



Paid Spring Break Internship: Youth Corps with Jefferson Land Trust

Applications due by March 27, 2023

When: April 3 – April 7, 2023; 9:00 am – 3:30 pm starting from Quilcene; transportation may also be provided from Port Townsend or Chimacum upon request. Light lunch provided.

Description: This internship is field-based. The applicant will work as part of a team of high school students to complete a variety of tasks necessary to maintain or restore our local natural lands to their best possible condition. The work will be entirely outdoors and will be physically demanding – visiting some of the most remote places and difficult terrain that Jefferson Land Trust protects and stewards for wildlife habitat. With each new task, corps members will learn the importance of the management activity to forest and stream health. Examples of tasks include: blackberry thicket removal; survey across steep, uneven terrain; trash removal from creek corridor; in-creek removal of nightshade, a weed that can block fish passage; and other habitat restoration. Transportation to sites will be provided from Port Townsend, Chimacum, or Quilcene School by pre-arrangement.

Requirements:

This position is open to high school students aged 16 and up. A parent/guardian signature on Release Form will be required for participation in this internship.

This position is physically demanding. Applicants must be able to:

- walk over uneven terrain, across streams, through thick brush, and up and down slopes
- work outdoors in various weather conditions, including sun and rain
- work with hand tools (instruction and tools provided)

Covid protocols:

This internship will require traveling in a vehicle with other students and with Jefferson Land Trust staff and volunteers who are vaccinated against Covid-19; masks will be optional. Any student not feeling well or exhibiting signs of fever will be sent home until symptoms resolve.

Necessary items – gear available to borrow upon pre-arrangement:

Rubber boots and work boots/sturdy footwear

Rain jacket

Rain pants

Personal water bottle

Stipend: Interns will receive a \$300 stipend for participation in the full week; adjustments will be made due to illness or other unanticipated circumstances.

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Apply using this online application form: <https://forms.gle/6WiWB4xnbFpk6Pw99>

Questions? Contact Carrie Clendaniel, Preserve Manager, at cclendaniel@saveland.org or at (360) 379-9501 ext 109

2023 Spring Break Youth Corps Overview

When: April 3 - April 7, 2027

Where: Meet in Quilcene at 9:00 am and 3:30 pm or Chimacum at 8:30 am and 4:00 pm or Port Townsend at 8:00 am and 4:30 pm

Who: Corps members must be present on time and ready to participate each day (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday)

What: Corps members must provide their own water, medications, and personal snacks; Corps members should wear long pants, hiking and/or rubber boots, long sleeves, and rain gear

Expectations: We will provide real-world training in natural land management and connect youth with local Preserves that protect important water quality, plant, and wildlife habitat for many generations to come. We expect corps members to:

- 1) Abide by safety rules
- 2) Participate fully in the internship by arriving on time, ready and interested to learn and undertake tasks at hand. Corps members must commit to participating for the full week.
- 3) Come prepared each day with personal water and gear (see below)

Date	Site	Learning topics	Work tasks
April 3	Lower Donovan Creek Preserve (Quilcene)	Riparian functions, hydrology, noxious weed dispersal and removal methods; introduction to salmon habitat restoration	Beaver fencing to protect young trees, yellow flag iris removal to improve streamflow
April 4	Duckabush Riparian Forest and Duckabush Oxbow and Wetlands Preserve (Duckabush River, south of Brinnon)	Forest health, land use history; introduction to ecological forestry	Selecting and marking trees to thin for forest health project; selecting trees to create standing snags for wildlife
April 5	Snow Creek Forest Preserve (Snow Creek near US 101/104)	Land use history, additional noxious weed types and impacts, introduction to natural resource job opportunities	English ivy removal, streambank bittersweet nightshade removal
April 6	Duckabush Oxbow and Wetlands Preserve (Duckabush River, south of Brinnon)	Wildlife habitat features, wildlife tracking, human impacts on plant and animal life; introduction to wildlife biology job opportunities	Blackberry, Scot's broom removal
April 7	Duckabush Oxbow and Wetlands Preserve (Duckabush River, south of Brinnon)	Wetland health, noxious weed impacts; introduction to basic finances	Blackberry removal

Sites, activities, and learning objectives subject to change slightly depending upon land stewardship needs

Contact for Jefferson Land Trust:

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