



**Northwest Youth Corps – AmeriCorps 480 hour  
US Army Corps of Engineers –  
Natural Resources Steward  
Cascade Locks, Oregon 97031**



**Position Summary:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is recruiting 1 summer AmeriCorps member to provide recreation and natural resource management assistance at Bonneville Lock and Dam Project in the Columbia River Gorge between Oregon and Washington. The Corps manages three visitor centers, Fort Cascades National Historic Site Trail, five day use areas, and two wildlife management units. The area is located at the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. It is famous for its variety of outdoor recreation ranging from fishing, boating, biking, windsurfing, kite boarding, paddle boarding and hiking. Duties will include working in a natural resource program. The member will assist Natural Resource Specialist/Ranger staff with recreation and natural resource management tasks such as interpretive programs, outreach events, trail monitoring and the management of plant and wildlife habitat.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

Major duties are related to assisting personnel in natural resource management and related activities at the Bonneville Lock and Dam Project. The member will assist in the following: 15% of the member's time will support office operation of the natural resource section performing data analysis, field preparations and interacting with the public; 40% of the member's time is dedicated to natural resource maintenance and conservation projects, which will consist of invasive species removal and control on up to 300 acres, 20% trails monitoring and vegetation management along 5 miles of trail, 15% wildlife survey, and 10% native plant establishment in support of the national pollinator initiatives.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ability to work outdoors, walk, hike, and assist the public in remote settings and inclement weather on uneven ground
- Willingness to work independently 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 mowers and trimmers

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Knowledge of Northwest natural resources and plants
- Knowledge of Columbia River Gorge and surrounding area.
- Ability to be very flexible and visitor service oriented

**Duty location:**

Member will report daily to Army Corps office at Bonneville Lock and Dam Interstate 84, exit 40, Auditorium Building, Ranger Office. Incumbent 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 no later than Mid-June 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 growth season of vegetation and recreating public.

**Program Benefits:**

A living allowance of \$6,000 will 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.**

**Application Instructions**

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**Application Deadline: May 23, 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/NYCInternApplicationForm>.

Please select “Army Corps of Engineers – Natural Resources Steward (Gorge)” when applying.

**Additional Information:**

If you have questions about the position, please contact United States Army Corps of Engineers Staffer Mason Scharfe at [mason.a.scharfe@usace.army.mil](mailto:mason.a.scharfe@usace.army.mil) or Northwest Youth Corps Internship Program Officer Andrew Tagge at [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).*