

Napa Youth Ecology Corps



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- New 8-week get-paid-to-work-and-learn program for at-risk Napa County youth between 18 - 25
- Modeled after the North Bay Conservation Corps programs in Marin and Sonoma
- Involves a partnership between:
 - Napa-Lake Workforce Investment Board and WorkforceNapa
 - Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB)
 - Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
 - Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District
 - California Conservation Corps

At look at the original Conservation Corps

- The first Conservation Corps in the U.S. was the Civilian Conservation Corps, started by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The work of the CCC focused on soil conservation and reforestation.



- The Civilian Conservation Corps lasted about 10 years.
- Since then, we have had various conservation corps programs carry on the same type of work, but for both men and women
- Most are Government sponsored programs (e.g. California Conservation Corps); some are non-profit programs (e.g. Conservation Corps North Bay)



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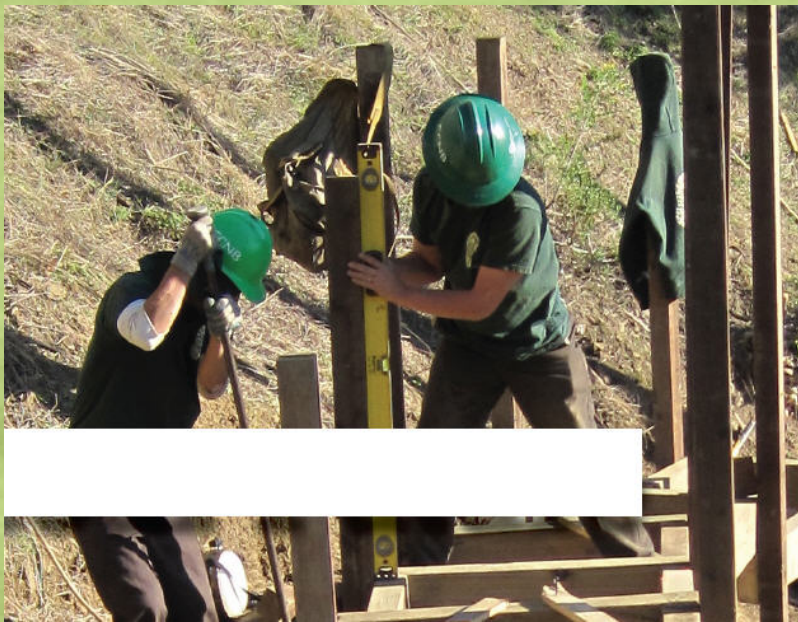
- Our mission is to help empower our future workforce with job readiness skills in a fun, stimulating and educational environment



- Like the original Civilian Conservation Corps, our mission is also to promote environmental conservation and to build good citizens through vigorous, disciplined outdoor labor

How does it work?

- Corps members work and learn 5 days per week (Mon-Fri)
- They are paid \$9 an hour for their work four days a week (Tues-Fri)



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- Monday of each week is Education Day which includes instruction on current environmental issues, job readiness, career exploration and planning, and basic education skills



The Partnership

- **Napa-Lake Workforce Investment Board** - overall program responsibility



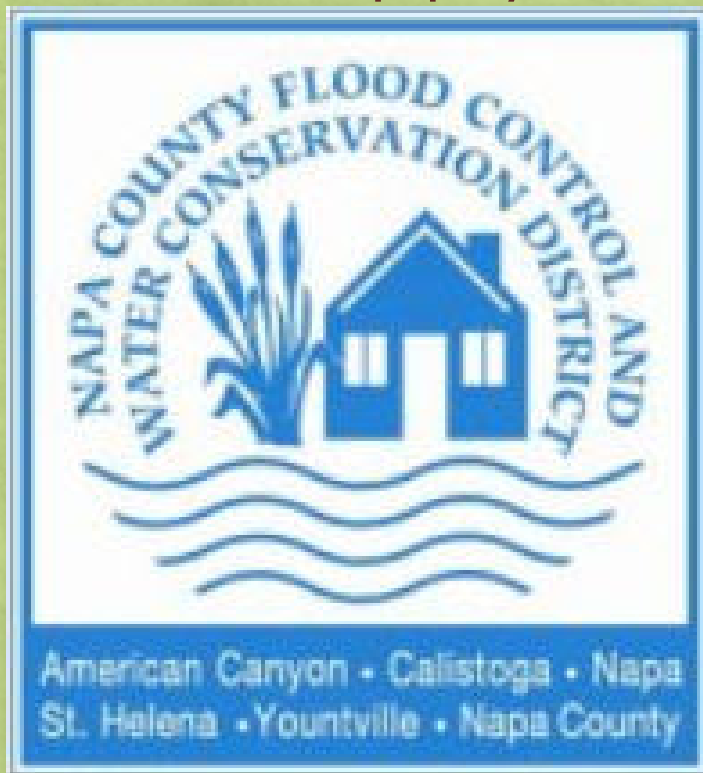
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- **Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB)** - does the corps member interviewing and hiring, training, and field work supervision



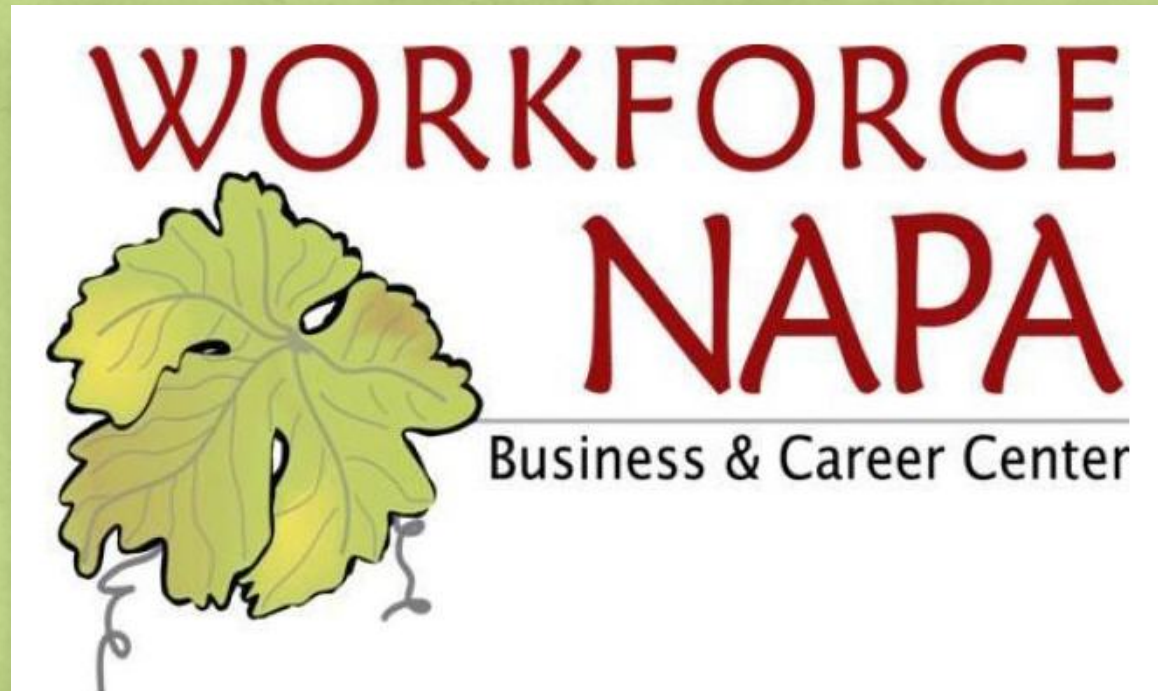
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- **Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District** provide the field work sites and help pay for the program



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- **WorkforceNapa** is responsible for Education Day of each week.



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- **California Conservation Corps** provides workspace and will provide one year of continued training and employment to NYEC graduates



How youth may apply

1. Attend an NYEC INFORMATION SESSION
Information Session dates are April 10 and 17, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, at 650 Imperial Way, Napa
2. We determine if the youth are ELIGIBLE for the program based on at-risk and low-income criteria
3. Attend a free JOB PREPARATION WORKSHOP in late April - designed to help the youth compete for a corps member job
4. Interview with CCNB for a corps member job on RECRUITMENT DAY in early May. If hired, work begins May 19 for 1st crew and July 21 for 2nd crew

Contact person for interested youth:

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