



## **2024 Forest Youth Success (FYS) Adult Crew Leader**

### **Job Description**

*Stevenson Carson School District*

The position is under the general supervision of the FYS Program Coordinator. The Adult Crew Leader shall oversee a work crew of up to two teen mentors and four teen crew members. The FYS Adult Crew Leader performs related work as required or assigned.

### **Program Description:**

The Skamania County Forest Youth Success Program (FYS) is a summer employment program for middle and high school students that started in 2002. The program's sponsors include Washington State University Extension Skamania County 4-H, the Stevenson-Carson School District, the United States Forest Service, and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

### **Program Objectives:**

- Provide an employment opportunity to Skamania County youth.
- Teach fundamentals of forest ecology and management to youth participants using classroom, field trips, and work projects.
- Enhance and develop positive life skills to increase employability using Washington State University 4-H Adventures Challenge Curriculum.
- Develop a sense of responsibility for the forest and Skamania County communities. Improve cooperative relationships between community residents and resource management agencies through working relationships and education.
- Achieve infrastructure and ecosystem management objectives on the south end of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and nearby communities.

### **Crew Leader Responsibilities:**

Crew Leaders are responsible for leading teen crews in the completion of various task-oriented projects. Projects may include, but are not limited to trail & campground maintenance, various surveys & monitoring, and other tasks assigned by public agencies like the USFS. Crew Leaders are also responsible for getting crews safely to work sites and back to home base in 8-12 passenger vans. Crew leaders are accountable for the whereabouts and safety of each member of their crew during work hours. They will be trained to sequence and lead and/or co-lead 4-H portable challenge activities and guide students in personal development initiatives. They will maintain organization of daily paperwork and log sheets, evaluate and document participants behaviors and work habits, and are expected to model a good work ethic.

### **Program Structure:**

The program will begin with mentorship and facilitation training for adult staff on June 20th, with youth staff training beginning June 26th. Crews consist of one crew leader, two mentors, and four crew members. The crews will work for 4 weeks from Monday-Friday in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and surrounding public lands, working on a variety of projects sponsored by local public agencies. The final week of the program is designated for learning activities and recreational opportunities.

A variety of 4-H curriculum from the WSU Extension 4-H program is used throughout the program to develop team members' self-awareness, teamwork, and other life skills. Students also complete a curriculum that includes forest ecology and management, life skills, and job search skills. The summer ends with a celebratory event and trip to the Goldendale Observatory on August 9th.

**Requirements:**

Must be 21+, hold a valid drivers license and have a clean record. Should be able to lead and supervise small group of middle- and high-school aged students and have a willingness to learn how to facilitate 4-H and forestry based curriculum. Must also be able to work in diverse weather; dry, hot, rainy. This work requires physical exertion in the field including heavy lifting (up to 50 lbs.), pushing of wheelbarrows, and use of hand tools. Work requires walking on steep, rocky terrain for miles at a time. Travel will be required to schools, work sites and camp sites.

**Employment Information:**

**Location:** Stevenson-Carson School District, Skamania County

**Assignment:** Seasonal/Temporary Employment for approximately 8 weeks beginning June 20th to the middle of August (approximately August 14th). Exact dates may be adjusted. ~40 hours per week.

**Schedule:** Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. Staff should not plan to miss more than a total of 3 work days of this short term program.

**Pay:** Starting pay for crew leaders is \$21/hr commensurate with experience.

**Program Contact:** Somer Meade, FYS Technical Advisor, 509-427-3932, [somer.meade@wsu.edu](mailto:somer.meade@wsu.edu)

**To Apply:** Complete the Classified Staff Application, located on the Stevenson-Carson [school district website](#). A resume & cover letter are encouraged but not required. Application materials can be sent to the technical advisor at the email address above. **Applications preferred by April 30th, positions open until filled.**

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