



Position Announcement



Position: AmeriCorps Land Stewardship Trainer

Locations: Bend, Oregon or Prineville, Oregon as assigned. Project locations throughout Central Oregon.

Service Start Date: January 6th, 2020

Service End Date: October 30th, 2020

Organization Summary: Heart of Oregon Corps' mission is to inspire and empower positive change in the lives of young people through jobs, education, and stewardship. We aim to improve economic and social vitality while increasing pathways out of poverty. We are training tomorrow's workforce today.

Heart of Oregon Corps' AmeriCorps Public Lands Corps program serves local young people ages 17-24 throughout Central Oregon, and improves over 1,000 acres of public lands a year. The Land Stewardship Trainer position serves alongside of and trains these local, Opportunity Youth members. A Staff Crew Leader oversees each crew.

Crews of 7-8 local young people, a Land Stewardship Trainer, and a Staff Crew Leader serve mostly outdoors on natural resource conservation projects. Crews learn to use a chainsaw or crosscut saw, build a fence, control invasive weeds, and maintain hiking/biking trails. Project partners include the Deschutes and Ochoco US Forest Service, Prineville BLM District, and Bend Parks & Rec, among many others.

Position Summary: This "Land Stewardship Trainer" position is a 10-month, 1700-hour, full-time, non-residential service position that has a leadership, but not supervisory role on the crew.

The position serves outside on public lands about 75% of the time. The position is ideal for people with previous conservation corps experience or those with natural resources, outdoor leadership, and or environmental education backgrounds/degrees. We prefer applicants to be at least 21 for driving regulations, but we will consider 19+ with previous corps experience. There are 3 positions open starting January 6th, 2020, with service concluding October 30th, 2020.

Service is on a full-time basis, primarily Monday-Friday daily, without overnight camping, except occasionally. No housing is provided with this service experience.

Specific Duties: Under supervision from the Project Coordinator and daily staff Crew Leader oversight, this position will complete public lands conservation projects in the field; providing training to a crew of local Opportunity Youth AmeriCorps members. The position will also deliver curriculum during Natural Resources Skills and Career Clinics.

- Complete hands-on conservation projects on public lands
- Assist staff Crew Leaders by providing field-based hard skills training, support, and mentoring to other local AmeriCorps service members on the crew
- Assist with tool/equipment/vehicle inventory tracking and maintenance

- Assist with driving and project logistics
- Deliver program curriculum for Natural Resources Skills and Careers Clinics
- Assist with spike camping trips. Must be available to camp occasionally throughout the term
- Assist in the delivery of other program services as assigned to the extent that it is in conflict with the primary position responsibilities or any AmeriCorps provision including AmeriCorps Prohibited Activities

Benefits:

- A maximum taxable \$13,992 (pre-tax) living allowance dispersed bi-weekly over 43 weeks (\$650.80 bi-weekly)
- Health and Childcare benefits available as eligible.
- Paid Federal holidays, sick time, and vacation days.
- Student loan forbearance (for qualifying federal student loans).
- A \$6,095 education award granted upon successful completion of the program.
- Potential professional development and training opportunities including: career planning, public land stewardship, & youth development. Possible certifications may include CPR & First Aid, Chainsaw S212, Crosscut Saw, Oregon Directly Supervised Herbicide Applicator, and/or Wilderness First Aid.
- Opportunity to live, travel, and serve in beautiful Central Oregon.

Physical Requirements:

Frequent lifting and carrying of up to 50 lbs. Standing, walking, bending, hiking for long hours. Ability to work outside in all weather conditions, including extreme heat, cold, and rain. Ability to drive 10 passenger vans and 4WD drive vehicles. Ability to pull and back up trailers safely (or ability to learn).

Travel:

Position requires members to provide their own transportation to their initial service headquarters in Bend or Prineville as assigned. Position requires frequent local travel in HOC vehicles during the service day. Occasional overnight travel required. Occasional use of personal vehicle with mileage reimbursement required. Must not have any major traffic violations or citations.

Age Minimum:

21 and over highly preferred for driving qualifications (will consider down to 19 years old with previous corps experience).

To Apply:

Submit cover letter, resume, and two references to sam.vanderbeek@hearttoforegon.org

Additional post-interview application steps and identity documents are required.

Early submission of applications is encouraged!

Interviews will begin in late November and continue until position is filled.

Do not fill out the HOC Staff Employment Application- this is not a staff position, this is a national service AmeriCorps position.