Preserving and Maintaining Trees Around Indianapolis

The Youth Tree Team started in 2006 to help water and mulch trees planted through the KIB Neighborwoods program. Today, 8 crews help preserve and maintain more than 5,000 trees each year.

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Click here to Meet the 2012 Crew!

The Youth Tree Team is a seven-week summer program for high school students. Participants receive a free lunch each work day and earn $8.00 per hour for their work! Youth Tree Team members work 20 hours a week, with their crew, to water, mulch, prune, stake, and plant trees. Each crew consists of 8 high school students and two adult leaders.Youth applicants must currently be enrolled in high school to participate.

The Deadline to Apply for the 2013 Team Has passed.
If you are interested in applying next year, please click here.

Check out the Areas Around Town Where YTT Waters Trees

Click on the orange features to learn about the work sites.

View Youth Tree Team Worksites in a larger map

Who makes up the Youth Tree Team?

The Youth Tree Team (YTT) is a select group of Indianapolis high school aged youth with adult leaders. Youth applicants must currently be enrolled in high school. We are seeking candidates who have the following characteristics: Initiative, Professionalism, Respect, Interest in the environment, Pride in your work, Responsibility and the ability to work well with a team. Click here to Meet the 2012 Crew.

Past Youth Tree Team Crews:
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What Kind of Work does YTT do?

The Youth Tree Team
works to preserve and maintain trees planted through the NeighborWoods Program. We work outdoors to water, mulch, prune, stake, and plant trees. Other duties include consistent attendance and punctuality, weeding, litter clean-up, working harmoniously with team members, follow crew leader directions, participating fully in enrichment activities, filling out work logs and other duties as assigned. Along with daily work activities,The Youth Tree Team does weekly enrichment activities including, a wilderness camping trip, learning financial management skills, networking with green-collar professionals, and rafting on the White River.

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Why Should You Apply to Be Part of YTT?

You will be paid.

- You will make great friends.
- You will be trained in tree care.

- You will learn about personal financial management from local bankers.
- You will receive a free lunch on each work day.
- You will exercise every day.
- You will gain teamwork experience.
- You will learn leadership skills through our training process.
- You will go on a wilderness trip.
- You will spend your summer doing meaningful, important and fun activities.

2013 Program Dates

The 2013 Summer Youth Tree Team will work Mon - Thurs from June 17 to August 1
Youth work 20 hours per week (5 hours per day, 4 days per week).

The Four-Step Application Process for Youth :

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Step 1: Register
Fill out your application by Monday, February 25
Step 2: Challenge Day
Saturday, March 2
Through a series of fun obstacles you will be challenged to work hard, get your hands dirty and be part of the team.
Step 3: Volunteer
Saturday, April 6
Applicants who work hard at Challenge Day will be invited to a tree planting.
Step 4: Interview
Sunday, May 5
After you have completed steps 1-3, we will invite you to do a job interview.

Learn About YTT Challenge Day

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Requirements to be an adult leader:

High School diploma or equivalent
Valid US Driver's License
Ability to carry 40lb buckets of water while walking several hundred feet

Youth Tree Team in the News

- **Central Indiana Community Foundation Feature**
- **WTHR report**
- **NUVO article**
- **Indy Style Feature**

Click here to learn about programs similar to YTT
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