



Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
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AmeriCorps Park Educator Job Description

Overview:

AmeriCorps Park Educators are at the leading edge of the VYCC's effort to bring the message of conservation and land stewardship to the community. As leaders in promoting this message, it is the responsibility of Park Educators to create and deliver engaging programs in environmental education to visitors in Vermont's State Parks and United States Forest Service Recreation Areas.

The position will begin in late April with trainings by VYCC and our partners: Vermont State Parks and the United States Forest Service. Following training, Park Educators will live together in a crew of five through late October working independently and in small teams at parks and recreation areas across the state. Park Educators will also operate day use and camping areas at their base location. At the end of the season (mid-September through Late October), Park Educators will move to other VYCC operated Vermont State Parks to provide programming to late season visitors and assist with park operations.

As an AmeriCorps Member, Park Educators will also be trained in disaster relief and may be part of a response team should the need arise.

Like all positions at the VYCC, the Park Educator must be prepared to take on new and unexpected responsibilities that come with being part of a dynamic organization.

Park Educator Responsibilities

- Develop and implement environmental education programs for park and recreation area visitors.
- Provide instruction and training to a diverse group of park visitors
- Coordinate logistics required to work at multiple parks with a variety of audiences
- Work as an independent member of a team of Park Educators

- Train Corps Members and the public in emergency response skills
- Work with Program partners to coordinate training opportunities for park personnel
- Lead formal and informal educational activities
- Update VYCC Headquarters Staff on progress, developments, or challenges on a regular basis
- Maintain relationships with Park Program Partners (Vermont State Parks, United States Forest Service, AmeriCorps, American Red Cross, other)
- Further develop relationships with local communities to implement program goals
- Serve on a disaster relief crew as needed
- Upon completion of service, write a detailed final evaluation of the program

Qualifications:

- Strong interest in environmental stewardship
- Dedication to service
- Strong desire to teach personal responsibility
- Excellent organization and communication skills, including customer service
- Background in environmental education or emergency response strongly desired
- Problem-solving ability, self-confidence, and a strong work ethic
- Sound judgment, creativity, humor, and maturity
- Interpretive, naturalist, or public speaking experience
- Outdoor leadership experience
- Good driving record, a valid driver's license, and willingness to use a personal vehicle with compensation included.
- Clearance through a criminal background check

Benefits:

- Living Stipend – \$330/week
- Training Stipend - Park Educators will receive an additional stipend upon successful completion of their training period
- Trainings - Project Learning Tree, Project Wet, Project Wild, CPR/First Aid Instructor Training, Shelter Operations (Red Cross), Emergency Response Vehicle Training (Red Cross), MASS Care, Certified Interpreter Guide Training (Nat'l Association of Interpreters), Leave No Trace Instructor Training, and others as needed/available
- Room and Board
- AmeriCorps Education Award – up to \$4,725 offered to all qualifying individuals (pending successful grant application)
- Valuable Job Skills - Learn management, interpretation, work, time management, and leadership skills.
- Exceptional Work Environment and Travel Opportunities - Live, work, and travel in the Green Mountains of Vermont
- Sterling College Education Award - \$1,000 scholarship available to all VYCC alumni accepted to attend Sterling College in Craftsbury, VT.
- AmeriCorps insurance package

Start Date

- April 26, 2010 (tentative)

To Apply

Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to the address below by February 15, 2010. Applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis.

2010 Park Educator Search
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