PROJECT PROPOSAL
YUKON YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS (Y2C2)
ENVIRONMENT YUKON

Call us with your project idea: 867-667-3041

We'd like to partner with you on a summer conservation project in or near your community. The **Yukon Youth Conservation Corps (Y2C2)** program offers you enthusiastic student workers, equipped with basic skills and tools. We handle the hiring, training and administration…you give us a project idea, and then later be available for consultation and supervision during the planning and implementation phases.

Project proposals can be submitted between January 1st and April 30th to:

Youth Programs Coordinator
Department of Environment
Habitat Programs (V-5R)
Email: Lauren.Wonfor@yukon.ca
Phone: 867-667-3041

For more information, ideas and FAQs see the website at: yukon.ca/y2c2-projects

How does it work?

You supply the ideas (fill out this form), and later, provide any other necessary support: materials, special equipment and training, etc. The Y2C2 program is intended to help students learn and gain experience, so an educational component to your project is very important. Eligible projects include research, monitoring, community surveys, stream rehabilitation, unauthorized dumpsite cleanup, re-vegetation, heritage conservation, trail development, and education or awareness campaigns with an environmental focus.

We have 2 crew options to best fit your project. Our Traditional Crews consist of high school students with a post secondary leader for a total of 5 people. We can supply you with one of these crews for up to 10 days. They are equipped with basic transportation, camping gear, tools and skills.

Our Green Team consists of 4 post secondary students. This skilled crew can assist with more specialized projects in you community such as surveys, field research and educational campaigns.

When your project is selected:

The Y2C2 Project Selection Committee will review your proposal form. All projects received are ranked according to how well they fit the program criteria. Highest priority is given to well planned, **safety** conscious projects with significant benefits to the environment, your community and the Y2C2 student workers. **(Remember, a strong learning or educational component for the students is very important).**

If your project ranks highly we will contact you to get further details, and finalize project planning with you. When the summer rolls around, we expect that someone will be at the project site to direct the students—the best projects are ones in which the proponent takes an active role and interest.

Frequently asked questions about proposing a Y2C2 project

Will it cost us anything to have Y2C2 help us on our project?

We cover almost all of the costs associated with a traditional Y2C2 crew of five workers: hiring and basic training, transportation, camping accommodation (if required) and basic tools. You are responsible for extra costs associated with your project such as construction materials, special tools, training or transportation. Green Team Special Projects Workers may require some other support from you, depending on the nature of the project.

Can we hire students from our own community to work on our projects?

This program is set up to offer eligible Yukon students a wide variety of career experiences in the outdoor and environmental field. We really encourage applications from communities outside Whitehorse—but we can't guarantee that a youth will work exclusively in their home community. If your community comes up with enough good projects, however, we may be able to base a crew there.

What is expected of us as project sponsors?

The main expectation is that you offer a valuable learning experience for Y2C2 participants. This means you have planned your project well, **considered the potential safety hazards, taken steps to address these** and are available to guide the youth as they carry out your plans. You don't have to be on the job site with them all the time, but your clear objectives and enthusiasm are important. We also expect you to deliver a valuable education component, and complete a post-project evaluation.

What is meant by "educational component"?

We want students to get the most out their experience with Y2C2—it's more than just a summer job. Ideally, you will provide them with a thorough explanation of the importance of the project; background sessions on natural and human history of the area including contact with elders; and special training in particular skills, if needed.

Can we have Y2C2 workers for a project that lasts the whole summer?

We want the students to get a variety of experiences, so we're mainly looking for projects that last 1-2 weeks. Longer projects may be accommodated however, by having different crews or workers help you at different times in the summer. Call us!

Our project has to be done in May or June. Can Y2C2 help us?

Most of the work by traditional Y2C2 crews is done in July and August. The Green Team option now gives us more flexibility, so short projects may be possible earlier in the season.

Can we get Y2C2 to help us build a recreational trail in our community?

A project must be conservation-related. If you include nature interpretive panels on your trail, or can offer an excellent educational component, your trail project may be ranked higher by the Selection Committee.

What other kinds of project have been done in the past?

We have posted a list of all the projects done by Y2C2 since 1992 on our website.
To review, go to: yukon.ca/y2c2-past-project-listing

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Tell us about you

Name of organization			
Contact person(s)		Title	
Address		Community	Postal code
Telephone (day)	Telephone (evening)	Cell	
Email			

Tell us what you would like done

1. Project title (8 words maximum)

2. Project location _____

Is there a traditional place name? _____

Nearest community _____ Distance from community _____ km (attach map if possible)

3. Brief description of project (200 words maximum)

4. Benefits to Yukon environment, and quality of life of Yukoners (including economic)

5. What kind of learning opportunities does this project offer to the Y2C2 workers? What skills, safety training, and other educational experiences could you provide (e.g. workshops, talks, tours, etc.)?

6. How many workers would you need, for how long, and when?

Will you require a full crew of 4-5 field workers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, how many Green Team workers would be a good fit? _____ How many days would you need them? _____

When are the best dates for completing this project? _____

Safety for our youth is our main concern. Tell us about how you would do it:

1. What are the proposed operations within this project?

2. What equipment is involved/required?

3. What training is required for the safe operation/use of this equipment?

4. How will the worksite be safely accessed?

5. What are the potential environmental hazards?

6. How will the potential hazards be mitigated?

That's it! Submit by April 30 to:

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