

Conservation

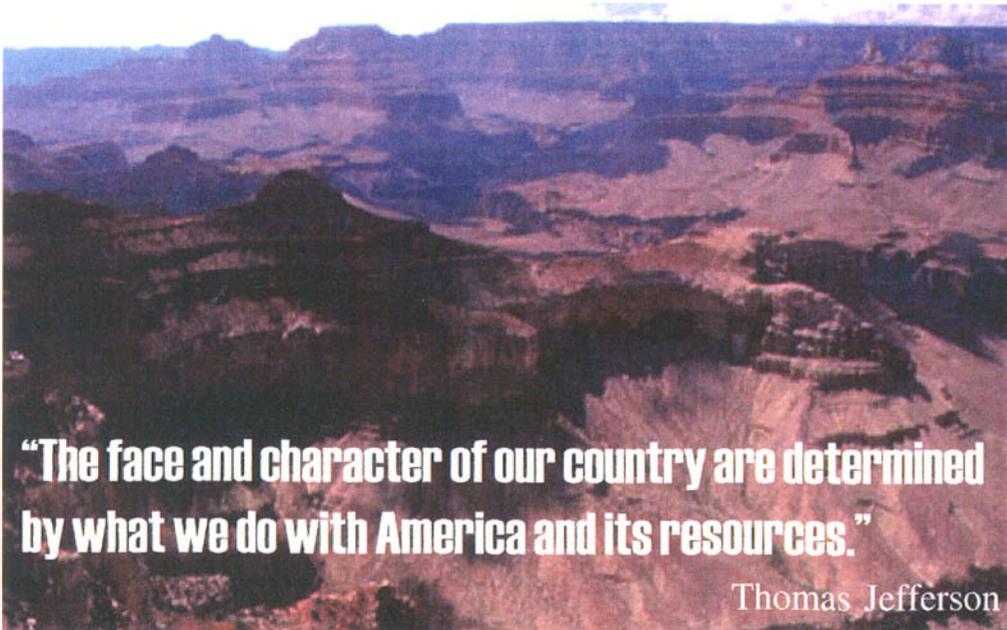
We the people will work together to acquire the knowledge and skills to be wise and caring stewards of our natural and cultural resources.

USA

Who We Are

Conservation USA is envisioned to be a partnership of natural resource and land management governmental agencies and environmental, senior, and national youth organizations. When Conservation USA is fully implemented, we will:

- ▶ Provide conservation skills training and natural resource education for youth services and other organizations.
- ▶ Provide opportunities for youth and adults to undertake volunteer conservation service projects and become more effective leaders in conserving public and private natural and cultural resources.
- ▶ Promote the ethic of service and provide natural resource education through outreach and public relations.
- ▶ Provide a network for local field offices of natural resource and land management governmental agencies and private land owners to effectively utilize trained volunteers in their education and volunteer programs.



“The face and character of our country are determined by what we do with America and its resources.”

Thomas Jefferson

Participants

Non-Profit Organizations

American Camping Association
Boy Scouts of America
Girl Scouts USA
FFA Organization (Future Farmers of America)
4-H
National Outdoor Leadership School
EASI (Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement)
Izaak Walton League of America
International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
National Recreation and Park Assn.
YMCA

Department of Agriculture

U.S. Forest Service
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management
National Park Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Department of Defense

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Environmental Protection Agency

Conservation USA *Mission Statement*

The mission of Conservation USA is to prepare volunteer leaders to carry out conservation projects through partnerships.

What We'll Be

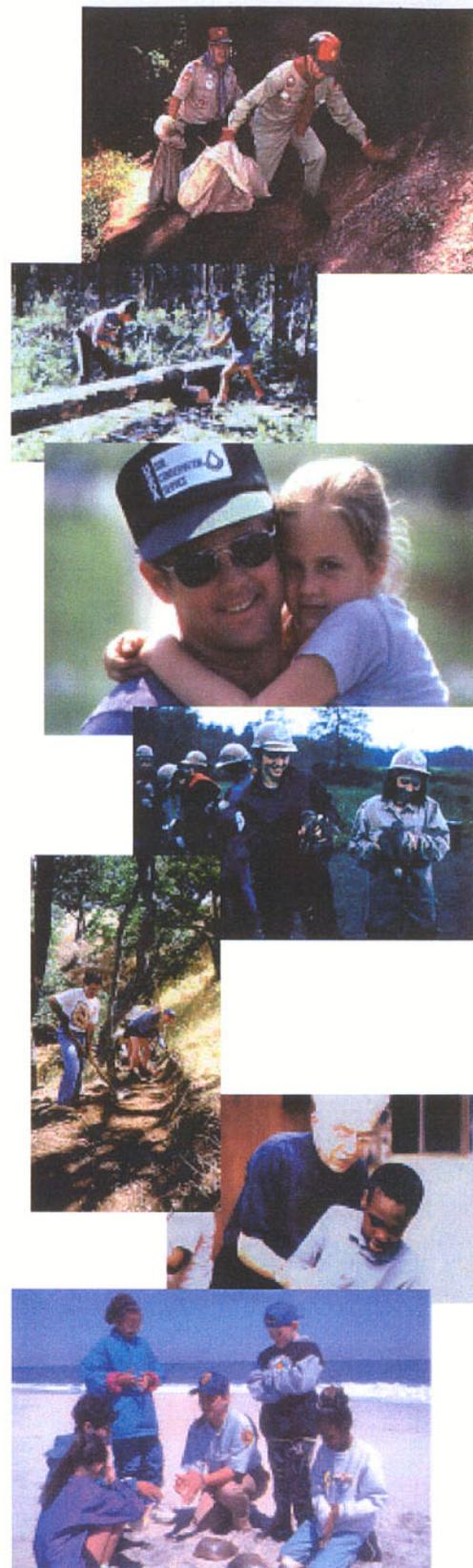
The American Camping Association will provide strong organizational support to ensure high quality delivery of services. Conservation USA will use program design and youth activities to further program goals and address conservation needs. Hands-on conservation project work and natural resource education (stewardship) will be vehicles for inspiring youth leadership.

Our Goals

- ▶ Teach and apply a set of core competencies. Project leaders will have the competencies to:
 - ▷ Give leadership to volunteer projects
 - ▷ Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies and land holders
 - ▷ Provide a safe experience for volunteer crews
 - ▷ Identify conservation projects needs
 - ▷ Understand general conservation project guidelines
 - ▷ Have knowledge of resources available and be able to define additional resources
 - ▷ Understand resource management and stewardship
 - ▷ Introduce career opportunities in Cultural and Natural Resource Management and Youth Services
- ▶ Create and sustain a vibrant partnership program.
- ▶ Achieve tangible, long-lasting cultural and natural resources benefits.
- ▶ Instill a life-long commitment to continued caring, learning, and service.

“Conservation means the development of an ecological conscience.”

Aldo Leopold



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