



SAN JUAN ISLANDS

YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

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2025 SUMMER SEASON

- 3,127 hours of stewardship activities
- 38 youth crew members
- 47 project sites across San Juan County
- 22 land management agency partners

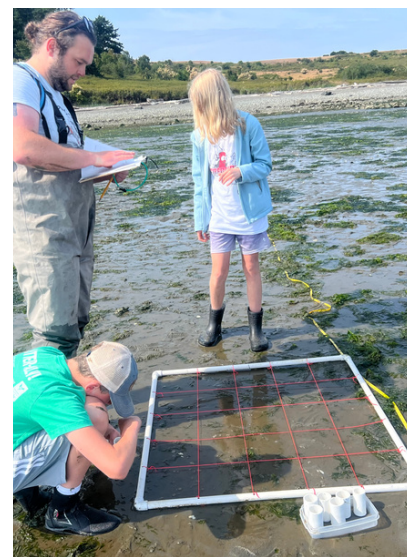
SEASON OVERVIEW

2025 marks the ninth year that the Youth Conservation Corps Program (YCC) has operated under the San Juan Islands Conservation District (SJICD). The YCC program includes three island crews - Lopez Island, Orcas Island and San Juan Island.

The YCC program is expanding each year and continues to be an important resource for students, community members and public land users alike.

YCC provides 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 38 crew members between the ages of 12-18 cumulatively participated in over 4,500 hours of stewardship activities, environmental education lessons, and work projects throughout public lands and waters in San Juan County.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN ACTION

A portion of each workday includes dedicated time for YCC youth to connect with the land through experiential environmental education activities. While success is often measured by visual on-the-ground work, YCC's achievements are also dependent on less tangible concepts such as developing a lifelong love of nature and stewardship ethic. YCC accomplishes this by creating opportunities to embrace teachable moments and adjust topics based on youth passions and enthusiasm throughout each day.

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE YCC?

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