Regional Youth Crew FAQ

Q: Who can participate in the Regional Youth Crew?
A: RYC is open to youth ages 16-18 residing in North West Colorado.

Q: How long is the Regional Youth Crew?
A: RYC is a two week long program. Youth start on Sunday and camp for two weeks ending on the second Friday of the session.

Q: How can I apply to be on a session of RYC?
A: The first step to joining RMYC for a RYC session is filling out an application. Youth can find the position description and application under the Youth Programs page on our website: https://www.rockymountainyouthcorps.org/youth-crew-11-18. After you apply, a staff member will email you with more information and next steps.

Q: What are the next steps after application?
A: After you apply, a Youth Programs staff member will reach out to you to schedule a phone interview. Interviews are approximately 15 minutes long. After your interview, you will receive an email with your placement and program information. You will also receive a registration packet from DocuSign. **Youth and parents must complete this packet to be accepted officially into the program.** You will receive details about your session details about two weeks before the start of your session.

Q: I haven’t heard from anyone regarding my application yet, what should I do?
A: Generally Youth Programs staff is able to respond to applicants in 2-3 weeks after their application. We have had a high frequency of emails going to spam boxes recently. If you still have not heard from us, please reach out to either:
  - Carlyn Lawatsch, Youth Programs Manager: CLawatsch@rockymountainyouthcorps.com
  - Hannah Clune, Assistant Youth Programs Manager: HClune@rockymountainyouthcorps.com

Q: Is there a registration fee?
A: Yes, there is a registration fee of $75 per youth. We do offer partial and full scholarships!

Q: How do I access the scholarship?
A: In your DocuSign packet you will have the option to indicate that you’d like a scholarship. You will be prompted to give a brief description of need. An RMYC youth programs staff member will reach out to you with more information regarding your status in receiving a scholarship.

Q: Can youth participate in more than one session?
A: RYC receives many applications each year. We work to ensure that as many applicants as possible can participate in a session. If you would like to participate in more than one session we are happy to place you on a wait list.
Q: Where do we pick up and drop off?
A: Pick up and drop off location vary by session and will be emailed to youth and parents/guardians about 2 weeks before your session start date.

Q: Do you provide transportation support?
A: Yes! We are happy to work with your family to provide transportation support on a case by case basis.

Q: Do you provide support for gear for the overnight?
A: Yes! We provide tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping pads as needed.

Q: Will food be provided?
A: RMYC will provide all meals for both weeks.

Q: Do you accommodate for food allergies and sensitivities?
A: Yes! RMYC is happy to make accommodations for youth with food allergies and sensitivities.

Q: What does a typical day in RYC look like?
A: A typical day (M-F) in employment through the RYC program starts with a morning stretch and safety circle. RYC typically engages in project work for 5.5 hours each day; an hour for education, games, and lunch; plus a couple of snack and water breaks. After work youth will participate in tool sharpening, dinner prep and clean up, and crew time! Youth will participate in deciding on and planning an outdoor recreational activity for the weekend.

Q: What sorts of projects does CYC do?
A: Projects do shift from year to year and typically consist of trail maintenance and building, invasive plant removal, barbed wire and buck and rail fencing, as well as others. RMYC partners with the BLM, CPW, National and State Parks, the Forest Service, as well as Towns and Cities for project work.

Q: Am I paid for my work?
A: We do pay youth! Details about payment can be found in the position description. Paychecks can be expected 3-5 weeks after the completion of your session.

Q: Can I miss a day during the program?
A: We want participants to be present for the entire program. Our projects are remote and it is hard to accommodate missing a day.