



NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS

Position Description

Fall SSP

Position:	Seasonal Stewardship Program (SSP) – AmeriCorps Crew Member
Position Type:	A seasonal, field-based residential (camping) position.
Location:	Various locations throughout Oregon and Washington
Salary:	\$2,420 living allowance prorated throughout term of service \$1,527.45 AmeriCorps Education Award available after completion
Benefits:	Professional trainings and certifications available, lodging and transportation included
Program Dates:	<i>Tentative Dates:</i> 9/15/17 to 11/10/17
Application Process:	Visit https://www.nwyouthcorps.org/joinNYC
Questions/Contact:	Kaisa Lightfoot, Leadership Coordinator KaisaL@nwyouthcorps.org

Organization Overview

Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering youth and young adults to become successful, resilient members of their communities. To achieve this, NYC provides a variety of outdoors, conservation-specific programs to youth and young adults throughout the Northwest emphasizing education, leadership, and personal growth.

Since 1984, NYC and its resource management partners have provided opportunities to over 19,000 youth and young adults to learn, grow, and experience success. NYC's programs serve over 800 youth and young adults annually, with programs operating in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California.

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The Seasonal Stewardship Program (SSP) is an innovative AmeriCorps program designed to provide hands on training and experience to those interested in pursuing employment with conservation corps, land and water resource management agencies, and other outdoor careers. The SSP integrates team-based work projects, education, and on-site vocational training into an experience that prioritizes personal growth, and the development of conservation work skills. Participants will develop technical skills working on a variety of conservation projects while developing the soft skills needed to be successful in the outdoor industry.

SSP participants spend eight weeks camping, working and travelling together as a six-person team. You can expect to work on physically challenging conservation projects in any kind of weather, gaining hands on experience in the groundwork of stewardship. Each day, you will return to camp after work and participate in community activities, including meal prep, water collection and treatment, and tool maintenance, followed by a family style dinner. Evenings will be spent on various educational and recreational activities, including formal lessons taught by team members, group discussions, and stargazing around the campfire.

The SSP will work on high priority conservation projects for land management partners like the Forest Service, BLM, and National Park Service. Some crews may be focused on the construction of bridges and kiosks, while others may be focused on the restoration of at-risk landscapes and watersheds. Other projects

may include fuels reduction or GIS mapping and survey. Crews will receive trainings appropriate for each project they will encounter

Duties and Responsibilities

Training: The primary focus of the SSP program is to prepare members for fulltime employment with a combination of field work activity and industry-recognized trainings. Program participants will receive some or all of the following trainings and certifications depending on their crew's primary work focus: Wilderness First Aid, Chainsaw Operation, Leadership, Trail Construction and Maintenance, Brush Cutter Operation, Resource Management, CPR, Conflict Resolution, and Map and Compass Orienting.

Work Project Participation: SSP Participants will be part of a six person crew led by one staff member. Participants are responsible for the safe completion of assigned work projects in a timely manner to predetermined specifications under the direction of their Crew Leader.

Development: SSP AmeriCorps participants participate in educational group discussions at least two times a week. An Individual Development Plan will be created by each member to foster self-improvement and reflection as the program progresses.

Hours: Crews will spend the entirety of the eight week program living and working as a crew. Weekends and evenings will take place in a provided campsite with group excursions and recreational opportunities on weekends. Members must complete the program and a minimum of 450 hours of service including work, training, education, and travel time. A 30 minute lunch and at least two breaks will be provided each day

Required Qualifications

- At least 19 years old
- Education-Minimum of a high school degree or working towards a high school degree. Course work in education, leadership, resource management, and recreation preferred.
- Experience-Applications will be reviewed considering all past work experience, outdoor recreation background, and volunteer experience relevant to this position. Prior experience in environmental studies, outdoor recreation, resource management and familiarity using hand tools is desirable.
- Experience and certification in First Aid is not required but strongly encouraged.
- Physical Condition-All applicants must be in good physical condition and capable of working long hours on strenuous, labor intensive projects. Work projects often require heavy lifting, constant bending, digging, and extensive backcountry travel. Applicants must be able to backpack 12 miles and lift up to 50 lbs.
- Due to the possible remote nature of this program, applicants must be comfortable with extremely limited contact with the outside world. There may be no opportunities for internet access and mail, and cell service may be extremely limited.
- Must meet eligibility requirements set forth by AmeriCorps for a term of national service

Apply online at www.nwyouthcorps.org/JoinNYC. Please indicate **Seasonal Stewardship Program (SSP)** in your Cover Letter before submission. Contact Kaisa Lightfoot at KaisaL@nwyouthcorps.org if you have any questions. Additional program information can be found at www.nwyouthcorps.org.

Northwest Youth Corps is an Equal Opportunity Employer –

Our core purpose is to provide opportunities for youth and young adults to learn, grow, and experience success. We believe diversity is a key source of strength for our communities, and we strive to create a safe and empowering environment for participants from a wide range of backgrounds and abilities. We are deeply invested in the success of youth and young adults of all races, ethnicities, gender identities, religions, sexual orientations, economic statuses, or other socio-cultural identifiers.

The member will not engage in any prohibited activities as stated in the Member Service Agreement.

Member Signature

Date

