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### **Blackwell Job Corps Center Provides Maintenance for Grey Towers Historic Site**

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Students from Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center were able to participate in providing maintenance for Grey Towers National Historic Site. Grey Towers is located in Milford, Pennsylvania and is the historical family home of Gifford Pinchot, the founder and first chief, of the National Forest Service for the United States.

In March of 2010 the project at Grey Towers began and was finished in September of 2010. Two crews of IUPAT Painting Programs students worked at Grey Towers painting different areas of the main house and outlying buildings. Students worked traditional eight hour days and were given the opportunity to work with other Job Corps students and for other painting instructors and foremen. This gave the students hands-on, real world experience in painting as they will receive after graduating the program and working in their local communities. The first group of five student painters worked at Grey Towers in June of 2010 and the second group of five painting students worked in September to finish up the painting project. IUPAT Painting students performed excellent work and made many improvements to the Grey Towers Historical Site.



The Grey Towers project provided excellent training for the students as well as making a positive statement for Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center. Much was learned from their time at Grey Towers, not only for their trade but receiving education about the history of the Forest Service. Because of the quality of work carried out by Blackwell students, they have been asked to return for other projects that will take place at Grey Towers.

The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is associated with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center serves 205 students. The USDA Forest Service operates 28 Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers across 18 states with a capacity of 6,200 students.

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency

manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

The Blackwell Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest residential job training program for economically disadvantaged youth. This program is free for eligible students and includes benefits such as career, technical, academic and life skills training, housing, and health care.

The Blackwell Job Corps Center is located in Laona, WI. For more information on the Center, please call (715)674-2311 or visit the website at <http://blackwell.jobcorps.gov>.