



## Northwest Youth Corps – Trailkeepers of Oregon Mt. Hood National Forest AmeriCorps 840-hour Trail Steward

### Position Summary:

Trailkeepers of Oregon (TKO), in partnership with the USDA Forest Service (FS), is recruiting AmeriCorps members to provide trail maintenance assistance on hiking trails through volunteer engagement at three different sites in Oregon. We are seeking candidates interested in pursuing careers in public lands management and have a desire to work outdoors by engaging the public in trail stewardship experiences.

This steward will report to FS workstations in the Mount Hood National Forest 1-2 times per week to work directly with FS trail crews/staff on trail maintenance projects. They will also collaborate with TKO staff, volunteers, and FS personnel to coordinate and/or lead 1-2 weekly trail stewardship events and 1-2 trail ambassador events for community volunteers. This steward will also assist TKO in hosting trail stewardship training and outreach events to expand stewardship expertise in the region.

### Mount Hood Trails Steward - FS (1 position)

- Mount Hood National Forest - multiple reporting stations Sandy, OR, Zigzag, OR & Parkdale, OR
- June 1, 2021 (flexible start date, 21 weeks)

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- 85% - Trail stewardship
  - Report weekly to land manager workstation and trailheads to work directly with trail crews and/or staff on trail projects.
  - Lead TKO volunteers in performing trail assessment, maintenance, and rehabilitation events and/or trail ambassador service.
- 10% - Assist TKO staff and volunteers in hosting stewardship training and outreach events.
- 5% - Support trails stewardship programming through event coordination and administration.

### Required Qualifications:

- Ability to walk, hike and lead volunteers in remote settings and inclement weather on uneven ground
- Ability to give direction and talk to volunteers and the public
- Trail maintenance, construction and/or outdoor rec skills.
- Good verbal communication skills
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 lbs.
- Current CPR, First Aid certified, or ability to complete training
- Current driver's license, a clean driving record and use of a personal vehicle - mileage reimbursements included.

### Desired Qualifications:

- Relevant experience leading volunteers.
- Current crosscut and chainsaw certification.
- College courses in a related field.

### Reporting locations:

- 25% Mount Hood National Forest Headquarters 16400 Champion Way Sandy, OR 97055
- 50% Zigzag Ranger Station 70220 E Highway 26 Zigzag, OR 97049
- 25% Hood River Ranger Station 6780 Highway 35 Parkdale, Oregon 97041

### Terms of Service:

Each AmeriCorps member will complete a term of service starting June 1. Time commitment is a minimum of 21 weeks (840 hours) by the end of December 2021.

**Program Benefits:**

\$7,350 total living allowance, divided into monthly payments, and a \$2,360 education award upon successful completion of the 840 hours of service and 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.

Issued directly by TKO, each position receives an additional living allowance of \$300/month plus all mileage reimbursements incurred while performing internship activities with a personal vehicle.

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

### Application Instructions

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**Application Deadline:** **May 16, 2021**

**Interviews:** Will occur as qualified applications are received.

**Type of position:** AmeriCorps Member

**Service Dates** June 2021 – December 2021

**Length of Term:** 840 Hours

**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/NYCInternApplicationForm>

Please select “TKO Trail Steward – Mt. Hood NF” when applying.

**Additional Information:**

If you have questions about the position, please contact Steve Kruger at 503-575-6280 or [steve.kruger@trailkeepersoforegon.org](mailto:steve.kruger@trailkeepersoforegon.org). If you have AmeriCorps-related questions, contact Andrew Tagge at 541-357-8210 or [andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org).

**COVID-19 Protocols:** *We have 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).*