RMYC ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

The safety of our staff, participants, and partners is of the utmost importance to us. RMYC has created an Incident Response Team and we are working hard to maintain our program season schedule and structure as best we can, and to communicate all relevant changes thereof to you in the most accurate and timely manner possible.

As you know, the COVID-19 virus has brought about many challenging implications including restrictions on business operations, travel, camping, etc. We are doing our best to be a part of the solution in containing the COVID-19 virus spread. This may include office and campus closures, postponed program start dates, or other significant adaptations. In an effort to keep you updated on the rapidly changing implications of the COVID-19 virus on the operations of RMYC this season, we will be posting organizational updates on our website (www.RockyMountainYouthCorps.org) as often as necessary.

August 5, 2020 UPDATE:
After much deliberation Rocky Mountain Youth Corps has made the difficult decision to postpone Yampa Valley Science School (YVSS) until the Spring of 2021. We base this decision on many factors surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and in collaboration with our program partners. The safety and well-being of our staff, students, and partners is our utmost priority. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 situation, we have activated an Incident Response Team and they are working to develop a plan to operate YVSS in a safe environment. We appreciate your understanding and support during these unknown times.

July 2, 2020 UPDATE:
As an organization, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps senior staff members have spent the last few months working remotely to pivot and innovate in the face of a pandemic. After a huge effort on behalf of our staff, board, and partners we have successfully implemented virtual orientations and training for our seasonal staff members, as well as modified field protocols to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. We are happy to report that we are putting boots on the ground and getting back into the swing of things. Our Conservation Corps (18-25 year olds), Veteran Fire Corps, Youth Corps (11-18 year olds), and Internship Programs (16-30 year olds) are in full operation with strict policies and protocols in place. Our Incident Response Team continues to monitor and update safety policies as we gain insights, improve systems, and work to provide a safe environment for our members and partners.

APRIL 14, 2020 UPDATE:

The RMYC Critical Incident Response Team has delayed the start of several 2020 summer season programs. Here is a list of updated start dates:

**May 4:** Field Coordinators Start – Virtual Training

**May 18:** Conservation Corps Crew Leaders – Start Virtual Training

**May 18:** Youth Corps Crew Leaders/Assistant Crew Leaders – Start Virtual Training
May 25: Conservation Corps Assistant Crew Leaders – Start Virtual Training

June 8: Youth Corps Members – Routt County Service Learning Crew (11-13 years old) & Community Youth Crew (14-15 years old) – Start Program Session

June 15: Conservation Corps Saw & Fire Crew Members – Start In-Person Session

June 15-18: Conservation Corps Trail Crew Members – Start In-Person Session

June 22: Youth Corps Members – Non-Routt County Community Youth Crews and Regional Youth Crews – Start Program Session

March 30, 2020 RMYC Updates

Program Updates:

1. Field Coordinators start date has been pushed back to Monday, April 27 from the original start date of April 13, 2020.
2. Conservation Corps Crew Leaders start date has been pushed back to Monday, May 4 from the original start date of April 27, 2020.
3. All other start dates are currently on schedule.

Organizational Updates:

1. Remote Work: The RMYC campus remains closed to all outside visitors, as well as staff, except as approved by the CEO. All RMYC staff are requested to work from home.

MARCH 26, 2020 RMYC UPDATES

Program Updates:

1. Field Coordinators start date has been pushed back to Monday, April 20 from the original start date of April 13, 2020. All other start dates are currently on schedule.

Organizational Updates:

RMYC has enforced a set of policies and protocols to reduce risks to staff, participants and partners.

1. Remote Work: As of March 15, the RMYC campus was closed to all outside visitors. As of March 23, the RMYC offices are closed to all, including staff. All RMYC staff are requested to work from home.
2. Hygiene: RMYC has provided information and supplies for all staff to utilize when they need to work from the offices. These protocols follow CDC and other health department recommendations and policies.
3. Travel and Events: All travel, events, and other gatherings have been cancelled, postponed, or restructured to be operated virtually.
4. The Moonshine Ski & Dine fundraiser in-person event scheduled for Sunday, March 29 from 4:30-7:00 at Howelsen Hill and Olympian Hall in Steamboat Springs has been cancelled. However, the online Raffle for 10 prize packages valued at $1,000-$3,200 each is still in progress. Drawing will be held at 6:30 pm on March 29, need not be present to win. CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

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