

The Forest Stewards Guild's **Forest Stewards Corps** is part of a bold national effort to put young people to work protecting, restoring, and enhancing America's great outdoors.



Since 1999, the Guild's Forest Stewards Corps has employed over 500 youth, achieved 200,000 hours of conservation service and education, awarded over 200 hours of college credit, and invested over \$3 million in rural New Mexico communities. Young people who participate as Corps members have gone on to build

successful careers in natural resource management and become strong leaders in their communities.

Youth employment in conservation provides service, training, education and employment opportunities for young Americans and helps preserve, protect, and promote America's greatest gift – our public lands.

Youth corps programs like the Forest Stewards Corps change lives – by

providing critical opportunities, training, employment, and life-skills to low income and disadvantaged youth, veterans, and young people just entering the work force.

You can help us change more lives and provide more opportunity for young people by supporting the Forest Stewards Corps.



Our Forest Stewards Corps:

- Protects and restores public lands and waters, and natural, cultural, and historical resources.
- Increases public access while promoting local economies and outdoor recreation.
- Develops a new generation of skilled workers, educated and active citizens, and future community leaders.



Our unique model offers young people like Joseph Chinana (left) training from both the Forest Stewards Guild staff, as well as natural resource professionals from federal, state and local agencies. In addition to the hard on-the-ground work, crew members learn about local conservation issues such as forest management, fire ecology, watershed health, and wildlife ecology.

Perhaps most importantly, Corps members like Joseph receive mentoring from successful adults in their own communities.

In 2016, the Forest Stewards Corps members:

- Performed noxious weed removal on 76 acres
- Built or repaired 21 miles of fencing
- Built and maintained 27 miles of trail
- Created or rehabilitated 4.5 miles of firebreaks
- Improved facilities, wells, and cattle guards at five locations
- Restored riparian areas in key watersheds
- Installed wildlife-friendly fence and restored endangered species habitat
- Marked trees and boundaries for fire safety treatments on 10,500 acres



Can we count you to help provide meaningful life experiences for young people?

We can provide organizational or corporate sponsorships, and other forms of giving including gifts of appreciated securities, real estate, or planned giving. Please contact us at (608) 333-0551, or giving@forestguild.org to discuss ways you can join in our work.

Thank You For supporting our work and for protecting America's forests!

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