

Say NO to Closing the Centennial Job Corps Center!**Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) – Nampa, Idaho**

Students: 282 (241 are full-time residential)

Local Residents Employed: 73 Federal employees and 4 contract employees

Program Year 2017 Graduate Placement Ranking: 21 out of 131 centers

Program Year 2017 Full-time Graduate Placement Rank: 15 out of 131 centers

Centennial Performance: (2019 Rating) 4 out of 131 total centers; top 3 out of 25 Forest Service centers

The Centennial JCCCC provides \$7.3M dollars each year to the local economy. This source of local revenue is beneficial to both the community and businesses in Idaho.

The Centennial JCCCC Mission

Since 1964, the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers are associated with national forests or grasslands and are operated by the Forest Service in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor. USDA Forest Service operates 25 JCCCCs that span six Forest Service regions, 21 national forests and grasslands and 15 states with a capacity to house, educate, and train over 4,000 enrollees. Forest Service Job Corps Centers, like Centennial, are the only centers authorized through the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to conserve, develop, or manage public natural resources and public recreation areas; develop community projects in the public interest; and respond to natural disasters.

Unique Training Opportunities at Centennial, and Unique Benefits to the Public

Centennial hosts an advanced wildland firefighting that trains Centennial students to serve as wildland forest firefighters that support fire prevention and suppression operations across the country. This unique opportunity provides students with real-world skills and experience working on a team, and it provides needed surge capacity for operations during fire season. Students serve as firefighters on camp crews, initial attack crews, fire engine crews, and at the NIFC (National Inter-agency Fire Center). Centennial students are instrumental in protecting the local Boise National Forest as well as the Payette National Forest. ***In 2018 alone, taxpayers saved \$6,361,315 from Centennial and other JCCCC students working as firefighters, contributing more than 357,000 hours in one year.***

Other Training Opportunities at Centennial Supporting Forest Service Operations

In addition to serving as first responders to fires and other natural disasters, Centennial students offer services to maintain and improve our national forests and resources.

- *Recreation Site Improvements* (facilities and sign maintenance, Kiosk construction, trail maintenance)
- *Forestry* (Tree thinning and planting, stream maintenance, tree nursery work, seedling planting)
- *Wildlife/Fisheries/Hydrology/Soils* (Gabion Installations, animal drumming log creation, Infestation surveys)
- *Engineering* (carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing, greening, boundary marking, brick/concrete work)
- *Administrative* (data input, office management, front desk services, IT installation and maintenance)
- *State and Private Forestry* (Fire suppression, rehabilitation, mop-up, prescribed fire)

Centennial's Impact on Young Adults Seeking Success through Solid Careers

Centennial, like other JCCCCs, is designed to take young adults from varying degrees of previous personal academic success. Some students arrive with high school diplomas, some come to receive their GED, and some need specialized assistance with basic and intermediate academic skills. Students who need help with basic life skills, such as personal hygiene or basic communications services, will receive whatever is necessary to prepare the individual for success in the workplace. JCCCC students are not community college students. While many go on to community college or attend community college during their tenure through partnerships with Centennial, the JCCCC program at Centennial is designed to accept students at all levels of academic achievement and personal skills levels. Unlike community colleges, Centennial accepts higher-risk young people and furnishes them with a vocation and life experience to attain success in life regardless of their backstory.

Centennial Provides Futures to Students from In-demand Fields

Centennial students receive professional training and certificates in a wide variety of disciplines from in-demand fields, including Advanced Wildland Fire Management, Computer Technician A+, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Facilities Maintenance, Nurse Assistant Home Health Aide, Office Administration, Union Carpentry, Union Painting, Union Plastering, Welding, and more.

Centennial Works with Local and National Partners to Drive Opportunity and Success

- *Centennial Trade Certification providers:* American Culinary Foundation, American Heart Association, American Welding Society, Certiport, Home Builders Institute, Idaho State Nurse Assistant Certification, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, National Center for Construction Education and Research, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, ServSafe, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
- *Education Partners:* HSE/High School Diploma Program (High school diploma offered through Ashworth College).
- *Community Partners:* College of Western Idaho, Habitat for Humanity, Wells Fargo Bank, Northwest Nazarene University, Idaho Power, Lowes VA Hospital.

Centennial Job Corps Students Integrate into the Communities they Serve

Centennial students learn to appreciate community support, providing thousands of hours manpower into community and special service events each year, including: 2,500 meals for the Robbie Creek Race, Zeitgeist half marathon, City of Nampa “Brush-Up Nampa” campaign to paint the homes of seniors and the disabled, constructing 10 docks at the Anderson Ranch Reservoir in Boise National Forest, fixing loading docks and gates at the Anderson Ranch Reservoir in Boise National Forest, repairing the Nampa Police K-9 department dog training obstacle course, partnering with rescue missions to feed Christmas meals to over 4,000 homeless families, painted the giant Cross overlooking Boise on Table Rock Mountain, welding projects for most of Southern Idaho camp grounds, and participated in Optimist Football, Head Start, Habitat for Humanity, and more. On average Centennial Job Corps graduates each gave back to the community by volunteering 360 hours.

What Civilian Conservation Centers Can Do for National Forests and Grasslands

The Forest Service is facing critical shortages of workers. Job Corps is an ideal source from which to recruit and improve the diversity of its permanent workforce. The partnership between the forests and Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (JCCCCs) can benefit both parties through development of Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunities that provide on-the-job training for students and help the Forest Service meet mission critical project goals. Looking to add professional, trained, youthful, diverse staff to your project or office? Forest Service JCCCC students or Mobile Corps can be a valuable addition to your next project.

Additional Benefits to Centennial Students that Graduate: Federal Careers!

Job Corps students are eligible for federal employment. As students they can be hired using the Pathways Program. They may also qualify for the Public Lands Corps Act (PLC). Students are able to compete through the traditional federal hiring; however, using these two authorities can expedite JCCCC student hiring.

YOU CAN HELP save the Centennial Job Corps Center!

The State of Idaho and the Idaho governor’s office seeks to close Centennial by September 2019. Even though Centennial is a model Job Corps facility with an excellent history of helping young adults, the state and private developers have other long-term plans for the Centennial land. The short-term plan to transfer up to 50 students to a state-run program is a distraction and designed to fail, thereby opening the land for future development.

Say NO to Closing Centennial! Save local commerce and Centennial students! Contact:

1. Contact Idaho Governor Brad Little 208-334-2100
2. U.S. Senator Mike Crapo 202-224-6142, and U.S. Senator Jim Risch 202-224-2752
3. U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher (Nampa) 202-225-6611, and U.S. Rep Mike Simpson 202-225-5531