



Crew in Your Community 2024

Youth Conservation League Stewardship & Service 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.” We have assisted landowners since 2010. Qualifying land organizations (e.g. towns, land trusts, watershed organizations, etc.) will be selected for one to four days of Youth Conservation League (YCL) labor during July and August 2024. The 2024 crew will consist of five or six Rhode Island high school or early college students, directly supervised by an adult crew leader. Crew members are competitively selected and they work hard for the partner organizations.

Examples of past crew projects include:

- Invasive plant removal to create river access
- Trail boardwalk construction to minimize wetland disturbance
- Invasive plant removal and trail clearing
- Fence installation and boardwalk construction

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)
 - **Confidential financial assistance is available for qualifying applicants. Please indicate if desired.**
 - **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 for multiple days and projects
- 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 14, 2024**
- Applicants will be notified by **June 28, 2024**.
- Work Days are scheduled for Mon-Thurs from July 1 to August 23, 2024. (*No Fridays*)

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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(s)? Y / N

Note your preference for workday(s) here (Monday-Thursday, July 1 - August 23, 2024). You can up to four days.

1st choice:

2nd choice:

3rd choice:

4th choice:

Also:

Attach a project area Map or link to a Google Map

Attach Management Plan for the Parcel if One Exists

Application Deadline: Friday, June 14, 2024

Submit Application:

Online (Preferred): <https://asri.org/YCL>

Email: LCarberry@asri.org

(Emailed applications should have the subject: "***Crew in your Community***")

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