



# Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

## *New Century Snapshot*

### *Tree planting at Blackwell honors CCC*

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Rhinelander and Park Falls, Wis. – From 1933 to 1942 the sprawling barracks south of Laona along County Trunk Highway H were the home to Company 604 of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) – President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Tree Army. Roosevelt brought together two underutilized resources - young workers and the land - in an effort to save both.

That legacy remains alive today on the same site occupied by an army of students at the Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center. On May 24<sup>th</sup> those students paid homage to their CCC brethren by continuing the legacy of planting trees.



“Today, those of us at the Blackwell Job Corps CCC celebrate our roots in history by taking part in renewing our resources and caring for the land,” said Center Counselor Lorie Almazan. Job Corps shares many of the principles that began under the original CCCs. The Civilian Conservation Corps played an important role in establishing the Chequamegon-



Nicolet National Forest as a viable and productive forest.

Students planted 200 white pine seedlings, along with 25 hemlocks and assorted perennials and lilac bushes. The native conifers will beautify the grounds and are important to wildlife species.

Center Director Jason Maloney applauded the students for making a difference by planting the trees and “renewing your roots with the CCC,” he said.

“You are leaving a legacy today for future generations,” said Forest Supervisor Jeanne Higgins who also participated with the students in planting hemlocks on the Center grounds.

Roosevelt’s CCC planted more than 3 billion trees and enriched their lives in the process. That’s quite a legacy. The Blackwell students are doing their part by creating a better life through education and training and by planting a few trees along the way.

Located near Laona on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, Blackwell JCCC offers federal scholarships for young adults under the age of 25. Call Julie Eder at (715) 359-7040 to fill out a free application for a Blackwell scholarship.

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