



Saw Camping & Day Corpsmember - Cañon City Position Description 2014 Summer

- Position Title:** Chainsaw and Applicator- Day & Camping Corpsmember
- Position Type:** Field-based, seasonal, full-time, minimum 11 week program commitment plus paid orientation and training.
- Location:** Canon City for several weeks of day work, Colorado Springs office for training, and seven counties along southern Front Range in Colorado for camping work.
- Compensation:** \$320 weekly stipend.
Includes transportation to projects, uniforms, environmental education and training, some camping equipment, food while camping and some travel opportunities. Also included are S-212-equivalent chainsaw course and Colorado Dept. of Agriculture Pesticide Applicator training
- AmeriCorps Benefits:** AmeriCorps education award to qualified individuals.
450 Service Hours/\$1,468 Education Award
- Season Dates:** May 15th thru August 08, 2014
- Reports To:** Crew Leader

Overview:

Mile High Youth Corps-Colorado Springs (MHYC-CS) is a regional, non-profit, AmeriCorps (www.americorps.gov) affiliated organization operating in Colorado Springs that provides service, education and leadership opportunities for young adults ages 18-24. The goal of MHYC-CS is to improve life-skills, work readiness, employment prospects, and economic independence for youth, while also teaching them respect for natural resources and the outdoors. Our Corpsmembers work on conservation and environmental stewardship projects such as wildfire restoration and mitigation, fencing, weed mitigation, park development, rehabilitation of sensitive riparian areas, and trail building and maintenance, on public lands in both urban and rural areas.

Position Description:

Young adults complete conservation projects on public lands throughout a diverse region that includes Custer, El Paso, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas, Pueblo, and Teller counties. Project examples are wildfire mitigation and restoration, invasive species removal, healthy forest initiatives, campground improvement, trail construction and improvement, park improvements and development. This is a chainsaw and applicator crew. Members will be certified to act as sawyers and swampers after testing; they will also be trained as pesticide applicators and in the use sprayers utilizing nonrestricted chemicals. Crews consist of 8-10 Corpsmembers supervised by adult Crew Leaders. The chainsaw/day/camping crew meets and travels to project sites as a team in Corps vehicles. Part of the season the crew will function as a Day Crew and return home each night; several weeks will also be spent camping. The crew will camp onsite at the project location for 5-10 days before returning home for 2-4 days off. The program requires primarily front country camping but may include some back country camping involving backpacking into remote campsites. The

crew is responsible for planning and cooking meals (food provided) and completing team-based chores. This job requires flexibility.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Serve on a crew with other young adults completing service and conservation projects throughout the Southern Front Range of Colorado.
- Serve as a member of a team to complete on-site conservation projects using basic hand tools and chainsaws and backpack or hand sprayers.
- Participate responsibly in day-to-day aspects of crew life in camp and on the project.
- Fully participate in environmental education, leadership development, civic engagement, healthy lifestyles, career development, and service learning opportunities.
- Adhere to all safety rules and regulations.
- Adhere to the rules and regulations specified in the MHYC Employee and Corpsmember Handbooks.
- Follow *Leave No Trace* camping techniques.
- Actively participate in required S-212 or equivalent classroom, field work and testing for feller certification and USDA Applicator training.

Corpsmember Qualifications:

- Must be between the ages of 18-24 and eligible for employment in the United States.
- Must commit to complete the program and participate fully on projects, in crew life, and educational sessions.
- Must be willing to uphold the images of both the MHYC-CS and the AmeriCorps Program.
- Must have a strong work ethic; actively participate as part of a team, and be dedicated to the Youth Corps philosophy.
- Ability to adhere to the MHYC-CS policy which prohibits smoking and other tobacco use in MHYC-CS facilities, vehicles, projects or camp sites.
- Experience in the outdoors and camping highly preferred.
- Experience in trail work and/or ranch, landscaping work highly preferred.
- Pre-employment background check and drug screen will be required. May implement drug testing throughout employment. May be required to undergo a Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal check, which involves being fingerprinted.
- Must be able to legally work in the United States which will be verified through the Federal E-Verify program.

Essential Functions:

This is a very ***physically demanding position***. While performing the duties of this contract, the Corpsmember is frequently required to walk, sit and talk or listen. The Corpsmember is required to use hands to operate tools including chainsaws, backpack sprayers and other controls, and to reach with hands and arms. The Corpsmember is occasionally required to climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The Corpsmember may be required to hike up to five miles, at altitude, with a pack and a chainsaw. The Corpsmember must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close vision and the ability to focus. The Corpsmember must be able to understand and communicate safety instructions as well as basic workplace instructions in English. The Corpsmember may be required to camp up to 10 days at a time.

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