



Crew in Your Community 2019

Youth Conservation League Stewardship & Service Day Request for Proposals

Overview: The Audubon Society of Rhode Island (Audubon) seeks proposals from groups across the state for “Crew in your Community: Youth Conservation League Land Stewardship Day.” Qualifying land organizations (e.g. towns, land trusts, watershed organizations, etc.) will be selected for one day of Youth Conservation League (YCL) labor during July and August 2019.

The 2019 YCL has followed a successful annual pattern since 2010. The 2019 crew will consist of six Rhode Island high school students, directly supervised by an adult crew leader and assistant crew leader. Crew members are competitively selected and paid for their time, they work hard for the partner organizations and they get things done!

Examples of past crew projects include:

- Invasive plant removal to create river access for the Friends of the Blackstone in Cumberland
- Trail boardwalk construction to minimize wetland disturbance for The Nature Conservancy in West Greenwich and Narragansett
- Invasive plant removal and trail clearing with the Narrow River Land Trust, South Kingstown

Requirements:

- Completed one-page application (see below)
- **Match:** Applying organization must agree to commit:
 - At least **6 volunteer hours** working with the YCL crew during the service day (e.g. 3 volunteers each working 2 hours, etc.) to share conservation values
 - **\$600 cost share** will be invoiced by Audubon (actual cost of crew is \$1,500/day)
 - **Pitch a story to your local press** (e.g. a newspaper article about the project)
- Land trusts, towns, watershed groups, etc. are eligible to apply but submit only *one* site per group
- Sites should have a clear public resource (e.g. trail-way, vista, etc.) and/or ecological resource (e.g. rare species, natural community, etc.) with a stewardship concern. Sites with invasive plant-related or wildlife habitat-related stewardship concerns are *especially encouraged*.
- The YCL is equipped with basic hand tools (loppers, hammers, shears, rakes, shovels, etc.) along with safety equipment. Partner organizations are expected to contribute any additional material, power tools, or heavy equipment necessary for the proposed project.
- You must be able to accommodate an available workday: the crew works M-Th 8 am to 3:30 pm and is not available on Fridays.

Timeline:

- **Application Deadline — June 19, 2019; 4:00 PM**
- Applicants will be notified by June 28, 2019
- Work Day will be scheduled Mon-Thurs from July 8 to August 8, 2019.

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Youth Crew Stewardship & Service Day Application

Organization:

Contact Person:

Email:

Phone:

Site Name:

Address:

Please answer the following questions.

General Site Description:

Stewardship Concern:

What kind of work would the YCL be doing? What would your "match" volunteers be doing?

What is your idea for a media story?

Is your organization able to commit at least 6 volunteer hours during the service day? Y / N

Is your organization able to commit to the \$600 cost share? Y / N

Note your preference for a workday here (July 8 - August 8, 2019):

1st choice:

2nd choice:

3rd choice:

Also:

Attach a project area Map or link to a Google Map

Attach Management Plan for the Parcel if One Exists

For questions contact Scott Ruhren at Audubon (401-949-5454, x3004, sruhren@asri.org)

Submit applications by email to Scott Ruhren, sruhren@asri.org

Emailed applications should have the subject header:

"Crew in your Community"

Application Due: Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 4:00 PM