Nevada Conservation Corps Six Month Crew Member

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.

Compensation:
This is an AmeriCorps position; candidates will receive a living stipend dependent on their length of service. The living stipend is a fixed amount, not an hourly wage or a salary. This stipend paid to members in bi-weekly installments throughout their term of service. Members also receive a food per-diem while on project at a rate of $7.25 per day in the field. Upon completion of AmeriCorps service members shall receive an additional education award also dependent on the length of service that can be used for paying off student loans or paying tuition for a Title IV accredited college.

Six month, 900 hour service term: $7,000 living stipend + $2,865 education award

Training & Field Work Experience
Members are also compensated by gaining valuable field work experience, professional development and practical trainings and certifications.
- First aid and CPR certification;
- Leave No Trace (LNT) training;
- Trail construction and maintenance training for trail crews;
- S212 equivalent chainsaw training for habitat restoration and fuels reduction crews.

Timeline: May 23, 2016 – November 17, 2016

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:
Crew members may be assigned to serve from the Las Vegas or Reno Field Stations, and will serve and camp in the field on 4-day tours, 8-day tours, or a mixture of the two. Schedules will be dictated by project site and distance from the field station. The locations of service will depend on which regional office you are assigned to for your term of service and may change throughout the season. Camping locations are provided during the work week. We will not provide housing nor sign leases, but we can assist with identifying housing options.

Qualifications:
• 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 at least 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.

To Apply:
Qualified and interested applicants have two option to apply. Forward a cover letter, their résumé, and a list of three professional references to Jason Behrens, HR and Compliance Assistant, at jbehrens@thegreatbasinstitute.org. Please include how you heard about this position.

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