

Reaching the Summit Community Service Initiative

FACT SHEET

- The **2013 Reaching the Summit Community Service Initiative** (The Initiative) was a group of community leaders from a 9-county region in southern West Virginia that identified service project initiatives and community service activities in one or more of the following categories: Green-Friendly, Wellness, Construction, Infrastructure and Arts & Education.
 - The 2013 Initiative was the largest community service and volunteer effort of its kind to ever be performed in the history of our country – this initiative garnered over 300,000 volunteer hours and a \$5 million dollar economic impact for southern West Virginia.
 - More than 350 projects were completed during the five Days of Service in the following WV counties: Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming
- The **2017 Reaching the Summit Community Service Initiative** will coincide with the National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Fayette County, WV. Again, the **Citizens Conservation Corps of West Virginia (CCCWV)** will serve as the Clearinghouse for The 2017 Initiative.
 - The Boy Scouts of America are preparing for troops from across the country in all 50 states; as a result, up to **40,000 Scouts** and thousands of additional youth volunteers will be performing service projects over the following days: **July 18, 20-21, and 24-25, 2017.**
 - CCCWV is working with County Commissions and business & community leaders throughout the state to plan and develop for projects in **all 55 Counties** in West Virginia so that we are ready for the Scouts' arrival in the summer of 2017!
- The **2017 Initiative** plans to coordinate and work with the 2013 established foundation of volunteer and community networks and use its successful strategies as a “blueprint” when expanding, identifying, and preparing for additional partnerships and collaborative efforts for the 2017 event. This massive undertaking at this magnitude is new and has never been done before.
- The 2013 project included volunteers from the CCC, Boy Scouts of America (BSA); New River Gorge National River National Park Service (NPS); Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) which includes AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) from Vicksburg, MS and Perry Point, MD campuses, AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps State featuring Volunteer West Virginia, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) via National Coal Heritage Area Authority and Appalachian Coal Country Team (ACCT), and Senior Corps; American Red Cross; West Virginia University; Service & Conservation Corps throughout the country including KUPU Corps from Hawaii and Piedmont Service Corps from Winston Salem, NC; and many other local, state, and national volunteers.
- CCCWV is preparing for an even larger impact and record-breaking success in 2017 and is excited to introduce Scouts & additional volunteers from across the county to the great state of West Virginia. **Together, we can make history!**
- ***We need your help!*** For additional information visit <http://wvccc.com> and/or contact JAK Kincaid jkincaid@wvccc.com at 304-254-9196.

