



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2023 Wilderness Trail Crew Intern

- Partner Agency:** US Forest Service White River National Forest- Rio Blanco Ranger District
- Positions Available:** 4
- Location:** Meeker, CO
- Tentative Dates:** May 22nd - August 26th, 2023 (or upon completion of 14 weeks). Temporary, seasonal, exempt.
- Wage:** \$625/week living allowance
- Plus:** 450-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$1,718.25), boot/gear reimbursement up to \$350.

**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, Leave-No-Trace, and crosscut saw. All field gear is provided including tools, day pack, backpack, tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, cook stoves, work gloves, first aid supplies, rain jacket and pants, water filtration, and Forest Service uniform.

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

### **Program Overview:**

This position will work as part of the Blanco Ranger District's Wilderness Trail Crew, which will be a crew of 4 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 and visitor use data and information. The position will model Leave-No-Trace ethics and principles while camping and working. This position requires overnight camping in remote locations for up to 6 days, but typically work 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 work 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 may share a bedroom with other employees depending on the number of crew members hired, and will share a living room, large kitchen, and two bathrooms with others.

**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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