The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps program (CCLC) is a six-week conservation service-learning experience. Selected individuals will participate on crews that will consist of 10 high school students, one apprentice leader, and two adult crew leaders.

As a team, the crew will perform ecological restoration and trail maintenance projects in the Forest Preserves of Cook County. During the week students will also participate in environmental education-learning about the local ecology and the environmental topics in the region. See below for FAQs!

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

A: Students must be 14-19 years old by program start and enrolled in high school or be a 2020 high school graduate.

Q: How do I apply?

A: Please send a resume to Daiva Gylys at: dgylys@thesca.org with the Subject Line “2020 CCLC Application”

Q: What is the time commitment and how does transportation work?

A: The program will run from July 6th, 2020 to August 14th, 2020. Students generally work Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM to 3 PM, 28 hours/week and receive a wage of $10/hr. If a student misses more than 3 days of work they will be dismissed from the program and will forfeit the remaining pay. There are no exceptions for family vacations or summer school. Participants must be able to meet on site at Crabtree Nature Center (3 Stover Rd, Barrington, IL) to participate. We are unable to offer transportation to members at this time.

Q: What exactly do students do and where do they work?

A: Students will spend one week learning job skills that will prepare them for the program and give them skills that they can use in the future. They then engage in rewarding and valuable physical work outdoors on conservation and restoration projects in the Forest Preserves of Cook County including trail work, invasive species removal and nature center projects. Throughout each week time will be devoted to learning about the local ecology and environment.
A: For more information please contact:

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