

## **Spring 2018 Campus Sustainability Fund Grant Proposal**

**Title:** Campus Conservation Corps (CCC)

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**Additional Participants:** Student Veterans Association (SVA), The Nature Conservancy (Adirondack Chapter, and 10 additional PSC students and counting, as of 20180409

**Total Amount Requested:** \$500

## **Project Summary**

### **Goals:**

The goal of this project is to create a professional partnership between Paul Smiths College and The Nature Conservancy, led by the Student Veterans Association. This Partnership will work to create an outreach project in the following ways.

- Connecting Student Veterans with the Paul Smiths Community in a way that is specifically designed to demonstrate and teach quality leadership traits, techniques and applications as well as develop professional relationships and/or mentorship.
- Connecting the Paul Smiths Community to the Adirondack region in a developmental manor that not only builds the communities view of PSC, but also allows direct engagement to fortify the reputation of local origins. Allowing both PSC and the surrounding communities to exemplify positive impacts on one another.
- Connecting the PSC community with the local Chapter of The Nature Conservancy to create a dynamic and growing partnership. This partnership, starting with simple volunteer opportunities, has the potential for The Nature Conservancy to directly source participants for jobs, internships, and other resume building opportunities directly from PSC.

### **Project Justification and Relevance**

Other than creating a partnership with The Nature Conservancy and other locally based conservation organizations, the CCC will create an opportunity for students to both positively impact the community they are a part of as well as connect them with resources that can positively impact Campus. This will occur through a continuing volunteer program in which PSC and The Nature Conservancy support one another in their conservation efforts. With the assistance of the Nature conservancy, the PSC community could create the connections and resources necessary to implement the “Restore the Shore” endeavor of Lower St. Regis lake.

### **Methods**

Through an Earth Day kick-off event, I will establish a base of volunteers willing to commit to recurring opportunities. In the Fall of 2018, the Campus Conservation Corps having the public awareness and backing of the PSC community, will establish itself as a club in which they can vote on bi-monthly volunteer projects through the community. Whether it be directly related to community enhancement, sustainable practices, or campaigning and awareness propaganda; the Campus Conservation Corps will positively influence Paul Smiths College and the Adirondacks as a whole.

## Project Budget and Timeline

### Budget Table:

A quote from Twitchell Sportswear/ Bear Essential Embroidery, Twitchell Sportswear/Bear Essential Embroidery (local company operating out of Lake Placid, NY) has been provided below. The remainder of the funding will be provided by the PSC Residents life staff, as I am operating this as a residents life program in addition to the CSF, and SVA

Twitchell Creek, Inc.

### Invoice

Twitchell Sportswear  
114 Polarity Way  
Lake Placid, NY 12946  
800-221-7050

DATE	INVOICE #
4/16/2018	20401

BILL TO
Paul Smith's College PO Box 265 Paul Smith's, NY 12970-9989

SHIP TO
Paul Smith's College Address TBD

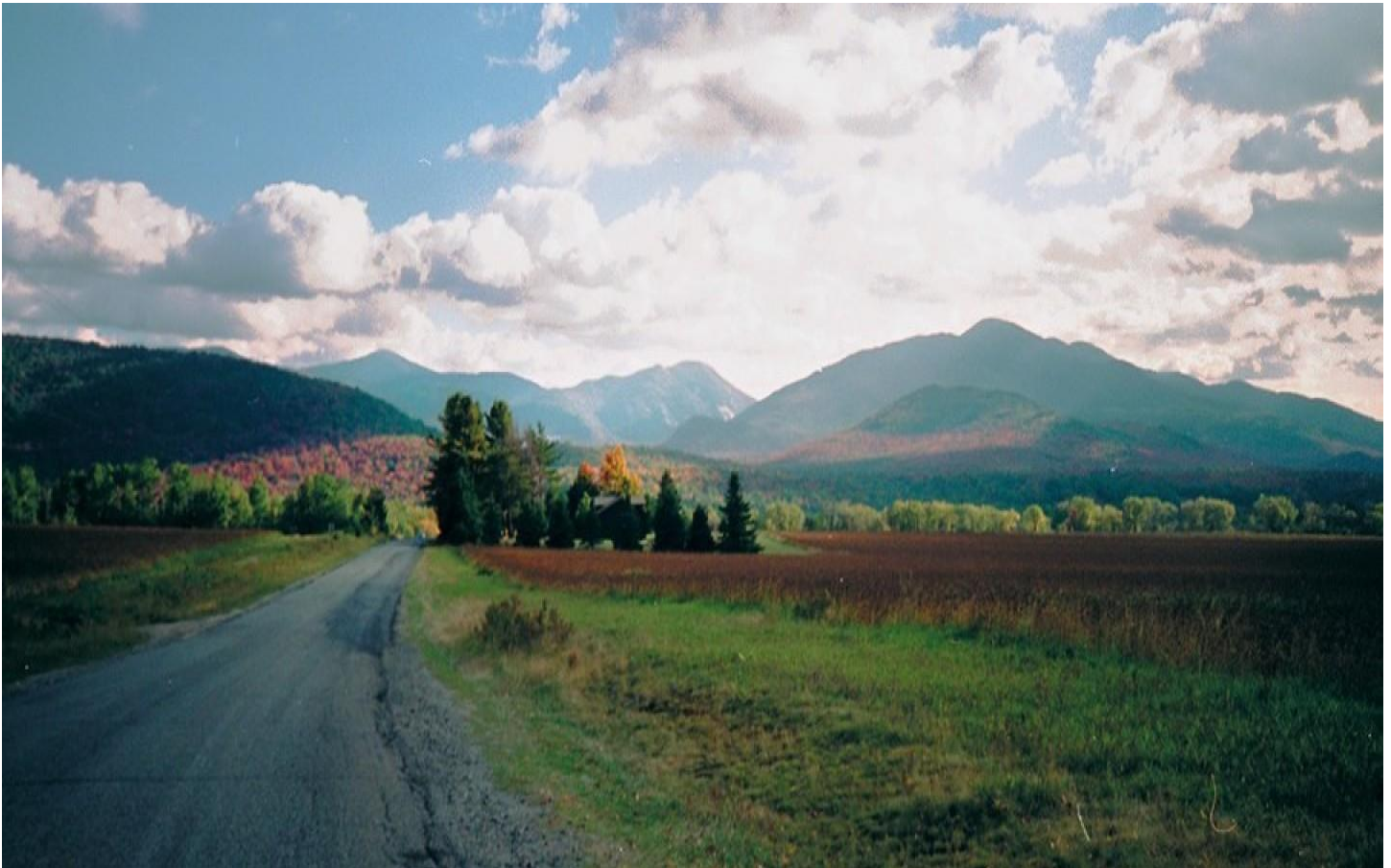
P.O. NUMBER	TERMS	REP	SHIP	VIA	PROJECT
	Due on Receipt	IVS	4/16/2018	UPS	
QUANTITY	ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	AMOUNT	
50	BASE	Baseball Cap 7601 Mega Cap - Pigment Dyed	4.90	245.00T	
50	Embroid	Cotton Twill Cap - Beige/Dark Green	4.25	212.50T	
50	Embroid	Hat Front - CCC logo - Dark Green/@hat color fill @9800 stitches	2.50	125.00T	
1	Set Up	Hat Back - PSC CVA- Dark Green	65.00	65.00T	
	Shipping	Set up fee for CCC logo	22.50	22.50T	
		Shipping & Handling	4.00%	26.80	
		Franklin Cty Apparel Sales tax			
			<b>Total</b>	\$696.80	

**Budget Justification:**

Utilizing free hats, emblazoned with the CCC logo large on front and SVA small on back, to be given to the first 50 participants of the project, the CCC will encourage the participation of a much larger student base. In turn allowing for a greater impact opportunity in future endeavors.

**Timeline**

- Project coordination with TNC: Completed 03/25
- Advertisement of CCC: Occurring
- Email and Tabling for CCC: Beginning 20180413
- Order For Hats Placed: 20180413
- Order Fulfillment: 20180420
- Service Project: 20180422



# Campus Conservation Corps

The road less travelled



## Reasons to Volunteer

- **GIVE BACK TO THE ADK COMMUNITY**

Whether you consider this community your home or not, help sustain efforts to reduce our impacts on the Adirondacks continue to enjoy

- **DEVELOP SKILLS**

A chance to get hands on experience in the field of conservation and opportunities to learn current practices

- **NETWORKING**

An unparalleled opportunity to meet professionals in the conservation field and make an impression

- **Resume Builder**

Volunteer opportunities of any kind make you stand out to a company.

## A COLLABORATIVE EARTH DAY EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>

### WHAT IS THE CAMPUS CONSERVATION CORPS?

The CCC is a newly established volunteer program led by Veterans, in collaboration with the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, to actively engage with and help improve the community. Focused on developing a professional and functional relationship between The Nature Conservancy, Paul Smiths College, and the Adirondack community as a whole.

### WHAT'S THE JOB?

Trail maintenance and remediation in the Silver Lake Bog Preserve, this 100+ acre preserve contains nearly half a mile of boardwalk through a bog, eventually leading to a dirt hiking trail that ends at a bluff overlooking Silver Lake. Student activities will provide transportation

Tasks include

- Repainting trail head register
- Fixing split rail fencing
- Inspecting/replacing decking
- Remediation of blow downs and trail barriers

To volunteer or for any questions, contact Ryan Novak at: [Rnovak@paulsmiths.edu](mailto:Rnovak@paulsmiths.edu)

Or find a signup sheet on the student center bulletin board.