Montana Conservation Corps’ mission is to inspire young people through hands-on conservation service to be leaders, stewards of the land, and engaged citizens who improve their communities. Our crews delve into the meaning of service while helping solve critical land management issues; survey and mitigate native and invasive species, maintain public access to trails in remote wilderness areas, national parks, grasslands and forests; support community non-profit organizations through volunteer service projects; and weatherize the homes of low-income families to conserve energy. Crew life and engaged citizenship are an integral part of an MCC experience. The challenge of living and working with a diverse crew of individuals provides members and leaders alike the skills and knowledge to create the change they wish to see in the world! No better backdrop for this type of experience exists than the wilds of Montana, which includes Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, 15 million acres of national forest land, and 3.5 million acres of designated wilderness areas.

Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) Conservation Intern program provides opportunities for college students and recent graduates to serve Montana and surrounding areas through hands-on conservation internships. During the summer season, Conservation Interns serve at partnering federal, state, and nonprofit agencies. Each internship is designed to help develop the Conservation Interns’ professional skill sets while providing expertise and valuable contributions to the host site. Conservation Interns serve in a variety of ways including GPS and GIS projects, river ranger patrols, wildlife inventory, data analysis, public outreach and education, trails projects, research, and invasive weeds management. Conservation Interns receive training, supervision, and guidance from experienced agency and MCC mentors. Current students or recent graduates in the fields of resource conservation, forestry, biology, environmental science, recreation management, GIS, or outdoor education are encouraged to apply for this opportunity to gain applicable professional skills while spending time outside this summer as an MCC Conservation Intern.

Overview

The primary duties of the MCC Conservation Intern include working under the supervision of staff from the host site and Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) to complete agency projects, participating in all elements of the MCC program to the best of his/her ability, and maintaining a positive attitude throughout the program. The Conservation Intern will establish and maintain a good working relationship with agency and MCC staff, other MCC AmeriCorps members, and community volunteers. The intern is an MCC AmeriCorps member and will not have recurring access to vulnerable populations.

Benefits

- $504 bi-weekly living allowance and site specific training.
- $1,195 AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of the program.
- Stipend to offset some travel costs to orientation and end of service training.
- Additional benefits vary by host site.
Responsibilities

Programmatic Duties:

- Accomplish project goals to the standards and satisfaction of the MCC and partner/technical advisors
- Work in a safe manner and contribute to a ‘culture of professionalism’
- Follow all MCC policies and procedures
- Attend at least one public meeting and complete at least five hours of volunteer service outside of MCC and the host site organization
- Attend, assist, or lead MCC service days and other MCC events and help organize and implement service projects when possible
- Promote a positive public image for MCC by acting in a professional and respectful manner at all times
- Work alongside staff and volunteers on projects and provide leadership when possible
- Exhibit a strong work ethic and positive service ethic throughout the term of service

Administrative Duties:

- Complete and submit required reports and other paperwork in a timely manner
- Develop an Individual Action Plan (IAP) and evaluate performance of personal goals

Qualifications

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- Ability to complete the entire term of service
- Strong service ethic and desire to serve the community and the environment
- Willingness to work long hard hours in all weather conditions
- Ability to meet the physical demands on the position, as determined by the host site

Dates of Employment

May 17, 2016 through August 18, 2016

To apply for this position, please complete an application through our online application portal no later than April 30, 2016.
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