



Day and Camping Trail Corpsmember - Position Description 2014 Summer Season

Position Title:	Day and Camping Corpsmember
Position Type:	Field-based, seasonal, full-time, minimum 11 week program commitment plus paid orientation and training.
Location:	Colorado Springs office - seven counties along southern Front Range in Colorado.
Compensation:	\$320 weekly stipend. Includes transportation to projects, uniforms, environmental education and training, some camping equipment, and food while camping.
AmeriCorps Benefits:	AmeriCorps education award to qualified individuals. 450 Service Hours/\$1,468 Education Award
Season Dates:	May 21st thru August 08th , 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 Corpmembers work on conservation and environmental stewardship projects such as wildfire restoration, 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, fencing, campground improvement, trail construction and improvement, park improvements and development. Crews consist of 8-10 Corpsmembers supervised by adult Crew Leaders. The day/camping crew meets and travels to project sites as a team in Corps vehicles. The majority of the season will be camping however there will be weeks when the crew returns home each evening. Most of the time the crew camps onsite at the project location for 5-10 days before returning home for 2-4 days off. The program requires both front country and back country camping and may involve 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.

- 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.

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 or 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. 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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