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Photo by James Quinn, Mohegan Tribe THPO

Youth Participate in 2016 Renovations of Historic U.S. Forest Service Building

Renovations to the Black River Harbor pavilion—located on the Bessemer Ranger District of the Ottawa National Forest (MI)—highlight the benefits of collaborations, partnerships, and youth and community engagement.

This multi-faceted project, spanning eight years, was one that many Forest Service employees and program areas participated in and benefited from. The Ottawa National Forest also partnered with HistoriCorps (<http://historicorps.org/>) to complete several of the renovations to this historic structure, constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) from Camp Norrie in 1939.

HistoriCorps spent ten days on the Ottawa National Forest working on the historic structure, with 38 volunteers from seven states contributing 1,133 hours. Volunteers included seven local youth from the Ottawa's 2016 Youth Conservation



Black River Harbor pavilion in the Ottawa National Forest.

Photo courtesy of U.S. Forest Service.

Corps crew and eight tribal youth from the 2016 Lac Vieux Desert Youth Conservation Corps crew. Bringing this historic structure back to life was a collaborative effort between HistoriCorps, several partners and volunteers, as well as many Forest

Service resource area employees.

Black River Harbor offers a wide-array of recreation opportunities, including boating, fishing, hiking, picnicking, and waterfall viewing. The enclosed picnic pavilion is a popular location for family picnics, gatherings, and celebrations. The pavilion had a backlog of deferred maintenance that required expertise in historic renovations to protect its historical integrity for future generations. Partnering with HistoriCorps for the renovations was a perfect fit.

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Youth from Eastern Shawnee and Shawnee Tribes Participate in “More Kids in the Woods” Program at Shawnee National Forest, Illinois

“Hey, I got another piece of glass!” Brianna Barnes breathed as Mykal Brisbois and Mackenzie Sheppard continued to push the southern Illinois clay through the screen while others scraped the bottom of the excavation unit with their trowels,

scraping against sandstone and other debris left by the site’s past inhabitants.

These were the sounds in the Shawnee National Forest in ...

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2016 Renovations, cont.

Renovations to the pavilion included foundation repairs; construction and installation of three screen doors, 11 windows and frames, and 91 linear feet of window shutters; and mortar repairs to the stonework.

This entire project was a great way to connect people to the outdoors; engage them in their natural and cultural heritage; build external relationships; and work across resource area boundaries to accomplish and improve resource area objectives.

The Black River Harbor pavilion is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and an important historical and cultural facility that is ready to be enjoyed and admired by current and future generations thanks to this renovation project!

More information about the Ottawa National Forest is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa>.

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Offers Traditional Teachings Camps

Dive into Pueblo culture in this immersive week-long experience tailored to adults (18+). Work with indigenous crops in the Resilience Garden and engage in hands-on activities related to Pueblo culture.

The camp will be Autumn 2017. For more information go to http://www.indianpueblo.org/?event=summer-camp-all&event_date=2017-06-01.

"More Kids in the Woods", continued



More Native Kids in the Woods 2015 participants. Photo courtesy of U.S. Forest Service.

Summer 2015 as tribal youth from the Eastern Shawnee and Shawnee Tribes and chaperones explored the region of their ancestors. Forest Service archaeologists Heather Carey and Mary McCorvie taught the students the basics of archaeological excavation. The group traveled to southern Illinois from their homes scattered around northeastern Oklahoma through a grant from the Eastern Region of the U.S. Forest Service called More Kids in the Woods.

Building on the Forest Service tradition of conservation education, the Shawnee National Forest worked with the Center for Archaeological Investigations and Touch of Nature Environmental Center (both at Southern Illinois University) to offer the outdoor education opportunity for these tribal youth. Alex Halbrook (Touch of Nature) provided a number of education and recreation activities for the students when they were not digging.

After participating in the excavation, tribal youth canoed the Cache River and learned about the area's ecology, and hiked to the top of Millstone Bluff to learn about the prehistory of southern Illinois and the area's earliest inhabitants. The Bluff is an interpreted archaeological site containing the unplowed remains of a village surrounding a plaza area, a looted stone box cemetery, rock art and a Late Woodland stone fort. The 2015 program was the first of many planned over several years in an effort to establish a regional connection. It developed out of a request by the three federally-recognized Shawnee Tribes to link their youth with their past.

In 2016 seven Eastern Shawnee and 13 Shawnee tribal youth participated in the second More Kids in the Woods program at Shawnee National Forest. Last summer's activities included visiting the Garden of the Gods (the forest's most notable rock formations), creating sound maps, hiking Rim Rock National Recreation Trail, and identifying species of plants, tree, lizards and birds. *For a complete version of the 2015 program article, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/shawnee/news-events/?cid=STELPRD3856764>.*

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIVE YOUTH!!

American Conservation Experience job opportunities:

<https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/>

Ancestral Lands Internship and Crew Member Positions: <http://sccorps.org/join/ancestral-lands/>

Available through Multiple Agencies:

- 21st Century Conservation Service Corps: <http://21csc.org/join/hire-a-crew/types-of-21csc-projects/>

A national effort to put thousands of America's young people to work protecting, restoring, and enhancing America's great outdoors. A 21CSC experience can provide training, skills, education, and employment opportunities to pursue a wide range of careers and life opportunities. 21CSC programs exist in all 50 states.

Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program (CRDIP): www.crdip.org

US Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/opportunities-for-young-people>

- Youth Conservation Corps through the U.S. Forest Service:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/opportunities-for-young-people/youth-conservation-corps-opportunities>

YCC is a work-learn-earn program for youth 15 through 18 that develops an understanding and appreciation in participating youth of the nation's environment and heritage. YCC offers gainful summer employment to youth, for approximately eight weeks, in a healthful outdoor atmosphere.

- Pathways Internship Program with the USFS:

http://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/media/2015/16/Pathways_Applicant.pdf

Pathways Programs provide paid employment opportunities with the Federal government for high school students, undergraduates, post-graduates and recent graduates. Pathways opportunities include archaeological internships and archaeological assistant positions.

- Passport in Time (PIT): <http://www.passportintime.com/>

A volunteer archaeology and historic preservation program of the USFS. PIT volunteers work with professional archaeologists and historians on national forests throughout the U.S. on activities like archaeological survey and excavation, rock art and historic structure restorations, archival research, oral history gathering, and artifact analysis and curation.

- Inter-Tribal Natural Resources Camp

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nezperceclearwater/workingtogether/partnerships/?cid=STELPRDB5108220>

A week-long camp hosted by the Nez Perce National Forest with four other National Forests and four Indian Tribes targeted for teens living on or near area reservations (tribal enrollment is not necessary). Resource professionals from the Nez Perce, Clearwater, Colville, Idaho Panhandle and Payette National Forests, and Nez Perce, Coeur d'Alene, Kalispell, and Spokane Tribes offer lessons and work opportunities, such as surveying roads, streams and archaeological sites, performing stand exams and monitoring wildlife habitats.

National Park Service (NPS): - Historic Preservation Internship Program:

<https://www.nps.gov/tps/education/internships.htm> (posted in January)

- NAGPRA and other NPS internships across the country can be found via the National Council for Preservation Education listings: <http://preservenet.cornell.edu/employ/intern.php>

Smithsonian Institution: Native American Awards Program – Internship

<http://www.smithsonianofi.com/internship-opportunities/native-american-internship-awards/>

Academic Archaeology Awards (via SAA):

<http://www.saa.org/ForMembers/CommitteesTaskForces/StudentAffairsCommittee/>

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