

2014 Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps Program "Hard Copy"



***Please make note that an online application must be completed along with this form at <http://www.thesca.org/serve/program/chicago-il>**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Nickname: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone#: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
Email _____ Usage: Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Never
Alt. Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Current School Status: In-School/ Enrolled Out-of-School

Number of Credits Earned: _____ Current Grade Point Average: _____

Current Year in High School: 9th 10th 11th 12th

Current or Last School Attended: _____

Name and Email of Science Teacher: _____

How did you hear about this position? School (name) _____ Friend Other _____

If Other, please explain _____

Tell us about yourself!

(attach additional pages if necessary)

1. What's your story? Write freely about who you are. You can describe your home life, your interests, how you spend your free time, your goals, and/or challenges.

2. Have you had any job experience and/or have volunteered in community service? Can you describe your experience? How would your coworker or others describe your personality?

3. What do you enjoy about the outdoors? Have you been to a Forest Preserve? If yes which one?

4. What made you decide to apply for the CLC? Why do you want to be part of the program?

As part of the **Chicago CLC Program**, you will be conserving our natural resources through outdoor conservation service work, enhancing environmental awareness, teamwork and leadership skills. **IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM BY SIGNING THEIR NAME BELOW.**

Parents/Legal Guardians:

I give full support for my son/daughter _____ to apply for and participate in the Chicago CLC Program. I realize that completing this application does not guarantee my son/daughter's acceptance into the Chicago CLC Program.

Release form for the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps Program

I certify that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

I am aware that I may be prosecuted for fraud and/or perjury if I deliberately give false information.

I agree to allow the release of information on this form for a verification check that is necessary.

I agree to allow the release of grades, test scores, attendance, and demographic information (For example: Name, Address, etc.) from the school that my child is attending.

I certify that no member of my family is in a position of influence or authority, which would affect my being hired, my supervision, or the acquisition or administration on grants, which fund my position.

I agree to have my photograph taken and used by the Chicago CLC Program.

I understand that my Photo may be used in materials that promote the Friends of the Forest Preserves, SCA and the Chicago CLC Program, but not limited to brochures, flyers or other promotional materials.

I understand that the Friends of the Forest Preserves, SCA and the Chicago CLC Program will distribute these promotional materials to various public and private sector organizations as an informational and marketing tool, and by signing this agreement I acknowledge the right of the Friends of the Forest Preserves, SCA and the Chicago CLC Program to undertake such actions.

Participant Signature	Please Print	Date
Parent Signature (If under the age of 18)	Please Print	Date

Please drop off, email or mail your completed application Form to:
Chicago CLC Program
542 S. Dearborn St., Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60605
alice@fotfp.org

Questions? Email:
Alice Brandon alice@fotfp.org or
Carina Ruiz cruiz@thesca.org

Applications must be received by the deadline April 16th (no exceptions).
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Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps June 30- August 8, 2014

The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps Program (CLC) is a six-week conservation service-learning experience. The crew will consist of 10-12 high school participants and two adult leaders. The first week of the program is spent in training and workshops. As a team, the crew will perform ecological restoration and trail maintenance projects in the Forest Preserves of Cook County for the next five weeks. Each Friday, students will participate in field days learning about the local ecology and the environment at various sites throughout the region. Participants are compensated for their work at an hourly wage of \$8.25* (**pay will be reduced for missed work and taxes are deducted from the total pay*)

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How do I apply?

A: You must create a profile in MySCA and apply for the "Chicago Community Crew"
<http://www.thesca.org/serve/program/chicago-il> and complete the hard copy application form attached here.

Q: What are the age requirements to participate in the program?

A: You must be 15 years old by July 1, 2014 and enrolled in high school or be a 2014 high school graduate.

Q: What is the time commitment and compensation?

A: You will work Monday-Friday 32 hours/week and will receive an hourly wage of \$8.25. Pay will be reduced for missed work and taxes. Fridays are shorter days spent going on environmental field visits. If you miss more than 3 days of work you will be automatically dismissed from the program and will forfeit your remaining pay. There are no exceptions for family vacations or summer school.

Q: What exactly will I be doing as a crew member and where will I be working?

A: You will spend one week learning job skills that will prepare you for the program and give you skills that you can use in the future. You will then engage in rewarding and valuable physical work outdoors on conservation and restoration projects in the Forest Preserves of Cook County including trail work, invasive species removal and nature center projects. Throughout each week time will be devoted to learning about the local ecology and environment. If you are hired, you will usually be placed at the forest preserve work site that is closest to your home.

Q: Will there be a chance to ask questions and learn more about the program prior to the program start?

A: There is a mandatory Parent and Participant Orientation and Interview prior to the start of the program. You are also encouraged (but not required) to volunteer at a spring volunteer event in the forest preserves to get a feel for the work you'll be doing. To find a volunteer event near you go to <http://fpdcc.com/volunteer/>. Applicants that participate in a volunteer event have a better chance of securing a position for the summer (see page 2 for more information).

Q: Where do we meet each day and what are the hours?

A: You will be assigned to a crew and pick up location once you are offered a placement in the program. At your pickup location, you'll meet your Crew Leader and van each morning no later than 7:45 am. You'll be dropped off at the same location in the afternoon at approximately 3:45 pm Monday through Thursday. Fridays are shorter, starting at 7:45 am and usually end by 2 pm but do not expect to arrive back exactly at the same time every Friday as the field days differ in length. Pick-up locations are convenient landmarks and include shopping malls, community colleges and CTA train stops. Pick-up locations are selected to minimize commuting times for the greatest number of participants.

Q: How can I improve my chances of getting into the program?

A: We highly encourage you to volunteer at a forest preserve this spring to learn more about what you will be doing this summer and to see if you like the work. Applicants that come out for a volunteer event removing invasive plants or helping out at a Nature Center have a better chance of securing a position for the summer (see below for information). We also encourage you to spend time thinking about and answering the essay section of your application (page 2). We receive many applications and are looking for students that are excited about working in the forest preserves and helping our environment.

Q: How and when will I know if I have been accepted into the program?

A: We will send you an acceptance letter in the mail. Due to the large number of applications received we are not able to inform you of your application status unless you give us a legible email address. All applicants will be notified via email by no later than **June 1, 2014** regarding their application status.

For Further FAQ please read through: <http://www.thesca.org/serve/faq-community-crews>

Please complete the **application hard copy form** and return to:

Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps
Friends of the Forest Preserves
542 s. Dearborn St., Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60605

Please **sign up** and **apply online** at:
<http://www.thesca.org/serve/program/chicago-il>

For online application questions please contact
The Student Conservation Association
Carina Ruiz at Cruiz@thesca.org

Applications must be submitted via email or mail by April 16, 2014. Late applications will not be accepted, no exceptions. You must have all forms completed and on file in the program office, as well as the online application to be considered for acceptance into the program. The hard copy application can be downloaded at www.fotfp.org (click on "about" then "jobs and internships"). Mandatory online application can be found <http://www.thesca.org/serve/program/chicago-il>

Where can I volunteer in the Forest Preserves of Cook County?

The CLC program encourages applicants to attend a volunteer event at a nearby forest preserve. However, volunteering is not a requirement to apply. We encourage volunteering because this will give you a better understanding of what you will be doing during the summer. Volunteer events happen almost every Saturday or Sunday. Events are lead by certified leaders who instruct you on how to remove invasive species among other activities. To find an event go to <http://fpdcc.com/volunteer/> and click on the workday calendar tab. Applicants that attend a workday have a better chance of securing a position over the summer. **To receive program credit for volunteering you must complete the below form. Forms must be included with your application, NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps Program
Volunteer Credit Form



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Applicant Name _____

Forest Preserve Name _____ Date of Event _____

Please have the volunteer Site Steward or workday leader complete the following:

Steward Name _____ Steward Signature _____

Steward Phone _____ Email _____

The volunteer arrived at the workday at _____ and left at _____

This form is for volunteering only and should not be submitted unless you have volunteered at a forest preserve.