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## MCC and MontanaYES Win National Award



*MontanaYES volunteers cleaned more than 60 fishing access sites on the Yellowstone River.*

*This photo was published in the [Billings Gazette](#) and was taken by project partner Bob Hector.*

This summer, youth who volunteered with the MCC in its [MontanaYES](#) program cleaned 64 fishing access sites along 550 miles of the [Yellowstone River](#). Their efforts were recognized by the [Corps Network](#) as one of four Projects of the Year, which are being celebrated during a [national conference](#) of more than 400 service and conservation corps. The youth purged 18,000 pounds of trash and debris from its banks!

As the longest un-dammed river in the lower 48 states, the [Yellowstone](#) is treasured for its outstanding [trout fishing](#), beloved by kids who swim in its quieter sections during hot, dry Montana summers, and valued by farmers and ranchers who depend on its waters to irrigate sugar beat and alfalfa crops.



Shannon

## Central Office Welcomes Two New Staff Members

Great things are happening at the MCC these days, including the addition of two new staff positions located in our [state administration office](#) in Bozeman. Shannon Stober, formerly the Program Director for the Univ. of Montana's [Campus Compact](#), will become our Program Manager. Jill Smedstad, formerly the MCC Great Falls Regional Supervisor, will now manage our youth programs. Welcome to Bozeman and congratulations!



Jill

## Wanted: Applicants for Members & Leaders

Please help us spread the word: MCC is hiring for its 2008 field season! We are excited to work with 300 young people between the ages of 14 and 30 this year—unprecedented numbers for us. Click for: [Position descriptions](#) and [applications](#).

## Donate Today



The MCC needs your help to raise \$10,000 before 2008 to expand [MontanaYES](#). We are so close to making this happen with \$6,800 already raised. [Donate online](#) or [contact Maria](#) for more info.

## Alumni Spotlight: Alisha Riley



Alisha Riley, who led an MCC crew in Billings in 2005, is well on her way to helping more young people access and enjoy the outdoors. She accepted a job at [Whitman College](#) in Walla Walla, WA, managing a gear rental shop that the college maintains for its students. The college's [Outdoor Program](#) also offers classes in rock climbing, kayaking, & outdoor leadership, for which her position provides support. One more success story!