

YCC provides opportunity for young

"The Youth Conservation Corps is a wonderful opportunity for young people."

"I am grateful for the opportunity of working, learning and earning with the YCC."

"I feel that I have accomplished a great deal this Summer while learning a lot about the land and its natural resources, living with others and myself."

"It was challenging, it was rewarding and it was always fun."

"YCC is so much more than a Summer program...it's a way of life, an outlook, a feeling, a future."

These are but a few of the written comments received by staff people in the Bureau of Forestry, Department of Environmental Resources, from youthful participants in the Youth Conservation Corps Program which is designed to provide an opportunity to conserve and develop the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

This was the fifth year for the program, administered on State Park and State Forest lands by the Department of Environmental Resources' Bureaus of Forestry and State Parks, which is a Summer employment type of activity for young men and women within the age limit of 15 through 18.

The length of the program is eight weeks and during that period of time, beginning about mid-June, the youths were engaged in a wide variety of projects ranging from cutting brush, painting DER properties on State Parks and State Forest lands, to stream improvements, building and repairing bridges, constructing hiking trails for which there is a great need in Pennsylvania, improving wildlife habitat and carrying out specific projects aimed at wildfire

prevention.

Projects completed by the YCC participants, both in the non-residential and residential areas, were valued at \$1,057,000 and while the cost of the program during 1978 totaled \$1,442,000 the cost to State Government was only \$301,000. The balance, \$1,141,000 was paid by the Federal Government in the form of a grant.

Pennsylvania's participation in the program, which aids tremendously in the development of an understanding and appreciation of the Commonwealth's natural environment and heritage,

has grown steadily over the past five years.

During 1978 some 1,030 youths participated in 114 non-residential project areas scattered throughout 50 counties in the Commonwealth plus two residential camps.

Non-residential participants commuted daily to and from the work site, while those involved in the residential programs - with camps at Blue Knob State Park, Bedford County, and at Pocono Ridge, in Pike County - spent the entire work period at camp.

As proof of the interest shown in the program, many of this year's par-

ticipants have already indicated a strong desire to join in the YCC activities again next year while others, possibly because of age, have hopes of returning as project leaders.

Over 54,000 applications were distributed early this year to interested youths across the Commonwealth through public and private schools, the Bureau of Employment Security Offices, State Park and State Forest offices, and through some YMCA's.

Of this number approximately 11,000 applications were returned for the 1,532 available

positions at State and Federal YCC projects in Pennsylvania and a random selection was then made by computer to assure each applicant an equal opportunity for selection.



A hangnail is not so called because it hangs. It just hurts. "Ang" in Old English meant "pain."



WORKSHOP--Planning committee for the workshop on aggressive and compulsive behavior in children and adolescents include seated, from left to right: Molly Williams, Intermediate Unit; Dr. Linda Day and Barbara Welliver, Children's Service Center; Iran Ahmy, Intermediate Unit. Standing, from left to right: Dr. David Kahn, Children's Service Center; Theodora Berlatsky, Family Service Association; William Hannon, Intermediate Unit; Warren Yarnal and Frank Zola, Children's Service Center (Ace-Hoffman photo)

Workshop on children

The Family Service Association and the Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley, and Luzerne Intermediate Unit No. 18 are joining together to sponsor a workshop on aggressive and impulsive behavior in Children and adolescents.

The workshop will take place on Friday, Dec. 1, at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts at Wilkes College, and will feature three eminent speakers.

The morning sessions of the workshop will be open to all individuals who work with children and

adolescents. Staffs from the sponsoring agencies will also meet more informally with the speakers in an afternoon session.

Information about the schedule and registration for the workshop can be obtained by calling Mrs. Lois Harvey at the Children's Service Center.



PRE-HOLIDAY MUSICAL--Committee members of the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association met recently to discuss the forthcoming second annual pre-holiday musical entertainment by the Wyoming Seminary students from the Kingston campus and Day School, Forty Fort at Percy Brown's on Dec. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Alumni Association with Mrs. Barbara Lemmond, Dallas, chairperson (right) and assisted by Mrs. Claire Evans,

Dallas, (left) and Stephen Killian, West Nanticoke, (center) who is president of the alumni association. Jack Meeks, Dallas, (extreme left) is director of Alumni Affairs at the school. The public is invited along with Seminary alumni, parents, families and friends. The musical entertainment is under the direction of John Vaida, Seminary music department chairman and Keith Hampton, music teacher at the Day School.

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