



RYO Mission Statement

Supported by the work of the [Rensselaer Plateau Alliance](#), [Dyken Pond Environmental Center](#) and [Grafton Lakes State Park](#), RYO is a network of these partners and more. Together, we introduce and engage children and families of Rensselaer County in the wonder, science, and adventure of nature in an effort to create a healthier, more sustainable community in an increasingly complex world.

Forest Conservation Corps Lead Staff

Job Description

Forest Conservation Corps Staff will be responsible for mentoring 6 crews of 10 teens as they learn skills that preserve and maintain the health of forests and wetlands across the Rensselaer Plateau. The crews will work on valuable conservation projects and engage in environmental education and outdoor recreation experiences and exploration.

FCC Lead Staff will:

- Supervise teens age 14-16 as they learn hands-on skills such as trail maintenance and responsible forest stewardship.
- Support teens emotionally as they build relationships with each other and participate in physical challenges.
- Create opportunities for teens to develop respect for the environment and reflect on what they are learning and how that might apply to future job opportunities.
- Design and lead participatory environmental educational opportunities for youth to learn about the conservation field and the land they're working on.
- Help organize logistics for on-site events including deciding what activities are suitable for each site.
- Work with the Rensselaer Youth Outdoors Director to ensure a smooth transition between sites.
- Applicants must be able to think on their feet and adapt to last minute changes (e.g., weather disruptions) and be able to go off plan when necessary.

Experience needed: Working with youth, ideally teens age 14-16, required. Some experience in outdoor recreation is preferred. Ideal candidates have a bachelor's in environmental education (or science or studies), Natural History, Social Work, and other related fields, or equivalent experience working a minimum of three years in the fields of education, conservation, or youth work.

Dates: Interviews will begin in April. On-site training will begin on or around June 16th, 2023. FCC runs from July 5th - August 11th, excluding weekends. On-site wrap-up and debrief will end by August 14th.



Job Requirements: Must be able to lift 50 pounds and comfortably hike three miles in two hours, pass a background check, possess a valid driver's license, and have access to your own vehicle.

Job Type: This is a position that is 8 weeks long, 40 hours per week. Hourly salary range is \$22-\$25/hour depending on experience.

To apply: Please submit a statement of interest & resume to michala@rensselaerplateau.org.

Put in the subject line, "FCC Lead Staff".

If you have any questions or if you are interested in learning more about the position or the application process, please reach out via email. School teachers, college students, environmental educators, and new or experienced environmental professionals are encouraged to apply!