



# Spotlight on the Youth Forest Monitoring Program

The Youth Forest Monitoring Program (YFMP) is a summer internship program for students in grades 9–12. Participants learn about forest ecology, explore their local forest lands, engage in forest health monitoring, and network with professionals. YFMP provides training, including spending 6 weeks in the field learning how to monitor forest health, receiving instruction in the classroom, and working in the laboratory. Students complete the program by presenting their data and conclusions to parents, the public, and Forest Service personnel.



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- “You can never fully experience nature until you dive into it.” – Keaton Habeck
- “Science is rad, and science is what we use to protect the places that we love.” – Kris Bosch
- “Being outside and experiencing amazing places in nature has been a fantastic way to spend my summer!” – Meghan Robinson

YFMP is supported by Helena National Forest, Montana Discovery Foundation, Helena College of Technology, and local counties. For more information, watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqFRpW4xtyQ>.