



NORTHWEST AVALANCHE CENTER

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NWAC Youth Ambassador

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BACKGROUND

The Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) is a collaborative effort between the US Forest Service Northwest Avalanche Center and the nonprofit Northwest Avalanche Center. The mission of NWAC is to save lives and reduce the impacts of avalanches on recreation, industry, and transportation in the Cascade and Olympic Mountains of Washington and Northern Oregon through mountain weather and avalanche forecasting, data collection and education.

NWAC Youth Ambassadors will cultivate leadership skills and connect to their communities by advocating for avalanche education and safety.

RESPONSIBILITY SUMMARY

NWAC is looking for highly motivated and enthusiastic high school students to be a part of our NWAC Youth Ambassador Program (NYA). Ambassadors will actively connect with their school or community to discuss NWAC services, the risks of traveling in avalanche terrain, and provide resources to further avalanche education. Students will be given resources and support to execute an outreach project and will work closely with a member of the NWAC education staff. Ambassadors can receive service hours for their work as an ambassador; an estimated 30 hours over a 5 month engagement.

EXPECTATIONS

- Partake in an ambassador orientation and training (Nov 14th)
- Create an opportunity in your school or community with peers to discuss avalanche awareness (outreach project)
- Check-in monthly with a contact at NWAC with progress of your outreach project
- Participate in at least one trailhead outreach event
- Give a group update mid-way through the season on your project
- Help lead and teach an avalanche awareness field day with WTA's Youth Ambassador Program in early March
- Create a reflection of your experience as youth ambassador
- Year-end celebration (optional)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Students should be engaged and connected to their community
- Comfortable collaborating with peers and adults
- Clear and articulate written and verbal communication
- Experience with winter backcountry travel, including skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, or snowmobiling

RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCES

- Participated in an NWAC avalanche awareness class
- Past experience with volunteer work
- Experience speaking in front of groups

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants can apply using this link to the application: [2018 NWAC Youth Ambassador Application](#)

