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**BLM-Utah  
Youth Program**



# Nature High Summer Camp



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# Welcome to Nature High Summer Camp!



Nature High Summer Camp (NHSC) has engaged and educated hundreds of Utah teens for the past 20 years.

The week-long camp takes place at the Great Basin Environmental Education Center, near Ephraim.

8 natural resource and land management agencies-- including the BLM-- collaborate to make camp a success.

Registration fee is only \$50.00!



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# What happens at NHSC?

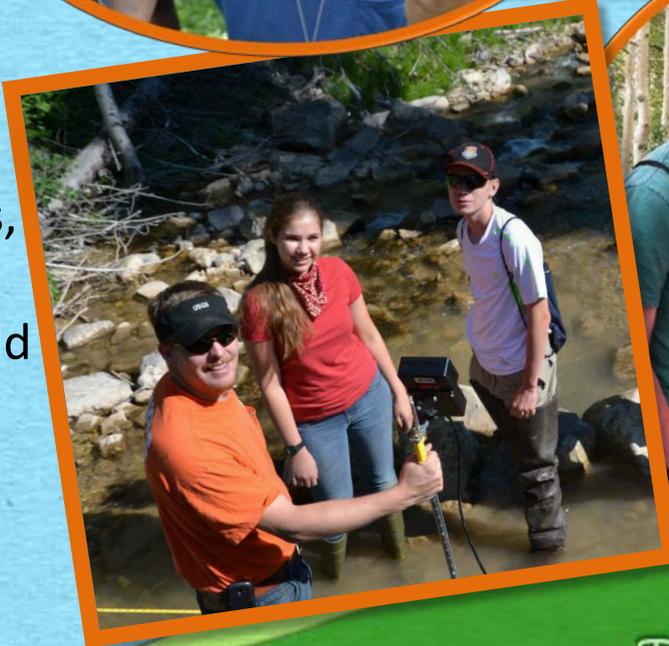
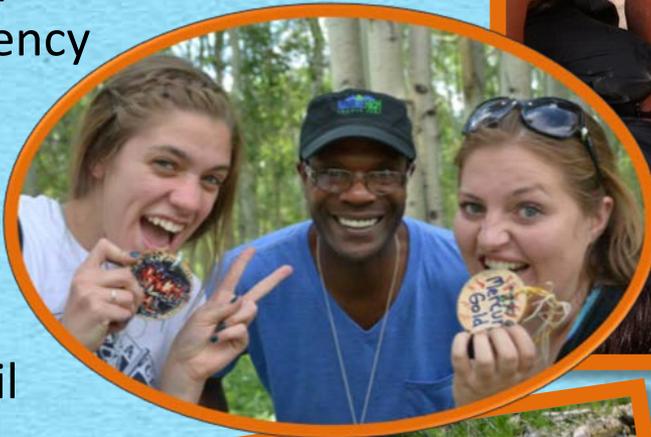
High school students from all over Utah participate in daily field trips and learning activities led by agency experts.

The campers gain hands-on experience in a wide variety of areas such including ecology, soil science, and hydrology.

Camp is divided into 5 user groups, and the students apply their new knowledge by evaluating real-world land management scenarios.



No electronics allowed!



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# NHSC Supports Sec. Jewell's Four Pillars Play \* Learn \* Serve \* Work

**Play:** Team-building games



**Learn:** Meeting experts at camp, and on campus of Snow College



**Serve:** Fuels reduction project



**Work:** 5 college students are hired as counselors

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# NHSC Schedule of Activities

Participants “Take It Outside” from 6:00am – 10:00pm every day.

Mornings are spent outdoors working in the field with agency experts.

Afternoon activities include career fair, Snow College tour, team games, Tread Lightly, and group study.

Evening activities include service projects, “Olympic Challenge,” and a star party.



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# Reconnecting Youth with the Outdoors



Nature walks and hands-on fieldwork make learning outside **FUN!**

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# Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles

A local caterer provides 3 nutritious meals every day.



We're glad you came  
to stay at the GBEEC!  
WE ♥ THE  
♥ COOKS!!!  
THANK YOU!!!  
♥



Campers spend their days  
outside and moving!

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# Promoting Diversity and Inclusion

- Every year, BLM-Utah sponsors 10 scholarships for students from diverse backgrounds
- Campers are recruited through partnerships
- Science fair winners receive NHSC scholarships



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# Partners Make it Possible!

Partners provide funding, instructors, and time.



BLM Utah

US Forest Service, Intermountain Region

Bureau of Reclamation

Snow College

Utah State University

United States Geological Survey

Utah Assoc. of Conservation Districts

Nat. Resources Conservation Service



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# Everyone Contributes!

Forest Service agreement and MOU

Campers are signed up as volunteers

Each agency contributes between \$2500- \$5,000

Funding covers:

- Counselor salaries
- Facility rental
- Catering
- Supplies for team games, instructors, campers
- First aid kits
- T-shirts, water bottles, hats

Most costs are in-kind. The partners' salaries are paid by their agencies, and fleet vehicles are used for transportation.



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# BLM teams pitch in!

BLM-Utah programs support NHSC:

- Youth Program
- EEO Program
- Division of External Affairs
- Division of Support Services
- Division of Natural Resources



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# Spreading the Word!

- Social Media
- Recruitment video
- Classroom presentations
- Science fairs and scholarships
- English and Spanish brochures
- Expanding partnerships
- Word of mouth



**APPLICATION** How do I apply?

Interested applicants may apply at: [www.naturehighcamp.com](http://www.naturehighcamp.com)

If you cannot access the Internet, please call: (801) 536-7107 to obtain a hard copy of the application. Applicants interested in becoming a camp counselor should fill out the new counselor application.

The \$50 registration fee covers the cost of the camp, lodging, food, and materials. If you cannot afford the registration fee, we suggest contacting your local conservation district or other similar group for a scholarship.

Transportation is not provided, but if an attendee is not able to arrange for appropriate transportation, please call (801) 536-7107.

Please remember that camp enrollment is limited, so apply early!

Applications should be returned by May 23, 2014.

Send applications to:  
Utah Association of Conservation Districts  
Attn: Loralle Cox - NRDC  
PO Box 146500  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Email applications to: [loralle.cox@uacd.org](mailto:loralle.cox@uacd.org)

For more information or questions about Nature High Summer Camp, contact Loralle Cox at (801) 536-7107 or via e-mail at [loralle.cox@uacd.org](mailto:loralle.cox@uacd.org).

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Great Basin Environmental Education Center  
A Camp for Utah High School Students

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This is an Equal Opportunity Public Program



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# Lessons Learned

- Improve Education Programs
- Career Fair
- Diversity works!
- Guest Speakers
- Diversity and EEO training for all staff and counselors.
- Subcommittees/ chain of command
- Safety, safety, safety



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# Any Questions?

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