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Greater Cincinnati students selected for Youth Conservation Team crew

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Meaningful summer jobs for students are hard to come by. But for this summer, expanding on its popular education programs and burgeoning restoration work, Ohio River Foundation is pleased to announce the 2016 Youth Conservation Team (YCT) crew.

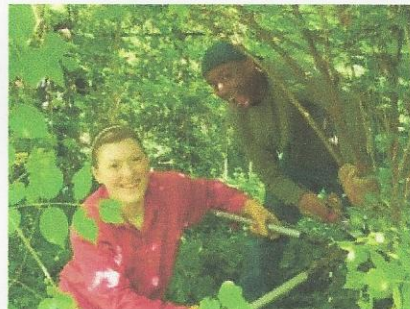
The students were selected through a competitive application process. This summer's YCT crew members are Sarah Ruehl (East Central High School, Indiana), Alexis Gauger (Archbishop McNicholas High School, Ohio), Hayley Hamblin (Dayton High School, Kentucky), Trystin Blanchett (Holy Cross High School, Kentucky), Courtney Roush (Northern Kentucky University), and Charlie DeVoe (University of Cincinnati). They are led by Crew Leader, Sarah Meadows. The crew will be busy performing habitat restoration projects in Northern Kentucky.

In addition to the watershed work they will perform, the students will also have education days. One day they will visit the University of Cincinnati's Center for Field Studies and conduct stream analyses with Mike Miller, Professor Emeritus, Department of Biological Sciences at University of Cincinnati. The other two days they will work with Professor Chris Lorentz, who is Director of the Thomas More College's Center for Ohio River Research and Education, and Miriam Kannan a Regents Professor at Northern Kentucky University.

"This is an exciting opportunity for students to expand their community service record and also learn more about conservation career opportunities," said Sarah Meadows, Crew Leader. "They are also receiving college level watershed education on designated YCT education days. The YCT experience is a comprehensive stewardship experience."

Campbell County program partner is Northern Kentucky University. This summer's program is funded in part by Ashland, Inc. and Northern Kentucky University.

Ohio River Foundation is a nonprofit organization serving the 200,000 square mile watershed with education and conservation programs. Its River Explorer and Youth Conservation Team programs reach thousands of students every year, encouraging environmental stewardship and consideration of conservation careers. ORF also assists communities throughout the watershed in protecting water quality and facilitating the restoration and protection of their natural resources.



Youth Conservation Team crew members removing an invasive honeysuckle bush in summer 2015.

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