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# Minnesota Conservation Corps



## Trail Partners

- Superior Hiking Trail Association
- North Country Trail Association
- Ice Age Trail Association
- Minnesota DNR—Division of Parks
- Minnesota DNR—Division of Forestry
- Minnesota DNR—Division of Trails & Waterways
- TrailSource, LLC
- Isle Royale National Park
- Apostle Island National Park
- Carlton County
- Douglas County Public Works
- City of Taylors Falls
- City of St. Paul
- City of Hastings

## Program Overview

Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) is a youth and young adult training and development program. Participants enhance personal, professional, and technical skills by working on natural resource management projects.

MCC crews are composed of 15-18 and 18-25 year olds. Participants join MCC to give back to their community, learn about natural resource management, and gain job skills through either an eight week or eleven month term of service. MCC crew members are Minnesota's future leaders and natural resource professionals.



Foot path boardwalk  
in George Crosby  
Manitou State Park

## MCC Recreational Trail Projects:

- **New trail construction:** clearing, tread establishment, structure installation, and material hauling.
- **Trail maintenance:** drainage repair, brush clearing, hazardous tree removal, and tread and structure maintenance.
- **Trailside and trailhead facility construction:** including kiosk construction, sign posting, and structure installation.
- **GPS data collection**



Kiosk in Hastings, MN

## Benefits of using the Corps

- By using MCC for your trail project, you will be strengthening and supporting Minnesota's youth and young adults. Our participants are the future leaders and natural resource professionals.
- Your trail project proposal will be given higher priority by involving MCC.
- MCC can provide a letter of support to submit with your proposal.
- Looking for a match? MCC may be able to assist in securing cash match through additional grants or cost sharing for your project.
- MCC is cost-effective and available statewide.





## Young Adult Program

## Summer Youth Program

<b>Age of members</b>	18-25	15-18 (w/ adult leaders)
<b>Active months</b>	February through December	Eight weeks: June - August
<b>Crew size</b>	4-5 members	6-8 members
<b>Crew locations</b>	Statewide	Statewide
<b>Equipment availability</b>	Power tools, such as chain saws, brush saws, power pole saws, carpentry tools, generators, etc.  6-wheel utility vehicles.  Hand tools such as shovels, rakes, pulaskis, wheel barrows, etc.	Power tools, such as carpentry tools, generators, etc. Crew leaders can use chain saws.  Hand tools such as shovels, pulaskis, wheel barrows, etc.
<b>Vehicles</b>	4x4 trucks, trailers	12 passenger vans, trailers
<b>Program manager</b>	Tim Johnson-Grass Operations Manager  (651) 209-9900 x18 tim.johnson-grass@conservationcorps.org	Pete Bonk Youth Programs Manager  (651) 209-9900 x11 pete.bonk@conservationcorps.org



### If you are interested in using MCC for your next trail project:

1. Visit [www.conservationcorps.org](http://www.conservationcorps.org) to learn more about partnering with MCC.
2. Discuss your project proposal with one of the above listed MCC managers. The manager will help you determine project costs and feasibility.
3. Include us in your proposal. MCC will provide a letter of support upon your request.

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