2016 AmeriCorps Summer Crew Member

Timeline: May 23, 2016 to August 18, 2016 depending on placement.

Our Mission: Nevada Conservation Corps harnesses the energy and idealism of youth to meet the needs of Nevada's public lands and communities. As a federally-funded AmeriCorps program, the NCC promotes ecological literacy through field research and direct conservation service. By uniting resources from federal, state, and county agencies, the NCC provides young professionals the opportunity to make meaningful contributions toward protecting and conserving Nevada's natural heritage while gaining valuable work experience in the conservation field.

Description:
Spend a season or more working and camping outside at some of Nevada's premier natural areas. Serve alongside volunteers from across the country while making a lasting contribution to Nevada's natural heritage. Gain valuable field experience while working on habitat improvement, restoration, and recreation projects with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, and many other federal and state agencies. Projects may include trail construction and maintenance, hazardous fuels reduction, and habitat restoration.

Essential Duties:
- Building and maintaining trails, restoring and improving wildlife habitat, and reducing hazardous fuels in our forests and public lands;
- Camping up to seven nights in wilderness setting without formal restroom facilities or running water;
- Making a commitment of national service to our landscapes and communities;
- Maintaining a positive and professional attitude at all times while providing service;
- Communicating effectively with crew members, crew leaders, NCC staff and agency project staff;
- Complying with both production and quality work standards established by NCC administration, crew supervisors and project partners;
- Contributing to basic duties at the campsite including cooking, cleaning and organizing crew equipment;
- Showing respect when interacting with other members, leaders, staff, project sponsors and community members;
- Participating in in-field education sessions;
- Percentage of time spent on: labor– 70%, traveling– 20%, hiking– 10%;
- Lifting 25lbs continuously and 50lbs occasionally.

Work Schedule & Location:
Summer members will be based out of GBI's Reno, Las Vegas, or Ely office. Schedules will be dictated by project requirements and site location. Crews may be assigned to a variety of projects throughout the season, and the schedule may fluctuate between 4- and 8-day tours. While on tour, you will camp at the project site, sharing in campsite responsibilities, cooking meals with fellow crew members, and participating in group discussions and learning activities around the campfire. This shared responsibility and crew bonding is an important part of NCC member development strategy, and has contributed not only to the success of the program, but also to the formation of friendships and a passion for conservation work that last long after members finish their service.

Qualifications:
- Possess the desire and drive to perform meaningful conservation work on a variety of projects throughout southern Nevada.
- Must maintain a positive and professional attitude at all times while providing service.
- Be able to communicate effectively with members, crew leaders, NCC staff, and project partners.
- Possess the willingness and ability to work and camp up to seven nights in a row, in a wilderness setting, in all weather conditions, without formal restroom facilities or running water.
- Be able to lift 25lbs continuously and 50lbs occasionally
- Be over 17 years of age
- Be a US citizen
- Must possess a high school diploma or GED
- Must be eligible to receive an AmeriCorps Education Award (limit of four in a lifetime or the equivalent of two full-time education awards)*
- All position offers are conditional upon completion of an acceptable check of the National Sex Offender Public Registry and federal criminal background check.

Compensation: This is an AmeriCorps* position. Selected candidates will receive a living stipend of $3,500 for the season. This is not an hourly wage or salary, and is paid to members every two weeks throughout their term of service. Members also receive a food per-diem while on project at a rate of $7.25 a day. Upon completion of AmeriCorps service, members are eligible to receive an education award in the amount of $1,515.55 that can be used to pay off qualified student loans or to pay tuition at a Title IV accredited college.

Members are also compensated by gaining valuable field work experience, professional development and practical trainings and certifications. All members receive first aid and CPR certification and Leave No Trace (LNT) training. Members placed on trail crews will be trained in trail construction and maintenance practices. Those placed on habitat restoration and fuels reduction crews will receive S212 equivalent chainsaw training.

*The NCC does not provide housing nor sign leases, but can assist with identifying housing options in your area of service.

To Apply: Qualified and interested applicants should forward a cover letter, their résumé, and a list of three professional references to Jason Behrens, HR and Compliance Assistant, at jbehrens@thegreatbasininstitute.org. Please include how you heard about this position. Upon receipt, a representative from the NCC program will contact you for the next steps in the application process. All questions related to the interview and selection process may be sent to Jason.

We conform to all the laws, statutes, and regulations concerning equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. We strongly encourage women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and veterans to apply to all of our job openings. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, age, disability status, Genetic Information & Testing, Family & Medical Leave, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We prohibit Retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint or otherwise oppose discrimination.

*For more information see: http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps

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