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Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp recruits Youth for 33rd Year

MISSOULA, Montana. –

Youth, ages 14-18, are invited to spend a week this summer learning about natural resources through a series of hands-on experiences in Montana's outdoors. For over 30 years, the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp (MNRYS) has provided a safe and fun opportunity for high school age students to study the scientific principles, economic realities, historical heritage, and social perspectives of natural resource management.

Spend one week (July 14-19, 2019) learning about Montana's natural resources in the rustic setting of the Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula. Enrollment is open now and qualified campers are accepted on a first-come basis. The fee for camp is \$300 which includes meals, supplies, and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact their local Conservation District for sponsorship, which could cover much of the camp fee.

A limited number of need-based travel assistance grants (up to \$100) are available upon request. For return camper there is a guided overnight backpacking trip after the end of camp on Friday the 19th and returning Saturday late morning. An additional fee is \$50.00 and 10 spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Campers will learn about wildlife, forests, streams, soils, geology, range lands, and multiple land-use and the challenges of applying these disciplines in working landscapes. In between the field sessions, taught largely by natural resource agency and industry professionals, campers will spend a half-day rafting the Alberton Gorge, participate in special evening programs, interact with guest speakers, and experience hands-on learning-through-discovery.

For more information as well as the application package visit the camp website <http://mnryc.org> or contact Camp Director Christina Oppgard by phone 406-243-2773 or email Christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu.

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High-resolution images from previous camps are available upon request.

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