

Register for CVC?summer program for youth

Registration for Credit Valley Conservation's (CVC) popular Conservation Youth Corps (CYC) program is now open. High school students can earn volunteer hours by participating in environmental stewardship activities. Spaces are limited, so students are encouraged to sign up now.

This will be the seventh year CVC has offered the program to high school students in the Credit River watershed. Participants volunteer in groups of seven with CVC staff for one week during the summer. The first volunteer day will consist of an orientation session at Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The remaining days will be spent completing conservation, restoration and ecological monitoring projects. The program runs for nine weeks during summer break.

Each year, approximately 250 students work on a range of activities that benefit nature, while earning up to 35 of the 40 volunteer hours needed to graduate from high school. Activities include tree planting, managing invasive species, aquatic and terrestrial monitoring, fish and wildlife habitat construction, community gardening, trail maintenance and more.

?CYC helped build my knowledge of nature,? said Chandini Chandrabalan, CYC participant and student at Gordon Graydon Secondary School in Mississauga. ?The program showed me different ways to help my community. I got the chance to develop my leadership, communication and work habits.?

Volunteers have an opportunity to learn about the environment through meaningful experiences, explore different areas of the Credit River watershed and meet new people. The CYC summer program also looks impressive on a resume as well as on college and university applications.

All training and tools are provided. The only thing volunteers need to bring is lunch, a refillable water bottle and a good attitude. For more information about CYC and to register visit www.creditvalleyca.ca/cyc or call CVC at 906-670-1615 or toll free at 1-800-668-5557.