Lake Tahoe Basin Forestry Crew Member

Job Code: 2016-NCC-015
Location: Multiple Locations
State: Nevada
Program: Nevada Conservation Corps
Contract Length: 6 Months
Employer: Nevada Conservation Corps
Deadline: 5/23/2016

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Job Responsibilities:

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.

The Service Experience:

Spend your summer working and camping in the Tahoe Basin with the U.S. Forest Service conducting fuels reduction in the urban lots surrounding Lake Tahoe. Then finish the season in Eastern Nevada clearing trails and restoring Sage-Grouse habitat. 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. Learn firsthand from federal employees and specialists about natural resource careers. Find more information on our projects here!

Essential Duties:

• Camping three 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 50 lbs occasionally.

Contract Timeline:
May 23 – November 17, 2016 – 6 months of service in the field!

If this term of service doesn’t fit your availability, contact us anyway! We can discuss your options.

Location:
Crew will be assigned to serve from the Reno Field Station, and will serve and camp in the field on 4-day tours primarily, with the potential for 8-day tours at the end of the season. 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.

Compensation and Benefits:
6-month, or 26 weeks* for a 900 hour service term: $7,000 living stipend + $2,865 education award

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.

Members are also compensated by gaining valuable field work experience, professional development and practical trainings and certifications, and the potential to earn college credit through program participation.

Training & Field Work Experience:
- 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.
- GBI has successfully collaborated with participating colleges to award program participants college credit for their term of service. For more information, please inquire during the interview process.

*26 weeks includes a one week, mid-term break in August.

Job 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.
Other Job Information (if applicable):

Note:

Schedules for the summer and fall will be dictated by project requirements and site locations. These positions will be based out of Reno or Ely. Crews may be assigned to a variety of projects throughout the season, and the schedule may fluctuate between 4 and 8 day tours. Project work may include improving and restoring critical wildlife habitat, select thinning of timber stands, and fire fuels reduction. 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. Crew members will be responsible for self-transport to and from their assigned Field Station, but once there, Crew Leaders will provide transportation to project sites in program vehicles. Campsites are often in remote places that do not have running water or toilet facilities. 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. Crews will be outfitted with large water containers and kitchen equipment for storing and preparing meals. Each crew member will be responsible for providing personal camping gear such as a tent, sleeping bag, backpack or duffel, etc. Members are responsible for providing their own food for each tour. A food subsidy will be provided at $7.25 for every day spent in the field to help off-set the cost of food during the work week. This will be included as a reimbursement on the bi-weekly living stipend check.