoor Ambassadors program.



The Outdoor Ambassadors program pays all costs to get a diverse mix of inner city youth (high school aged) into the forest to learn how they can impact the preservation of the wilderness and influence others to enjoy and preserve our forests. With our grant, NYC was able to provide services to 88 children.



NYC builds the outing around the kid's interests. For example, youth from the metro Oregon area were taken on rafting, backpacking and hiking trips in the Willamette National Forest. The intent is to give the kids an enjoyable experience that will inspire a life-long love of the wilderness.

NYC has been accredited in 2014 by the Corps Center of Excellence, one of only fourteen Corps to receive the CCW seal of approval.

As one corpsmember wrote last year,

"Involvement in the NYC has not only saved my life but improved and furthered it, and given it direction and purpose. Thank you so much for your support...your generosity is changing lives for the better."