



# EASTERN WASHINGTON FORESTRY INTERNSHIPS



## Purpose

Paid forestry internships are being offered to youth throughout Stevens, Pend Oreille and Ferry Counties in order to alleviate barriers to living wage employment for youth in our region. By providing these youth with an opportunity to experience a career in forestry, we give them a chance to re-imagine their futures and set new goals. Educational programming is also provided to support the worksite learning and introduce youth to forestry curriculum content through hands on investigations and learning on the ground.

## Who

The internships are open to 16—24 year olds who aren't currently enrolled in school or not planning on enrolling for fall classes and meet eligibility requirements.

## Where

Internship workplaces can be any agency or business that involves skills in forestry applications. Internships will be located all over the Tri-County area and the burden of transportation will be considered when placing youth with limited transportation resources.

## What

Youth can be expected to do a range of work during the internship. In work placements, they may be maintaining trails on some of our beautiful public spaces, in other cases, they might be measuring logs and recording the data on a spreadsheet. During investigations, youth will meet at a site with access to a forest. They will be learning by doing. This learning model will improve their problem solving and critical thinking skills as they investigate their outdoor classroom.

## When

Two sessions are planned for July and August 2018 with each session lasting 4 weeks. Each week participants will work for 3 days and study for 2 days.

## How

Rural Resources Employment and Training pays the wages and L&I for each participant. Partner workplaces provide forestry related tasks and mentor students. The education program supplements and supports the learning that youth are doing on the ground. The three elements work together to provide youth a unique opportunity to experience forestry careers.



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Contact Rural Resources Employment and Training Coordinators at (509) 685-6128 for more details about eligibility and work place requirements.