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Forest Service Seeks Local Teens for Summer Job Opportunities

(Whitmire, SC) March 6, 2009—The Enoree Ranger District is seeking young men and women, aged 15-18, who are interested in spending a summer working for the Forest Service in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

“The YCC program provides a great opportunity for young adults to learn about the environment and resource management,” said Enoree District Ranger Beth LeMaster. “Students gain hands-on experience working in situations that benefit the forest and ecosystems like campground maintenance and renovation, trail building, noxious weed removal and planting projects. It’s a great opportunity for anyone interested in the outdoors.”

The district will select, through a random drawing, an equal number of men and women to form a six-person crew. Crew members will be paid minimum wage for a 40-hour week for eight weeks (June 7 – August 1, 2009). The crew will meet each morning at one of the Enoree district offices; from there, they will be driven to project work sites. Each participant must provide his/her own work boots, proper work clothes, a backpack and a daily lunch. Applicants must be prepared for hard physical work in an outdoor environment under potential adverse weather conditions and rough terrain. Individuals are responsible for their own daily transportation to the appropriate Enoree district office.

Interested persons may pick up an application from the guidance counselors at Union County, Whitmire, Newberry, Chester or Laurens high schools. The Enoree district offices also have applications: Enoree Ranger District (Tyger Office), 3557 Whitmire Hwy., Union, SC 29379, telephone (864) 427-9858; or Enoree Ranger District (Enoree Office), 20 Work Center Rd., Whitmire, SC 29178, telephone (803) 276-4810.

Applications must be submitted in “hard copy” form. E-mails will not be accepted. Deadline is April 26, 2009.

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