



AmeriCorps Position Description

Position Title: Trail Team Member (26 Position)

Project Sponsor: Northwest Service Academy-MAC Mt Adams Center www.northwestserviceacademy.org

NWSA Mission: This position is in partnership with the Northwest Service Academy (NWSA), an AmeriCorps program of ESD112. NWSA's mission is to preserve and restore the natural environment, and to develop community leaders through service and community partnerships. www.northwestserviceacademy.org

Project Location: 2453 Hwy 141, Trout Lake, WA 98650

Team Summary: Mt. Adams field teams are composed of five members and two Team Leaders. Teams will focus on trail work in front and back country settings throughout Oregon and Washington, but may also be engaged in a variety of restoration projects such as building riparian fences, tree planting, forest fuels reduction, non-native species removal and environmental education. Teams work and travel throughout Oregon and/or Washington over the course of their term. Below are examples of last season's field teams:

The Pacific Crest Trail Team worked from Southern California to Northern Washington doing trail work exclusively on the PCT. Throughout the season the team hosted volunteers and worked with them on the trail. The PCT Team camped on the trail for much of the summer and was based out of Forest Service bunkhouses in the mountains of southern Oregon, mid Oregon and northern Oregon/ southern Washington.

The Mt. Hood Team worked in the Zig Zag District of the Mt. Hood National Forest. The team lived in an historic Forest Service cabin and worked on a variety of trails in front country setting.

The Gifford Pinchot Team split its time between the Mt. Adams District and the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic monument of the Gifford Pinchot Forest. The GP team worked on trails in both the front and back country, camping while they were at Mt. St Helens and living out of the Mt. Adams Center in Trout Lake while working on Mt. Adams.

Residential Summary: Some teams may be based out of the Mt. Adams Center in Trout Lake, Washington. Satellite teams will spend the majority of their term away from the Mt Adams Center, either camping at project sites for weeks at a time or living in housing located near their project site for the entire term. These teams may stay at the Mt. Adams Center intermittently during training days or between projects.

All team members assist with residential chores such as meal preparation, cleaning and recycling at their housing site, the Center and at camping sites.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

1. Work as a team member to complete various restoration projects throughout the Pacific Northwest.
2. Drive NWSA vehicles to project sites.
3. Complete and submit all necessary NWSA/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
4. Attend and complete all NWSA/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, team meetings and national service days.
5. Wear an NWSA uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.>

Position Requirements:

1. Capable of handling physical nature of the projects, from lifting up to 50 pounds to working on your feet outdoors in rugged terrain for 8+ hours a day.
2. Capable of safely driving a four-wheel drive vehicle with a trailer.

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3. Desire to serve with people to promote environmental stewardship, education, and an ethic of service.
4. Communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as: project partner(s), colleagues, community volunteers, students and the general public.
5. Desire and ability to live and serve in the out of doors for extended periods of time.
6. Participate in all aspects of the residential program, including living at the established site(s), completing household chores and helping create a positive, healthy living environment.
7. Serve effectively within a team.
8. 21 years of age or older, at beginning of service term.
9. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
10. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
11. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
12. Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check provided through NWSA and/or Project Sponsor Agency.
13. Regular and reliable attendance.
14. Have not previously served two terms in an AmeriCorps*State or National program. Members may serve up to three terms in a National Service Program, but only two terms may be within an AmeriCorps*State or National program. Members are only eligible for an education award for their first two terms of service, regardless of the type of term (full or part-time) and regardless of the successful completion of that term.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Familiarity or interest in local environment and education resources.
2. Flexibility with changing assignments and schedules.
3. Independent worker and self-starter.
4. Experience or interest in participating in and organizing outdoor activities.
5. Willingness to try new things, learn new things, experience new things.

Member Benefits Include:

1. A total taxable living allowance of \$6035 before taxes and monthly program fee (approx \$529 a month before taxes). Please note: each month a program fee of \$476.00 is deducted from this amount to cover food, training and field trip expense.
2. Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members/leaders receive an education award of \$2,362.50. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
3. Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
4. Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependents; vision and dental not included).
5. Child care allowance for those who qualify.
6. Free housing is provided for this position.

Transportation Information:

1. Organizational vehicle is available for service activities.
2. Personal vehicle is recommended to get to service site.

Application Deadline: On-going until filled.

Interviews: Will interview as qualified applications are received.

Service Dates: May 26, 2009 - October 30, 2009

NWSA Center: Mt. Adams Center

Type of position: Field Team

Length of Term: 900 hours

How to apply:

Step 1 - Complete your application in one of the following two ways:

Online at the AmeriCorps website AmeriCorps Application:

-If you do not already have a username and password, you must Create A Profile.

-Once you have logged in, create an application by clicking "Applications" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu.

-To apply to this specific position, click "Search Listings" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu and search for program name Northwest Service Academy.

-Select the position listing and click "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page.

OR

Download application materials from the "How to Apply" page at www.nwserviceacademy.org and submit them to Amanda Green:

- Application - Complete the NWSA AmeriCorps Application and submit it via email (preferable), mail, or fax.

- Two Written References - Have your recommenders fill out the NWSA Reference Form and send it directly to NWSA. References may be submitted by email (preferable), mail, or fax.

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- Certification Form - Print out, sign and date the Certification Form. This document must be mailed to our office.

Step 2 – Send resume to Amanda Green at mac@esd112.org.

Questions? Contact Amanda Green at 509-395-3465.