



# SAN JUAN ISLANDS YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

2024 SUMMER SEASON



## YCC BY THE NUMBERS

- 47 crew members enrolled
- 3,912 hours of field work
- 20 partner collaborations
- 50 miles of trails maintained
- 11,800 cubic feet of noxious weeds removed

## IN SUMMARY

2024 marks the 17th year since YCC first started on Lopez Island, and its 8th year as a countywide program operating under the San Juan Islands Conservation District. Each year, YCC continues to provide a sense of community for youth, engaging middle school-aged crew members in gratifying hands-on environmental stewardship projects embedded with outdoor education and professional development skill-building activities.

During the summer season, a total of 47 crew members between the ages of 12-18 participated in the YCC program. The crews cumulatively contributed 3,572 hours of stewardship activities, environmental education lessons, and work projects throughout public lands and waters in San Juan County. To see a full list of 2024 projects, see our 2024 End of Season Report at [sanjuanislandscd.org/ycc](https://sanjuanislandscd.org/ycc).

## San Juan Crew



## Orcas Crew



## Lopez Crew



## EDUCATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

A portion of each workday includes dedicated time for YCC youth to connect with the land through experiential, hands-on, reflective, and inquisitive environmental education activities.

This season was organized into 8 weekly themes:

1. Training Week
2. Sense of Place
3. Endangered Species Preservation
4. Land Management Ethics
5. Marine, Nearshore, & Wetland Environments
6. Wilderness Skills
7. Forest & Fire Ecology
8. Art & Environmentalism

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