



EARTH SERVICE CORPS!

YMCA Earth Service Corps (YESC) is a leadership and environmental service-learning program with combines four key elements: leadership development, environmental education, service-learning, and international/cross-cultural awareness. YESC partners with area school to form extracurricular clubs. Teachers and community volunteers serve as adult advisor, students provide energy and leadership, and YMCA staff provide resources and support. YESC objectives are as follows:

- To encourage young people to examine all sides of environmental issues by looking at scientific aspects of the environment and the way history, culture, society, economics, and politics impact the way decisions are made
- To help young people learn and practice leadership skills by fostering open mindedness, cooperative action, problem solving, and community building
- To help young people explore attitudes of different cultures toward the environment by bringing together a divers group of people to exchange ideas and participate in joint projects.
- To advance education through action by empowering young people to initiate and carry out constructive environmental projects so that they learn by doing.
- To promote broad understanding and appreciation of diversity by exposing young people to a variety of cultural experiences and environmental perspectives.

Programs will be held at various middle schools and high schools around Flagstaff.

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