



**Northwest Youth Corps – AmeriCorps 480 Hour  
National Park Service  
Lewis and Clark National Historical Park  
Astoria, Oregon 97103  
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**Position Summary:** The National Park Service is recruiting two multi-divisional individual placement AmeriCorps members to work both in resource management and interpretation & education at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. With seven sites on both sides of the Columbia River in Washington and Oregon, the park includes wetlands, upland forests, and coastal dunes and prairies.

**Duty location:** The members will split time between both park divisions, reporting to the Fort Clatsop Unit of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, 92434 Fort Clatsop Road in Astoria, OR. In addition, resource work includes some projects at Cape Disappointment State Park at 244 Robert Gray Drive in Ilwaco, WA.

**Position Responsibilities:** While working with the park's restoration team within the Resource Management Division, the members will primarily be assisting with invasive plant control. This work will take place both at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and associated Washington State Parks. For invasive plant control (70%), duties include doing surveys of forest, wetlands, and prairies for invasive plants, mechanical removal using shovels and string trimmers, and applying herbicide when appropriate. After receiving training in safe control techniques and plant identification skills from staff at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, most of the natural resources work will be conducted at Cape Disappointment, where the two members will primarily work as an independent team after being given goals and objectives. For park monitoring projects (20%), duties may include revisiting forest monitoring plots, conducting wetland vegetation surveys, performing driving surveys for elk, and entering data into a database.

In the Visitor Service Division, which includes education, the members will learn interpretive methods and offer costumed programs at Fort Clatsop, act as counselors for a virtual youth camp and possibly lead hikes and kayak trips for the public, depending upon pandemic precautions. The members will work for (20%) of their time on a virtual day camp that focuses on environmental education; duties will include instructing students on general ecology, edible plants, and animal behaviors. (20%) of the time may be spent in the park's kayak program; duties include presenting informational talks, ensuring safety of visitors, and surveying for new invasive species infestations along 2.0 miles of the Lewis and Clark River. The members will also work for (50%) of their time at the Visitor Center, the Fort and trail, where duties include general orientation for visitors, assisting with the Junior Ranger program, and providing costumed fort programs and uniformed nature walks.

The members will also spend approximately (10%) of their time in each division receiving formal training in general safety, policies, and job opportunities with the National Park Service. The AmeriCorps term will conclude with a report about the work completed during the summer.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ability to work outdoors, hike, and assist the public in remote settings and inclement weather on uneven ground.
- Willingness to work as part of a team in an outdoor setting
- Willingness to carry and use herbicides
- Ability to give direction and talk to the public.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to paddle and self-rescue out of a kayak or canoe (training will be provided)
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 lbs.
- Ability to safely use hand tools and power tools such as loppers and string trimmers

- Willingness to submit to a government background check
- Current driver's license, a clean driving record, and personal transportation
- A positive attitude

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of Northwest natural resources and plants
- College coursework in biology
- Previous experience using GPS units and maps and compass for navigating off-trail
- Experience in presenting informational or educational talks to the general public
- Experience teaching and/or leading youth, conservation, reforestation and/or outdoor rec skills

**Terms of Employment:** Two AmeriCorps members will complete a term of service starting June 7, 2021. Starting date is negotiable to accommodate student schedules. Time commitment is a minimum of 480 hours by the end of September 2021. Our focus is on the months of June, July, and August due to recreating public and growth season of vegetation.

**Program Benefits:** \$5,760 total living allowance pro-rated monthly and a \$1,638.89 education award upon successful completion of the 480 hours of service and position requirements. The living allowance and education award are taxable. Housing will be provided by Washington State Parks at the Fort Columbia state park unit. Members are responsible for providing their own food and transportation. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check.

**Additional Information:** If you have questions about the position, please contact Kayla Fermin at (503) 861-4444 or [Kayla\\_Fermin@nps.gov](mailto:Kayla_Fermin@nps.gov) or Cathy Peterson at (503) 861-4422 or [Cathy\\_Peterson@nps.gov](mailto:Cathy_Peterson@nps.gov). If you have AmeriCorps-related questions, contact Andrew Tagge at (541) 357-8210 or [andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org).

**To Apply:** Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references and completely fill out the application form found at <http://bit.ly/NYCInternApplicationForm>. Please select "Lewis and Clark NHP – AmeriCorps Member" when applying.

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

**COVID-19 Protocols:** Northwest Youth Corps has developed and facilitated industry leading COVID management protocols that are in place to keep our members and staff healthy, and have maintained an excellent safety record. Read our COVID protocols by visiting [www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/covid19](http://www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/covid19).