Canadian Conservation Corps (CCC)

The Canadian Conservation Corps (CCC) is a three-part program designed to deeply engage young Canadians in our natural and cultural heritage through service, adventure and reflection. This program will recruit young people (ages 18 to 30) and will engage them over a nine-month period in a comprehensive program that will progress from wilderness journeys to field training and ultimately, to leading a meaningful service program in their own communities across Canada. The program was created by the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) in 2018 and is supported by the federal government through the Canada Service Corps (CSC). No experience is necessary to apply to the program and a diversity of applicants are selected. Visit CanadianConservationCorps.ca for more information or to get involved.

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Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF)

The Canadian Wildlife Federation is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to fostering awareness and appreciation of our natural world. By spreading knowledge of human impacts on the environment, carrying out research, developing and delivering education programs, promoting the sustainable use of natural resources, recommending changes to policy and co-operating with like-minded partners, CWF encourages a future in which Canadians can live in harmony with nature. For more information visit CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca.

Canada Service Corps (CSC)

Canada Service Corps is designed to generate a culture of service among young Canadians; concrete results for communities; personal growth through participation in a diverse team of peers; and lasting impacts on participants. The Canada Service Corps program is being developed for youth, by youth.

“Canada Service Corps is all about providing more youth with an opportunity to build Canada by giving back,” says the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour. “Meaningful opportunities like Canadian Conservation Corps mean more young people will have the chance to practice leadership, develop skills and gain great life and work experiences.”

STAGE 1 – Adventure Journey
In Stage 1, participants will take part in a wilderness voyage. This adventure of a lifetime is designed to build a conservation ethic and the tenacity required for success in life. A variety of certifications such as First Aid and WILD Education are included in the training program.

**STAGE 2 – Field Learning**
In this stage CCC participants will be immersed in exciting hands-on conservation and environmental field learning, labouring alongside experts in a variety of opportunities that may include areas such as: Habitat Creation and Restoration, Wildlife Management and/or Environmental Science, public awareness & environmental education. Corps members will have a chance to complete meaningful service learning to deepen the lessons learned in the first stage of the program. During this stage, participants will also begin to develop outreach and service projects they can deliver during stage three of the program.

**STAGE 3 – Community Outreach and Service**
In this stage, participants will share their knowledge with others in their home communities across Canada. Participants will engage with their community using a conservation issue of their choice. This central issue will allow them to engage others in their community in meaningful service. By reflecting upon this experience and sharing it with others, participants will help connect Canadians to nature and inspire the conservation of wildlife and habitat for the use and enjoyment of all.

**Participant Feedback**

"Over the last nine months I have had the opportunity to visit nine out of 10 Canadian provinces," said Shannon Anderson, a Canadian Conservation Corps graduate from New Brunswick. "I have climbed my first real mountain. I have touched the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. I have handed out plants to teachers in Calgary. I have participated in youth service and leadership talks in Toronto. I have chaperoned a youth trip to Northern British Colombia. I have been able to see 25 km across prairie and the largest skies in the world. I have helped create over 11 million walleye and 100,000 splake trout. I have tracked northern pike with a hydrophone. I have taken density of oxygen readings. I have helped film educational videos to raise awareness of aquatic invasive species. I have visited a sharp-tailed grouse lek. I have watched bison roam on some of the last remaining native prairie in the world. I have met people and created invaluable friendships from all over Canada. I have had a lot of fun."