NEXT GENERATION RANGER PROGRAM-TRAILS- Youth Conservation Corps Adult Assistant Leader

**Work Dates:** 5/11/20-7/31/20 (Dates can change due to work schedule/ funding)

**Position Length:** 12 weeks

**Pay:** $18.90

Saguaro National Park is looking for four interns, under the age of 30, to make up the core leadership team for our Summer Youth Conservation Program. Saguaro Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is an employment program for teens ages 15 to 18. The program offers them the opportunity to experience conservation work, environmental education, and outdoor recreation in different National Park units in the Southwest.

You assist in coordinating and supervising the youth corps members in all aspects of work, play, and camping. Each member will take the lead on one part of our program; Logistics/Cook, Recreation, Work, Education.

**Logistic Lead /Cook:** In charge of crew inventory, menu planning, Food buying/budget, proper food handling, and teaching crewmembers how to cook.

**Recreation Lead:** Manages after work activities, assists Logistics lead, Coordinates with the Education Lead to take part in classes and plans coinciding activities to compliment education curriculum.

**Field Lead:** Supervises the Youth Crew in the field, ensures crew safety at all times, and sets the pace of work and the quality of work the crew delivers.

**Education Lead:** Teaches environmental awareness courses and character development strategies to crew members. Builds upon and updates current program curriculum. Plans curriculum to where we are camping and the work we are doing. Coordinates with the Work Lead to schedule class times and assist leading crewmembers in the field.

The work schedule is 40 hours a week, 8 hours a day. It requires tent camping, often remote, for 5 or 10 days at a time.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Interest in working with youth
- Great communication skills
- Ability to constantly be a role model
- Experience working on a trail crew
- Experience living in a group camp in the backcountry
- Ability to hike and work in extreme weather conditions
- Ability to set the pace of work and lead by example
- Ability to engage an audience
- Must be able to hike up to 10 miles a day for multiple days on end

You will be working with youth between the ages of 15 to 18. Although this is a work program, the Corps members and mentors are required to participate in various recreational outings that may include hikes, backpacking trips, field trips, and other nature based activities. If you would like to spend time outdoors while fostering stewardship in America’s youth this is the position for you.

Interested Applicants please send a resume, cover letter, and three references to SAGU_YCC@NPS.GOV by February 24th