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hiring!**

# Student Conservation Association Conservation Crews - SF Peninsula Mid-July to Mid-August

**Are you 16-19  
years old?  
Have financial  
need?  
Get outside this  
summer, help  
keep your  
community  
green & put a  
little green in  
your pocket too!**



- Work on Trails & Other Park Projects
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Work as a Team with Other Youth
- Learn About Environmental Issues
- Experience Outdoor Recreation & Camping
- Have Fun and Earn a \$tipend

**Application Requirements:** You must be 16-19 years old, demonstrate financial need, be a US citizen or documented permanent resident in order to earn the stipend, be able to commit to all program dates, and pass our medical screening. Please apply **NOW**. This is a competitive selection process, requiring an interview, medical form and additional paperwork.

**For more information, contact:** Tel: (650) 330-6422; Email: [slouis@thesca.org](mailto:slouis@thesca.org)

*A collaborative program of the San Mateo County Parks Department and the Student Conservation Association*



# SCA Conservation Crews

## SF Peninsula

### Summer 2015

**The SCA Conservation Crew is a five-week conservation service-learning experience.** Participants will receive a stipend for completing the program. The crew will consist of 8-10 crew members, ages 16-19, and two adult leaders. As a team, the crew will perform trail maintenance and site restoration projects in San Mateo County Parks. One day a week, participants will learn about local ecology and ways to preserve the environment. For one weekend during the program the crew will go on a camping trip.

#### Frequently asked Questions:

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

**A:** You must be:

- at least 16 years old and no older than 19 years old
- a low-income resident of San Mateo County (eligible for free school lunch program or provide other proof of financial need)
- motivated to do physical work and to learn about protecting the environment
- able to lift and swing tools (shovels, sledgehammers, pick mattocks, rakes, etc.); able to be outside for 8 hours a day in most kinds of weather; able to hike 30-60 minutes (2 miles); and bend, squat, & walk on uneven ground
- wearing all-leather work boots (no mesh, cloth, nylon, etc.) during work hours. Hardhats and gloves are provided.

**Q: What is the time commitment and stipend compensation?**

**A:** You will work Monday-Thursday, and participate in educational and training activities on Friday (attendance required) —for a total of 30-40 hours/week. Crews run for 4-5 weeks between July and August, exact dates to be determined. You will also be on a camping trip on one weekend but free all other weekends. You can earn a stipend of \$1,200 for completing the program. If you miss more than 3 days you may be dismissed from the program and could forfeit your stipend.

**Q: What exactly will I be doing as a crewmember?**

**A:** You will engage in rewarding and valuable physical work outdoors on conservation and restoration projects. The work is physically demanding, but if you are motivated and able to meet the requirements above, you will be able to do it! You will participate in two days of orientation at the beginning of the program, a 2-day camping trip, and a celebration event at the end, which friends and family are welcome to attend. Each week time will also be devoted to learning about the local ecology and environment. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the environment and the county park system, to enjoy the outdoors, to gain job and leadership skills, and to work on a team—while also earning a stipend!

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

**A:** You'll meet your Crew Leaders and van each morning at a convenient meeting location. The leaders will drive you to the work site in San Mateo county parks (approx. half hour ride) and back each day. At the end of the work day you'll be dropped off at the same location.

**For more info, contact: Community Programs, SCA, (650) 330-6422, [Slouis@thesca.org](mailto:Slouis@thesca.org)**

Now accepting applications. Please fill out a paper application or visit [www.bayareasca.org](http://www.bayareasca.org) to fill out an application online. This is a competitive selection process, requiring an interview, medical form, and additional paperwork following the initial application. **APPLY NOW** for better chance of acceptance.



# Student Conservation Association Participant Application



**Please print the following information as neatly as possible:**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Additional telephone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year in High School (circle one): 9th 10th 11th 12th Ethnicity (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Can you provide proof of being eligible for the free lunch program at school? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

\*Are you a U.S. citizen ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

\*Do you have an IEP? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

(\*\*\*not a requirement to participate)

As part of the SCA Bay Area School Year Program, you will be conserving our natural resources through outdoor conservation service work, enhancing environmental awareness, and developing teamwork and leadership skills.

Have you ever participated in an SCA crew or JobTrain's STAT program before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where, when and what did you do?

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Have you previously completed an SCA application? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn about SCA? (check all that apply)

☐ Former SCA participant Who? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SCA Recruiter/Staff

☐ Friend Who? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SCA Website

☐ Teacher/Adviser Who? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SCA Poster

☐ craigslist

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us about yourself** (attach additional pages if needed):

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 your challenges.

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Why do you want to join this program?

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Have you done any community service or volunteer work before? If so, please describe what you did and how it was.

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What do you enjoy about the outdoors? Have you ever been camping before? (It's okay if you haven't.)

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Describe any time you've spent away from your home parent/guardian. How do you feel about going away on some weekends to a new place and spending time with a group of new people?

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What special skills or strengths do you have that will positively contribute to this program or the group?

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What is something you are particularly interested in concerning the environment? This can be an skill you'd like to learn, an outdoor experience you would like to have, an issue in the news you've been hearing about and want to learn more about. Personal and school related goals can also be included.

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**Student Signature:**

**Please contact Sophie Louis once application is completed**

**Questions? Contact Sophie Louis, SCA Program Coordinator:**

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