

Martins Fork Lake Challenge Academy Partnership



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Appalachian Challenge Academy

- ▣ Designed for at-risk students
- ▣ Encourages students to attain a GED or take credit recovery classes to receive a diploma



Do you know or are you.....

- * A teenage girl or boy 16-18 years of age?
- * At-risk of becoming or already a High School dropout?
- * A teen who has traveled down the wrong path and is ready to make a **POSITIVE CHANGE?**
- * A teen who wants to recover High School credits or earn a GED?

ACCEPTING CLASS 4 APPLICATIONS UNITL JANUARY 19, 2014

MAKE A DIFFERENCE; CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

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CHALLENGE ME

Appalachian Challenge Academy

- ▣ 5 1/2 month residency program
- ▣ Quasi-military structuring
- ▣ Teaches leadership and academic excellence



Template for agreement

- ▣ Partnership between the USACE and a Juvenile Correction Center in Lewiston, Idaho
- ▣ Established the parameters for an agreement involving trail work and projects

Laying the ground work

- ▣ Outlining what is expected from both parties
- ▣ Ensuring safety and supervision of cadets
- ▣ Avoiding potential headaches in the future



Potential pitfalls

- ▣ High staff turnover
- ▣ Technical complexity of work
- ▣ Oversight by USACE
- ▣ Budget for materials



What worked

- ▣ 2 cadre minimum or 1 cadre for 8 cadets
- ▣ Ample oversight during initial phases
- ▣ Setting fixed dates for projects
- ▣ Completing community-significant projects



What didn't work

- ▣ Groups over 25
- ▣ Garbage cleanups or other small projects
- ▣ No workshops at the beginning of the season
- ▣ Peak of recreation season projects



Types of projects

- ▣ Bi-annual trail walks
- ▣ Park upkeep
- ▣ Some trash and debris cleanup



More projects



Recognize the work



Conclusion

- ▣ Greatly benefitted the park
- ▣ Provided the cadets with a sense of accomplishment and responsibility
- ▣ Allowed staff to focus on other issues