



News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

NR 09-11

For Immediate Release

Contact: Riana Ventura, 715-674-2311

Blackwell Job Corps Center Conducts Spring Recruiting Drive Job Corps Provides Career Technical Training and Education for Youth Ages 18 Through 24

Laona, Wis. -- March 30, 2009. The Blackwell Job Corps Center has launched its spring recruitment drive to fill class openings, officials announced today. The Blackwell Job Corps Center is currently recruiting highly motivated people ages 18 through 24 to enroll in its job training and education program at its campus in Laona, WI.

Eligible local residents who are looking to enhance their job skills and establish successful careers are encouraged to contact the Blackwell Job Corps Center at Laona, WI.

Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest residential job training program for economically disadvantaged youth. This program is free for eligible students and includes benefits such as career, technical, academic and life skills training, housing, and health care. Each year, Job Corps helps more than 60,000 students reach their goals for personal and professional success.

While on center, students work with Job Corps staff to develop an individualized career plan. Wisconsin's Job Corps centers offer skills training in areas such as construction, business/clerical and health occupations. Students may also earn their high school diplomas, HSED or GEDs while enrolled in the program. Most centers offer advanced training at local technical schools or community colleges, as well.

"In these difficult economic times, employers are looking for qualified workers who possess the academic, vocational and employability skills necessary to succeed on day one on the job," said Riana Ventura, Center Director for the Blackwell Job Corps Center. "The Blackwell Job Corps Center offers career technical training in a number of high growth, high demand industries in the upper Midwest. For instance, Health Occupations graduates with a CNA certification are commanding \$9.84 an hour. Graduates in our construction trades are averaging \$10.57 an hour. The Blackwell Job Corps Center helps students obtain the skills they need to take control of their future and reach their career goals."



Welding student Ashley Haiden is using the Track Burner to cut steel for a welding project.

For six months after job placement, Job Corps graduates receive transitional support services, such as help locating housing, child care and transportation. Most graduates begin careers in the private sector, enlist in the military or enroll in higher education or advanced training programs.

The Blackwell Job Corps Center is located in Laona, WI. For more information to enroll in Job Corps or to schedule a tour, please contact (715)674-2311.

###