

Pueblo Day and Camping Corpsmember-Position Description 2014 Summer

Position Title: Pueblo Day and Camping Corpsmember

Position Type: Full-time, temporary, minimum 8 - 11 week program commitment

Location: Pueblo, Pueblo County and adjacent counties.

Compensation: \$300 weekly stipend. Includes transportation to projects, uniforms, and

environmental education and training.

AmeriCorps Benefits: AmeriCorps education award to qualified individuals.

300 Service Hours/\$1,175 Education Award (scholarship)

Season Dates: June 11th thru August 8th, 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 fencing, weed mitigation, park development, rehabilitation of sensitive riparian areas, and trail building and maintenance, on public lands in both urban and rural areas. This year we will be operating a primarily Day Crew in Pueblo.

Position Description:

Young adults complete conservation projects on public lands. Project examples are fencing, campground improvement, trail construction and improvement, park improvements and development. Crews consist of 8-10 Corpsmembers supervised by adult Crew Leaders. The crew meets and travels to work sites as a team in Corps vehicles. On project in the Pueblo area the crew returns home each evening. Camping will required for projects outside the Pueblo area. During remote projects, the crew will camp 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 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 MHYC-CS and the AmeriCorps Program.
- Must have a strong work ethis; actively participate as part of a team, and be dedicated to the Youth Corp philosophy.
- Ability to adhere to the MHYC-CS policy which prohibits smoking and other tobacco use in MHYC-CS facilities, vehicles, project s, or camp sites.
- Experience in the outdoors and camping highly preferred
- Experience in trail work and/or ranch, landscaping work highly preferred.
- <u>Pre-employment background check and drug screen will be required.</u> 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 job 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.

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