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Blackwell Job Corps Helps Local Community

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Blackwell JCCCC had the great fortune of building a boat ramp for the City of Crandon. The ramp will be assembled out of 12 interlocking steel sections that the welding students at Blackwell constructed. Ten new 2' x 12' sections were constructed along with the repair of two existing pieces, which will be installed in Lake Metonga located in Forest County.

The ramp took 10 students a total of six weeks to construct while attending the Job Corps welding program. The ramp will be placed in the water to aide boaters and those fishing to put their boats in the water. Blackwell JCCCC students were happy to help out the community and the project gave them some good hands-on experience while they earn their welding certification.

The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center 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.



Blackwell JCCCC 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. For more information, visit: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>

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 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>