



**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 summer interns to provide educational and interpretation 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 Intern will serve with the interpretive and education teams within the Visitor Services Division. The park anticipates over 100,000 visitors this summer including two youth camps.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Major duties are related to learning and working alongside personnel in visitor services at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. The intern will work for 20% of their time on day-camps that focus on environmental education; duties will include instructing students on general ecology, edible plants, and animal behaviors. 20% of the intern's time will 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 interns will also work for 20% of their time at the Visitor Center, where duties include general orientation for visitors and assisting with the Junior Ranger program. The intern will also spend about 10% of their time receiving formal training and 10% of their time working on interdisciplinary teams to improve hiking trails both at Lewis and Clark NHP and including during a 3 day camping trip at Mount Rainier National Park.

Required Qualifications:

- Ability to work outdoors walks, hike, and assist the public in remote settings and inclement weather on uneven ground.
- Ability to give direction and talk to the public.
- A positive attitude.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to paddle and self-rescue out of a kayak or canoe.
- 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.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in presenting informational or educational talks to the general public.
- Experience teaching and/or leading youth, conservation, reforestation and/or outdoor rec skills.

Duty location:

Intern will report daily to the Visitor Center at the Fort Clatsop Unit of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, 92434 Fort Clatsop Rd, Astoria, OR, 97103. Incumbents must arrange their own transportation to and from the office.

Terms of Employment:

One AmeriCorps member will complete a term of service (length dependent on commitment of hours), starting June 10, 2019. Starting date is negotiable to accommodate student schedules. Time commitment is a minimum of 450 hours by the end of September 2019. Our focus is on the months of June, July and August due to recreating public and growth season of vegetation.

Program Benefits:

\$5,640 total living allowance divided monthly and a \$1,566.14 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 housing and food. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check.

To Apply:

Visit <http://www.nwyouthcorps.org/joinNYC/> and complete our online application. **Please note that you must upload a copy of your cover letter, resume, and a list of at least 3 references with their contact information for your application to be considered.** Please clearly state that you are applying for this internship within your cover letter when applying. If you have questions about the internship, please contact Cathy Peterson, Education Specialist, at cathy_peterson@nps.gov If you have AmeriCorps related questions, contact Andrew Tagge, Internship Coordinator, at AndrewT@nwyouthcorps.org

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