Northwest Youth Corps – AmeriCorps 450 hour
National Park Service
Lewis and Clark National Historical Park
Astoria, Oregon 97103
503-861-2471

Position Summary:
The National Park Service is recruiting two AmeriCorps members to provide natural resource management assistance 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. The members will serve with the park’s restoration team within the Resource Management Division. The team is currently implementing and monitoring projects to actively restore wetlands and temperate forests.

Duties and Responsibilities:
Major duties are related to learning and working alongside personnel in natural resource management and related activities at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and associated Washington State Parks. For invasive plant control (70%), duties include working in a small crew doing surveys of forest, wetlands, and prairies for invasive plants, mechanical removal using shovels and string trimmers, and applying herbicide when appropriate. For park monitoring projects (20%), duties will include revisiting forest monitoring plots, conducting wetland vegetation surveys, performing driving surveys for elk, and entering data into a database. The member will also spend approximately spend 10% of their time receiving training including safety training, plant identification, the safe application of herbicides, and job opportunities with the National Park Service. The term of service will conclude with a report about the work completed during the summer.

Required Qualifications:
- Ability to work outdoors, walk, 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
- Ability to give direction and talk to the public
- A positive attitude
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 lbs.
- Willingness to submit to a government background survey
- Current driver’s license and clean driving record
- Ability to safely use hand tools and power tools such as loppers and string trimmers

Desired Qualifications:
- Knowledge of Northwest natural resources and plants.
- College coursework in biology.
- Previous experience using GPS units

Duty location:
Time will be split amongst the seven units of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. For approximately half of the time, members will report to the Fort Clatsop unit at 92343 Fort Clatsop Road, Astoria Oregon 97103 and the remainder to Cape Disappointment State Park at 244 Robert Gray Dr, Ilwaco, WA 98624.

Members must have their own vehicles. There is no public transportation available and distances from housing are too far to go on bicycle.
Terms of Employment:
Two AmeriCorps members will complete a term of service (length dependent on commitment of hours), starting June 8, 2020. Starting date is negotiable to accommodate student schedules. Time commitment is a minimum of 450 hours by the end of December 2020. Our focus is on twelve weeks during the months of June to August due to work on invasive plants.

Program Benefits:
$5,760 total living allowance pro-rated monthly and a $1,612.43 education award upon completion of the 450 hours of service and/or position requirements. The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing their own food. Housing is provided at no cost to the member. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check.

To Apply:
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/NYCInternApplication. Please select “NYC – Lewis and Clark Natural Resources” when applying.

If you have questions about the position, please contact Kayla Fermin at 503-861-4444 or kayla_fermin@nps.gov. If you have AmeriCorps-related questions, contact Andrew Tagge at 541-357-8210 or andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org

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