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REFUGE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS JOBS

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is accepting applications for eight summer Youth Conservation Corps jobs. Youth 15-18 years of age and who live in or have lodging available in the local commuting area are eligible. Applications may be picked up at Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Alaska Employment Service Office in Kenai, or from local high school career counseling office. Applications are being accepted from March 30th through May 8th. All applications must be received at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on Ski Hill Road by close of business on May 8th.

The positions will be filled via a random selection process and selected applicants will be notified by phone no later than May 15th. Youth will work 40 hours each week from June 8th through July 31st and receive \$8.95 per hour. Job duties will include trail maintenance, campground clean-up, litter collection, biological assistance, and visitor information services. For more information, call the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge at 262-7021.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 548 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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