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### My Summer in the Woods

The Youth Conservation Corps Summer Internship has been a fun job for me this summer. Sometimes, it didn't even feel like work because I enjoyed myself so much. It has taught us all lifelong lessons that can always be used. From building stone walls to weeding gardens, tampering dirt to digging hundreds of water trenches, a large array of tasks have been introduced to us. But the learning goes much further than the manual labor. This internship also teaches the students a strong work ethic. We are not like our friends who sleep all day. We wake up five days a week to come and work. This internship teaches me how to use my bankbook. When you are spending your parent's money, you do not really care how much you spend. When it's your own money, you stop and think. This job has taught me to save my money and make it last from week to week. I also put a majority of my paycheck in the bank to make sure I save some and don't spend it all on junk. I would say the summer internship has taught us all to be hard workers and earn every penny we receive

We have also had some great trips. We went to Sacred Heart University to have a college tour. It gave us a nice preview of the college life. We also went to an agricultural fair in Bridgewater, Connecticut. It had many displays of the farming lifestyle. It was lots of fun, too.

I am looking forward to working through the fall and again next summer. I hope to become a crew leader. I would love to share the knowledge I gained this summer with younger students.