



# NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS

## Celebrating our 40th field season!

Dear alumni and friends,

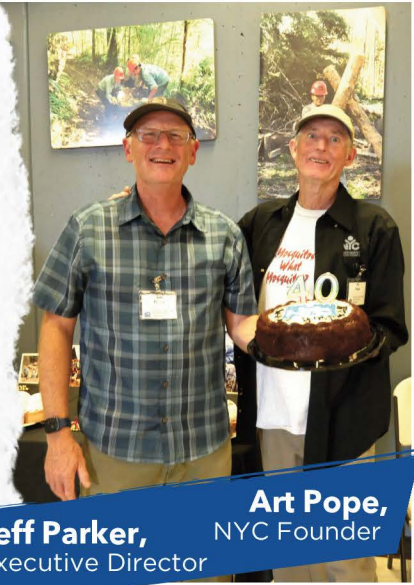
As we approach the end of our 40th field season, we want to pause to celebrate the almost 27,000 alumni who have served with us since 1984. We are in awe of these young people who took that original leap of faith to sign up for a Northwest Youth Corps program to embark on what so many call a life-changing experience.

When faced with challenges, these individuals have shown their willingness to push themselves to try harder and reach beyond their comfort level. In doing so, they discovered they could do more than they thought possible. They became mentally and physically stronger, more engaged with the world around them, and more confident in their ability to meet their goals in life. Additionally, over the past forty years, they have completed more than 4.4 million hours of service work, significantly improving the natural lands, waters, and communities of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

To those 27,000 alumni who pushed themselves to be better—a better teammate, a better leader, a better community member, and a better person—**We Thank You!**

### 40TH CELEBRATION RECAP

On September 28th, we were delighted to host a celebration of our 40th anniversary at our Eugene campus. It was exhilarating to experience the gathering of more than 170 past crew members, staff, board members, and supporters representing every decade of our history, coming together to celebrate this significant milestone. We were particularly honored to have NYC Founder Art Pope join us for the occasion. It was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with everyone, share stories, and catch up on each other's lives. The event served as a wonderful way to recognize 40 years of success and impact, and to begin to imagine the opportunities before us in our next 40 years.



**Jeff Parker,**  
Executive Director

**Art Pope,**  
NYC Founder





# INAUGURAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY (UCF) CREWS

In 2024, Northwest Youth Corps successfully launched a new five-year initiative to increase the health and size of urban forest canopies in the greater Boise, ID; Eugene, OR; and Tacoma, WA areas through grant funding from the USDA Forest Service. These innovative UCF crews operate in partnership with local government and nonprofit organizations, engaging young people in creating vibrant urban forests to mitigate the effects of climate change in their community. To date, 185 NYC members have contributed more than 42,000 hours of service planting and maintaining trees, clearing invasive species, participating in public outreach and education, and otherwise enhancing the vitality of urban forests. Additionally, this initiative has provided more than 6,000 hours of important career-building and educational opportunities to participants.



**185**  
UCF participants



**42,000+**  
hours of service



**6,000+**  
hours of education



Oregon UCF member uses hypsometer instrument to measure tree height during tree survey.



Washington UCF crew removes invasive weeds from native plantings at Fife City Hall.



Idaho UCF crew records data from weather monitoring stations in Boise to measure how trees affect heat.

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT NYC'S FUTURE SUCCESS

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we hope you will consider a symbolic donation of \$40 or more in honor of our 40 years of service. Your contribution, regardless of size, directly impacts the success of our programs and allows us to continue providing life-changing experiences for young people.

“This conservation crew has been on my bucket list and I am so grateful for donors like you for making it possible. This crew has opened my eyes to the world of conservation and all the opportunities I have available to me in the future... This has brought me many different skills along with perseverance and improved work ethic.” - Sarah, Youth Member 2024

**Please consider donating \$40 for our 40th anniversary.**

Your contribution helps us create more effective programs to equip young people with the skills needed to live full and productive lives. Thank you.

To donate online,  
scan QR code with phone or visit  
[nwyouthcorps.org/donate](https://nwyouthcorps.org/donate)

Sincerely,

Peter Chesser  
NYC ALUMNI 2011  
Communications Officer



### Calling all alumni!

We invite you to join our Alumni Network today to reconnect with former crewmates and take advantage of networking and career development opportunities for current and past participants. Learn more at [nwyouthcorps.org/alumni](https://nwyouthcorps.org/alumni)

**SCAN  
HERE!**

