



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2024 Wilderness Crew Member

- Partner Agency:** US Forest Service White River National Forest- Blanco Ranger District
- Positions Available:** 3
- Location:** Meeker, CO
- Tentative Dates:** May 20 - August 24 , 2024 (or upon completion of 14 weeks).
- Stipend:** \$625/week living allowance. Total amount will be \$8,750.
- AmeriCorps:** 450-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$1,824.07) 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 and is located approximately 30 miles east of Meeker, CO. Alcohol and non-prescribed and illegal drugs are not permitted in Forest Service housing. You may have to share a room with another individual and will share common spaces such as the living room, kitchen, and restrooms with all residents.

Program Overview:

This position will serve as part of the Blanco Ranger District's Wilderness Trail Crew, which will be a crew of 4-5 members led primarily by a U.S. Forest Service Lead Wilderness and Trails employee. The primary duties of this position will be to contribute to the clearing and maintenance of over 300 miles of non-motorized hiking/horseback trails mostly within the 235,000-acre Flat Tops Wilderness Area. Crosscut saws and hand tools will be used for trail clearing and trail maintenance in the wilderness. Crosscut saw certification and hand tool training will be provided by the Forest Service. This position may also collect wilderness campsite inventory information, outfitter and guide camp monitoring, and visitor use data and information. The position will model Leave-No-Trace ethics and principles while camping and serving. This position requires overnight camping in remote locations for up to 6 days, but typically service weeks are 4 days/3 nights of backpacking in duration. It also requires extensive hiking (up to 12 miles per day), strenuous labor, and carrying loads of up to 50lbs. 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:

Experience in backcountry hiking and camping, trail maintenance and/or general labor work is preferred but not required. The successful applicant must have a strong work ethic, a positive attitude,

and good communication and teamwork skills. Applicants must have the ability to serve unsupervised in remote locations in a variety of weather conditions.

Government housing is provided at the Lost Creek Guard Station, approximately 30 miles east of Meeker, CO. Individuals will likely have their own bedroom, and will share a living room, large kitchen, and two bathrooms with others.

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.
- Eligibility to work in the US
- 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 able to provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States

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