



SAN JUAN ISLANDS YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

2023 SUMMER SEASON



2023 BY THE NUMBERS

- 40 crew members enrolled
- 4,908 hours of field work
- 8 weekly themes
- 15 agency partners
- 1 overnight camping trip

IN REVIEW

2023 marks the 16th year since YCC first started on Lopez Island, and its 7th year as a countywide program operating under the San Juan Islands Conservation District. Each year, YCC continues to provide a sense of community for youth, engaging middle school-aged crew members in gratifying hands-on environmental stewardship projects embedded with outdoor education and professional development skill-building activities.

During the summer season, a total of 40 crew members between the ages of 12-18 participated. The crews cumulatively contributed 4,908 hours of stewardship activities, environmental education lessons, and work projects throughout public lands and waters in San Juan County. To see a full list of 2023 projects, see our 2023 End of Season Report at sanjuanislandscd.org/ycc.



EDUCATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

A portion of each workday includes dedicated time for YCC youth to connect with the land through experiential, hands-on, reflective, and inquisitive environmental education activities.

This year, the summer season was organized into 8 weekly educational themes:

1. Training Week
2. Sense of Place
3. Endangered Species Preservation
4. Land Management Ethics
5. Marine, Nearshore, & Wetland Environments
6. Wilderness Skills
7. Forest & Fire Ecology
8. Art & Environmentalism

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