



**Internship Announcement**  
**Willamette National Forest**  
**Latinx Community Engagement Coordinator**  
**RESOURCE ASSISTANTS PROGRAM**  
**Location: Westfir, Oregon 97492**

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Please respond by **April 11, 2021**

The Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) in partnership with the Willamette National Forest will be advertising an internship for a Latinx Community Engagement Coordinator. This is a 33-week (approximately 7.5 month), full-time work experience from approximately May 2021 to November 2021 with an anticipated 1320 hours of service. The Resource Assistant will be responsible for working with the U.S. Forest Service and Northwest Youth Corps to formalize a robust youth and community engagement strategy for the Middle Fork Ranger Station, promote equitable outdoor opportunities, participate in community events, coordinate family-friendly field trips, improve cultural relevancy of interpretive programming, and evaluate outreach opportunities and approaches.

**About the Northwest Youth Corps**

Created in 1984, and modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, NYC is a non-profit job training and experiential education program for youth and young adults to learn and work in the field of natural resource management. NYC will recruit and hire the selected RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement. [www.nwyouthcorps.org](http://www.nwyouthcorps.org)

**About the U.S. Forest Service**

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Established in 1905, the agency works with communities and organizations to conserve and enhance the watersheds, wildlife habitat and wild places across the 193-million-acre National Forest System.

**Program Benefits**

- NYC will provide the Resource Assistant (RA) a stipend of \$18,150 prorated into monthly payments, along with health care coverage (premium 100% covered by NYC) and workers compensation
- RA will receive \$1200 in funding for relocation, professional development training, and work-related travel
- RA will receive a USFS Direct Hire Authority certificate for Forest Service positions upon completion of 960 hours of service
- RA will receive 55 hours of flexible paid leave
- Government housing will be provided in the Forest Service bunkhouse located in Oakridge

## **Position Requirements**

- Valid state driver's license and ability to operate a motor vehicle.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents 19 years of age or older. Anyone who meets age and citizenship requirements is encouraged to apply. Preference is given to individuals enrolled in or graduated from institutions of higher education, especially minority-serving institutions.
- Government vehicles are available for work-related travel.
- RA's are responsible for travel to and from duty station.
- Preference is given to individuals who are bilingual (Spanish/English)

## **Position Summary**

The Latinx Community Engagement Coordinator will play a key role in building relationships with the Willamette National Forest's partners and communities to foster connection to national forests and public lands. Dependent on Covid-19 restrictions and ability to implement safety protocol the planned key duties will include:

- Working with the Middle Fork Ranger District on the Willamette National Forest and Northwest Youth Corps to promote equitable outdoor opportunities for underrepresented youth and communities.
- Develop new curriculum and interpretive programming, as well as improve the cultural relevancy of existing resources.
- Identifying and participate in community events that connect public lands to community interests.
- A priority project will be the Love the Lake project on the high alpine lakes on the Middle Fork. This project aims to increase awareness of the unique ecosystems present in and around the high alpine lakes of the Middle Fork Ranger District, and the effects that external factors (human, climate change, etc.) have on these ecosystems. The RA will coordinate with Forest Service specialists to develop educational tools to engage youth programs at these high alpine lakes.
- Monitor sensitive areas for ecological damage from litter, improper sanitation, and out of bounds camping. This will involve periodic visits to sensitive areas and high-use areas, tracking human usage activity, clean-up of litter when feasible, and coordination with Forest Service specialists to protect and/or improve these sensitive areas.
- Assist with wilderness patrols, teaching leave no trace and wilderness principles on the Middle Fork.
- Outreach and work with other Latinx groups in Eugene/Springfield and provide classroom and field trip opportunities to youth and adults.
- Provide culturally relevant outreach and education to a diverse group of forest visitors by conducting formal interpretive talks and guided walks with forest users.
- Fall 2021- Lead youth programs at schools in the Oakridge/Lowell/Springfield/Eugene/Cottage Grove area with a focus on connecting Latinx populations to the outdoors.

## **About the Duty Location**

The position is stationed in Westfir, Oregon, a small town nestled in the foothills of the Western Cascade Mountains. Westfir is only miles away from Oakridge – known as the mountain biking capital of the Northwest, and 35 miles away from the city of Eugene. Due to the elevation, (1,200-1,700 ft.) the weather is great, above the fog of the valley, and below the heavy snows. The city population is 3,765 (July 1, 2010). Westfir is the perfect jumping off point for a plethora of outdoor activities in the Willamette National Forest.

## **Community Information**

More information about the Westfir/Oakridge area can be found at: <https://www.ci.oakridge.or.us/> and more information about Eugene OR can be obtained at: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/>

## Application Instructions Below

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**Application Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until **April 11, 2021**

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

**Type of position:** Individual Placement

**Service Dates** Anticipated start date Spring 2021

**Length of Term:** 33-weeks (approximately 7.5 months)

### How 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 “Willamette NF - Latinx Community Engagement Coordinator” when applying.

### Additional Information:

If you have questions about the position, please reach Northwest Youth Corps Internship Program Officer Andrew Tagge at [andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org) or Willamette National Forest Recreation Specialist Chloe Goldade-Holbrook at [chloe.goldade-holbrook@usda.gov](mailto:chloe.goldade-holbrook@usda.gov).

### NYC COVID-19 Protocols:

Northwest Youth Corps has 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).

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