

Generation Green AmeriCorps Wilderness Position Announcement



Spend the summer of 2020 outdoors as an AmeriCorps Wilderness Ranger!

Position Overview: The Deschutes National Forest is seeking four Generation Green AmeriCorps Members for the summer of 2020. These positions will conduct service related to Wilderness stewardship. Members will report daily to the Forest Service and serve as an AmeriCorps Wilderness Ranger for the duration of their service. This position works with other corps members, Forest Service staff, and volunteers to complete daily duties.

We invite members of all diverse communities to join our team as we endeavor to best serve those on our national forests and grasslands from every background. Discover Your Forest values diversity and inclusion. By welcoming differences and providing professional enrichment opportunities we are better able to serve those around us.

The **21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC) Program** is as follows:

- **Age requirement:** 18-30
- **Salary:** \$4000 total stipend. \$200 per week paid biweekly over 20 weeks
- **Scholarship:** \$2,321 Segal Education Award
- **Term of Service:** 675 hours and then AmeriCorps member will receive a 2-Year non-competitive status hiring authority (Public Land Corps Hiring Authority).
**Non-competitive hiring status is the ability to apply and be considered for permanent vacancies within the Forest Service without competitive examination or competing with career or career-conditional employees under internal merit staffing procedures for any position which eligible. Candidates applying under this authority are considered with other non-competitive status candidates.*
- Provide conservation education and exposure to natural resources through mentorship and job shadow opportunities and educational experiences to high school and college students as well as recent graduates in either natural resources, cultural resources, recreation, or engineering.
- All participants will have the opportunity to gain experience with other U.S. Forest Service programs outside of the Wilderness Program.

Specific Duties include:

- Restore illegal and inappropriate campsites and trails to improve habitat, specifically around riparian areas.
- Clean up campsites and day use areas to mitigate recreation impacts to wilderness resource.
- Monitor and document use patterns.
- Clear and maintain wilderness trails to minimize recreation impacts.
- Provide education to visitors at trailheads and in the backcountry. Education topics include; trail/campsite/forest conditions, Wilderness Regulations and compliance, Leave No Trace ethics and best practices, and general Wilderness Stewardship information.

Qualified candidate will be/have:

- Must be a US Citizen and pass a background check.
- A current driver's license with good driving record.
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to easily talk to large groups of people every day.
- Exceptional work ethic, enthusiasm, and a high degree of flexibility.
- Commitment to serve 4-ten hour days, Thursday-Sunday, with weekend work required.
- Service will consist of primarily day excursions with 1-2 opportunities for an overnight outing.
- Ability to spend long days in the field under varying weather conditions.
- Ability to hike over rough, uneven terrain.

What is the education value to the applicant?

- The term of service will allow the student to put into practice his/her academic knowledge.
- Enhance employment opportunities in the Natural Resources field/Forest Service.
- Gain a broad perspective of wilderness management and sustainability through exposure to a variety of duties.
- Discover strengths and weaknesses.
- Opportunity to network with a diverse group of professionals: formal and non-formal educators, scientists, and U.S. Forest Service specialists.
- Gain valuable hands-on experience on projects in an outdoor setting.
- Acquire a realistic career orientation.

Onboarding & Orientation:

We will conduct reference checks and a two part criminal history background check on all final candidates as required for this position. Selected candidates must complete both AmeriCorps and Forest Service onboarding and attend all required Forest Service trainings/orientations.

Questions and How to Apply:

- For more information contact Stacey Cochran, Discover Your Forest's Community Engagement Director, at 541-383-5530, stacey.cochran@discovernw.org or Jasmine Berg, Wilderness Volunteer and Workforce Trainee Coordinator at 541-728-4268, jasmine.berg@usda.gov.
- To apply: Email Cover Letter and Resume to both jasmine.berg@usda.gov and stacey.cochran@discovernw.org. Please include your outdoor experience and interest in the Natural Resources field in your cover letter.
- **Please apply before close of business Friday, March 20th, 2020. (contact if you miss deadline)**
- Interviews will be held the week of March 30th – April 3rd, 2020
- Selections will be made by April 10th, 2020
- **Tentative Start Date will be June 1st, 2020**
- **Once a member starts, they must be available to serve full-time**