

The Crex Camp Experience

- Earn over 70 hours of paid wages
- Receive a cool Crex Camp T-shirt and water bottle
- Get work boots, gloves and safety glasses
- Earn credit towards high school graduation
- Make new friends
- Be outside, working and exploring nature
- Have TONS of FUN!



Steps to Apply

- Step 1:** Fill out a Crex Camp application (ask a school guidance counselor or find it online at www.nwcep.org/crexmeadows)
- Step 2:** Fill out the application form and send it in
- Step 3:** Be interviewed. "Why do you want to come to camp?"
- Step 4:** Get accepted and get excited for two weeks of hard work and fun!

Who can come to Camp?

Camp is open to youth ages 14-18 at no-cost to eligible youth. For more information about eligibility please contact the Camp Director at 1-888-780-4237.

For information on Summer Sessions
please call 1-888-780-4237



Crex Meadows Youth Conservation Camp

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Serving Youth, Serving Nature



Crex Camp Rocks because...



"I learned I can do things that I didn't think I could do."

"The staff are awesome! They helped me recognize my abilities and made me stronger."

"I like the hands-on experience and classes. No boring lectures or note-taking."

"I learned new work skills and how I can do things if I set my mind to it."



"From Crex Camp, I have become a leader, gained the patience for anything and a new perspective on life that will make me not take anything for granted. This place and these people have changed my life forever."

Camp Benefits

Daily work projects are challenging but effort is rewarded in the form of a paycheck received after session participation. Skills gained throughout the session serve as great work experience for future jobs and life.

Past work projects include:

- Hiking Trail Maintenance
- Native Seed Harvesting and Planting
- Exotic Special Removal
- Canada Goose Round-up and Banding

In addition to the gaining valuable work skills, credit toward high school graduation is earned through the participation of daily science and skill-related curriculum. All classes are designed to be hands-on and focused on the development of basic skills.

Curriculum has included:

- Team Building and Leadership Development Activities
- Career Exploration and Assessments: Job Skill Development
- Science Curriculum: Animal tracking and ID, DNA extraction, Plant collection and ID, Water Usage
- Skill Development: Orienteering, Survival Techniques, Shelter building and Knot Tying



Life at Camp

Be prepared for physically demanding work, outside, in all weather conditions. Jobs assigned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources are challenging so expect to work hard and get sweaty during the day. In the evenings, camp life includes eating delicious food, staying in bunkhouses, participating in curriculum and recreation time. Weekends include a camping trip off-property and an outdoor adventure such as canoeing, horseback riding or a trip to a state park. Life at camp is fun so be ready to meet new people and make new friends; prepare yourself for lots of laughs and entertainment!



What is the Crex Camp?

Established in 1996, the Crex Meadows Youth Conservation Camp is located in Grantsburg, Wisconsin, situated at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area, one of the largest state-owned wildlife areas. The Crex Meadows Youth Conservation Camp is the result of a partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, and Northwest Wisconsin CEP, Inc., a private, non-profit organization. The Crex Camp is designed to provide a positive learning experience where youth develop valuable work-related skills and a connection with the environment.