

# NEWS

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A Youth Conservation Corps camp will host 20 Washington high school students at the Nisqually Delta this summer thanks to a \$22,390 grant received this week by The Evergreen State College from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dr. S. F. Jerry Cook, Evergreen YCC project director, says students will spend June 19 to August 13 at the National Wildlife Refuge under the supervision of a camp director, an environmental education instructor and three group leaders.

The young workers, selected by the Fish and Wildlife Service, will devote the majority of their time to assisting Bill Hesselbart, Nisqually Refuge Manager, with general work projects. They'll concentrate the remainder of their efforts on studying environmental education.

Dr. Cook says Evergreen hopes the increased interest in funding for public works projects may enable the college to establish YCC camps as a regular component of its summer academic programs.

Evergreen students and faculty have been working and studying on the delta since the college opened in 1971. This Spring the Weyerhaeuser Company awarded Evergreen a \$90,000 grant to conduct two separate inventories of plant and animal life on the delta. Dr. Cook is supervising one of those inventories while Evergreen Faculty Biologist Dr. Alfred Wiedemann directs the other.

MEMORANDUM

May 3, 1977

TO: Judy Annis  
FROM: Jerry Cook *JC*  
SUBJECT: Youth Conservation Corps grant

For your interest, the college has been awarded a grant of \$22,390 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to sponsor a Youth Conservation Corps camp this summer. The camp will operate from the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge although Evergreen will provide food and lodging.

The camp will be comprised of 20 high school students from throughout the state who will spend 8 weeks in residence from June 19 - August 13. Staffing will include a camp director, an environmental education instructor, and 3 group leaders. With the exception of the camp director, these positions will be recruited from Evergreeners. Since I negotiated the contract, I will serve as Project Director.

The students will assist the Nisqually Refuge Manager with general work projects during the summer. In addition, 25% of their time will be devoted to environmental education and environmentally-oriented projects in the Delta.

With the increase in interest and funding for public works projects such as this, it is hoped that YCC camps will become a regular component of the College's summer program.