



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2023 Aspen-Sopris Wilderness Ranger Intern

- Partner Agency:** US Forest Service White River National Forest- Aspen-Sopris Ranger District
- Positions Available:** 2
- Location:** Aspen, CO
- Tentative Dates:** May 22nd - August 26th, 2023 (or upon completion of 14 weeks). Temporary, seasonal, exempt.
- Wage:** \$625/week living stipend
- Plus:** 450-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$1,718.25), boot/gear reimbursement up to \$400.

**Shared housing is provided.** Rooms are double occupancy with a shared kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Alcohol and other drugs are not permitted in Forest Service housing. Training and certifications provided may include first aid, patrol training, and crosscut saw training. Most field gear is provided including a backpack, backcountry gear, work gloves, first aid supplies, rain jacket and Forest Service uniform.

- Benefits:** Sick leave as determined by Colorado law

### **Program Overview:**

This position will serve as part of the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District Wilderness Ranger Crew, led primarily by the Forest Service Lead Wilderness Ranger. The primary duty of this Wilderness Ranger position is to conduct Wilderness patrols which include trails maintenance, interacting with visitors, and campsite/trash clean-up. This position will model Leave No Trace ethics at all times. Rangers collect data including wilderness campsite inventory information and visitor encounter information. This position requires overnight camping in remote locations for up to 10 days, but typically service weeks are 4 days/3 nights (Friday-Monday) of backpacking. It also requires extensive hiking (up to 12 miles per day), strenuous labor, heavy backpacks and frequent public contact. Additionally, rangers will be clearing and maintaining over 300 miles of Wilderness trails on the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District. Many of the district trails are located within the wild and remote Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness, Hunter Fryngpan Wilderness, Collegiate Peak Wilderness, Raggeds Wilderness and Holy Cross Wilderness. Crosscut saws and hand tools will be used for log-out and trail maintenance in the wilderness. Crosscut saw certification and hand tool training will be provided by the Forest Service. Forest Service will provide tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, stoves, first aid kits, and some rain gear. Each person selected must provide sturdy leather high-top hiking boots, water bottles, non-cotton base layers, socks, winter hats, and any other personal items for backcountry travel.

**General Qualifications:**

This is an incredibly mentally and physically demanding job. This cannot be understated. Must have the ability to work outdoors, unsupervised, in high elevation environments in all types of weather. The successful applicant must have excellent communication skills and be able to serve with and communicate effectively with a wide range of people and personalities. Individual must be able to function well as a team member. Experience in recreation management (specifically in challenging outdoor work or service) preferred but not necessary.

If living in government housing, must keep their space clean.

**Requirements:**

- High School Diploma or Higher
- 18 Years of age or older with a valid driver license and clean driving record.
- U.S. Citizenship or permission to work in the US
- Must be under 30 years old - This position is supported by the Public Lands Hiring Authority which requires candidates to be between the ages of 16 to 30.
- Pre-service background screening required including FBI background check

*This position is classified as Temporary Regular Non-Exempt and is a seasonal position with no benefits. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is committed to the inclusion of members with all levels of ability. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. This program is available to all, without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or religion.*

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Member Name

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