

Dear teacher, school counselor, coach, and other role models:

Aloha on behalf of the Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC). I'm writing to request your aid in letting teachers and students at your schools or in your program(s) know about this educational, enriching, and life-changing summer opportunity that is free to any student. In addition to the information below, I've also included flyers and a copy of our application. Please feel free to post and distribute these to interested individuals. Please contact us if you have any questions or if you would like us to do a school or classroom visit.

Mahalo for your time,
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What is the HYCC Summer Program?

The Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps is a hands-on summer educational opportunity open to students interested in protecting Hawaii's natural heritage. Students learn about environmental conservation, Hawaii's native and endangered plant and animal species, Hawaii's cultural relationship to the land, teamwork, and much more. HYCC participants are mentored by and work alongside Hawaii's premiere conservation leaders while actively participating in restoration efforts throughout Hawaii. All learning takes place in the field; hiking and working in breathtaking habitats are a daily occurrence. HYCC participants can also expect to camp, work in a variety of ecosystems with various conservation agencies, and travel inter-island. Inter-island travel includes a team trip to Kaho'olawe. Team leader and member positions are available on the following islands: Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Big Island, and Kauai. The HYCC Summer Program runs from June 16 through July 25, 2008.

What are the benefits to HYCC participants?

Aside from the educational benefits, traveling, and opportunities for personal growth, HYCC participants receive a stipend and 3 UH college credits (if eligible). Members program stipend is \$1,000. Team leaders program stipend is \$3,000 plus \$1,000 educational award. HYCC participants also receive CPR, First Aid, and power tool training.

Is there a cost?

NO! There is no cost to apply or participate in the HYCC Summer Program. All program expenses including travel, food, and lodging are paid for by the following generous sponsors: Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kamehameha Schools, US Fish and Wildlife Services, and AmeriCorps.

Who should apply?

Any student who enjoys the outdoors, interested in environmental conservation or volunteerism, wants to learn more about Hawaii, enjoys hiking, or enjoys working in a team. We do not select students based on their academic performance. *Member Applicants:* must be at least high school sophomores and no older than current college sophomores. No previous experience necessary. *Team Leader Applicants:* must have

completed their sophomore year in college and be at least 21. Team Leader applicants must have some previous experience in conservation and/or leadership.

How to apply?

All applications must be postmarked by March 7th, 2008. Applications are available at www.hawaiiyc.com.