National Park Native Plant Nursery & Native Youth Partnership
North Cascades National Park and Native Youth Partnership

- Youth for 6 weeks in 2009 and 2010
- 18 participants over the 2 years
Youth learning about the recycling process at Skagit River Steel and Recycling

Youth investigate a plate of compost
Youth learn about different composting methods.

Youth reflect on what they learned about composting and organic gardening.
Organic Gardening

Youth learned to grow and maintain an organic garden.

An Upper Skagit work program participant weeding in the youth garden.
Native and YCC youth work with NWIC staff to make medicinal salves (they also made lotion bars, bug spray, and teas).

Native youth take a walk to learn about native plants on the North Cascades National Park complex.
Native youth working with NOCA volunteers to prepare lunch for the Traditional Plant Class

A youth worker talking about her summer work experience
Traditional Plant Class

A native youth learns how to harvest Devil’s Club for traditional uses.

Youth Conservation Corps, Student Hires, and Student Conservation Association workers take a time out from learning about traditional plants as medicine.
Youth learn how to do various jobs at the native plant nursery.
Important Job skills and Experience

- Learn the value of teamwork, punctuality, follow through, and effective communication
- Exposure to the NWIC and careers within the National Park Service