Hawaii DLNR, AmeriCorps, and Pono Pacific Land Management presents:

**Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps**

**Year Round Internship Program 2006**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) year-round internship program is a community based service learning program. Young adults are challenged to learn the principles of natural resource stewardship and the importance of sustaining Hawaii’s unique natural environment. Participants will spend 10 months “in the field” with natural resource managers, educators, scientists and community leaders learning about Hawaiian plants and animals, native ecosystems, watersheds, historic sites, aquaculture, and the current demands being placed on Hawaii’s natural resources.

**Availability:** A total of 9 full-time and 5 part-time positions will be filled by individuals between the ages of 18-26 who have demonstrated an interest in protecting the natural environment of Hawaii. Positions are available on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii Island, and Maui. The program starts January 2006 and will run up to October 31, 2006.

**Application Deadline:** Postmarked by Dec. 5th, 2005.

**Position Information:** No prior experience is necessary; however, the majority of the internship is spent outdoors and will be physically demanding. A positive attitude, an interest in learning, self-motivated, curiosity about nature, and the physical ability and desire to work on outdoor projects (with little or no supervision) will also be important.

Participants will learn about the mission and programs of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and will be placed in an internship including field positions with Natural Area Reserve, Aquatic Resources, Na Ala Hele Trail Program, Wildlife, Forestry, Oahu Invasive Species Commission, Kauai Invasive Species Commission. In addition, there will be two environmental education internships, one with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife and the other with The Nature Conservancy (Oahu).

Members will generally participate in program activities Monday through Friday (as well as possible weekends and holidays). Full-time participants will receive a $15,000 living allowance plus an additional $4,725 educational award that can be used to pay off college loans or can be applied to future college tuition (1,700 hours over a 10-12 month period). Additionally, for full time members, all interest earned on educational loans during the year of service will be paid for by AmeriCorps and health care benefits will be available. Part-time participants will receive an $8,000 living allowance and a $2,362.5 educational award. Participants will gain valuable education throughout the program and will meet potential role models who work in the fields of resource management and conservation biology. In addition they will gain career experience, improve in interpersonal skills, gain knowledge in conservation, and develop professional skills necessary for advancement in conservation and other fields. Interns help to preserve some of the most precious natural areas in Hawaii. If you are interested write, email, or call.

**Inquiries:** For inquiries, please call us at (808) 247-5753 or e-mail us at yccinfo@ponopacific.com.

**Application Requirements:** 1 application, 2 letters of recommendation, and 1 resume.