



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2024 Aspen-Sopris Wilderness Trail Crew Intern

- Partner Agency:** US Forest Service White River National Forest- Aspen-Sopris Ranger District
- Positions Available:** 2
- Location:** Aspen, CO
- Tentative Dates:** May 20th - September 7th, 2024 (or upon completion of 16 weeks).
- Stipend:** \$625/week living allowance. Total amount will be \$10,000.
- AmeriCorps:** 675-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$2,626.27) upon successful completion
- Plus:** Boot/gear reimbursement up to \$400

Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion of 640 hours on public lands.

Shared housing is provided. Rooms are double occupancy with a shared kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Alcohol and non-prescribed and illegal 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.

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 Fryingpan Wilderness, Collegiate Peak Wilderness, Ragged 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 position. This cannot be understated. Must have the ability to serve 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. Individuals 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.

Service Statement:

As an AmeriCorps service program, RMYC holds all of its staff to the highest standards of service focused on environmental stewardship, education, and healthy futures. AmeriCorps is a federal program that is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connect over 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs. Their mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct and team-based national and community service. We provide resources and people power to organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. We enrich the lives of those we serve and those who serve. Participants grow personally and professionally gaining new skill sets through providing hands-on work experience, valuable networking opportunities, and professional skills training. Why do you want to serve with AmeriCorps? Spending a season serving with AmeriCorps through RMYC can be a life-changing and rewarding experience. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to service, diversity, self-development, and the team environment.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 18 Years of age or older with a valid driver license and clean driving record.
- 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
- Must be eligible for enrollment in AmeriCorps as a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident. Documentation will be required on the first day.

CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT: AmeriCorps members will be subject to all state and federal laws, and the rules and regulations of OSHA and RMYC. The member is expected to fully understand and adhere to the rules, regulations and code of conduct as described in the AmeriCorps member manual. 10/19 Policy violations will result in disciplinary action according to program guidelines, including written warnings, fines, suspension without stipend, and/or termination. The AmeriCorps member is accountable for meeting or exceeding the responsibilities of this position as described above, and will be evaluated at mid-term and end-term by Corps Program Staff, with input from project hosts. Successful completion is contingent on both AmeriCorps education award hours and service through the agreed upon term end date.

This position is classified as Temporary 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 age 40 and over, color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, military or veteran status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or any other applicable status protected by state or local law.

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Member Name

Signature

Date