

The Youth Partner Challenge patch will be awarded to each youth who finishes 8 of the 10 hikes with any CMC member. If a CMC member partners with a youth on all 8 hikes, then he/she may earn a patch as well.

Rules

- CMC membership is required; paid dues must be current at time of application for completion patch.
 - Youth is described as those younger than 18 years of age. Youth do not need to be members, although they may be.
 - A CMC member may partner with as many as 6 youth a year to earn their patch.
 - A separate log must be turned in for each participant including the name of the CMC partner(s), an interesting fact and date each hike was completed.
 - All 8 hikes must be completed in full before submitting the application for the patch.
- There is no time limit for completion.

Recognition

CMC adult members and youth must complete the Youth Partner Challenge Log. Completers will receive a patch and certificate of completion.

Those who complete the Youth Partner Challenge must submit their completed log by mail or email to CMC Education and Outreach Chair, Kay Shurtleff at P.O. Box 68, Asheville, NC 28802. Patches will be awarded at the CMC Annual Meeting each year in November. Patches will be mailed after the Annual Meeting for completers unable to attend. Please address questions to Kay Shurtleff at kshurtleff@msn.com.

Kay and I want to thank the CMC council members for supporting and approving this new challenge at the May meeting. The challenge expands our hike options by offering shorter educational hikes that can be shared with youth. Not only will current CMC members be encouraged to share hiking experienced with you, but also community outreach programs. Hopefully, many youth will become lifelong hikers!

The YPC information will be found under Education/Community Outreach on our CMC website.

Look for it soon.