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## Blue Ridge Parkway News Release

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### Parkway Recruits Youth for Youth Conservation Corps

(Asheville, NC) The Blue Ridge Parkway is recruiting high school age youth for a summer work program. This program, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), is a well-balanced work-learn-earn program that helps participating youth develop an understanding and appreciation of the nation's environment and cultural heritage. The YCC program offers youth, 15 through 18 years of age, eight weeks of gainful summer employment in a national park. Projects include building trails, maintaining fences, cleaning campgrounds, picking up litter and other maintenance activities. In addition, the eight week program includes environmental education activities.

Participants will be paid the minimum wage for a forty hour work week. Hours are generally Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants will do hard physical work and may be exposed to insects, poison ivy, adverse weather, and difficult working conditions.

Applications for the YCC Program will be accepted through May 14, 2010. Applications may be obtained by contacting the maintenance supervisor for the location nearest the applicant or by calling Terry McElrath at 828-271-4779, extension 212, or sending an email to [terry\\_mcelrath@nps.gov](mailto:terry_mcelrath@nps.gov).

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