



**Northwest Youth Corps – AmeriCorps 480 hour  
US Army Corps of Engineers – Natural Resources Botany Steward**



**Position Summary:**

June to September, 2021 - The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently recruiting two positions that will support botany, natural resources, and wildlife habitat management and restoration at USACE Lands in the Willamette Valley Region of Oregon. As a botany steward you would assist with management of natural resources at the 13 reservoirs, though the majority of time will be spent at Fern Ridge Lake, west of Eugene, Oregon.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

As a land management agency, USACE has an environmental stewardship mission. In the Willamette Valley, this includes managing some of the last, best patches of wetland and upland prairie, including designated critical habitat for the Fender's blue butterfly, Kincaid's lupine, and Willamette daisy. While working closely with USACE staff, you will assist with monitoring endangered plant species, making plant species lists, surveying for sensitive plant species, and surveying for aquatic plant species. Additional duties will include invasive plant removal (including manual treatments), assisting with nursery and greenhouse operations, collecting and processing seed, assisting with wildlife surveys, entering data, and processing plant collections.

**Qualifications:**

- Ability to work outdoors in remote settings and inclement weather
- Interest in botany and conservation
- Willingness to work independently or as part of a team
- Ability to lift and carry up to 30 lbs (day pack/bags of soil/trays of plants)
- Ability to navigate by maps, aerial photos, compass, and GPS
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- Attention to detail
- A positive attitude
- Knowledge of spreadsheets and word processing programs and ability to bring own computer for office work
- Willingness to ride in and work from boats
- Current Driver's license and ability to report on time to the office at Fern Ridge Lake
- Knowledge of Northwest plants and/or coursework in biology and botany

**Duty location:**

You will report daily to the USACE office at Fern Ridge Lake, west of Eugene, OR. Public transportation opportunities are limited, and you must arrange your own transportation to and from the office. Field sites may include any of the thirteen reservoirs that make up the Willamette Valley Project, and this position may occasionally require use of your vehicle (miles reimbursable) during duty hours and use of your own computer for data entry and administrative tasks.

**Terms of Employment:**

The AmeriCorps member will serve a term of service starting in June 2021. Time commitment is full time with a minimum of 480 hours by September 2021. We encourage students to apply and may be able to adjust the start and end dates to fit in the summer break. 480 hours is about 12 weeks of full time work.

**Program Benefits:**

A living allowance of \$6,000 be prorated into monthly payments, followed by an education award of \$1,638.43 upon completion of the 480 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.

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

**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).*

## Application Instructions

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**Application Deadline:** **May 12, 2021**

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

**Type of position:** AmeriCorps Member

**Service Dates** June 2021 – September 2021

**Length of Term:** 480 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/NYCIternApplicationForm>.

Please select “Army Corps of Engineers – Botany Steward” when applying.

### **Additional Information:**

If you have questions about the position, please contact United States Army Corps of Engineers Botanist Rhiannon Cochrane at [rhiannon.c.cochrane@usace.army.mil](mailto:rhiannon.c.cochrane@usace.army.mil) or Northwest Youth Corps Internship Program Officer Andrew Tagge at [andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org).