American Conservation Experience

Restoration & Trail Maintenance: Conservation Corps Member

Description

Summary: American Conservation Experience (ACE) is a national nonprofit Conservation Corps in Asheville NC, in partnership with AmeriCorps.

ACE is seeking Corps Members dedicated to serving 12 or 24 weeks on conservation projects, including habitat restoration and trail construction & maintenance. This opportunity is intended for enthusiastic young individuals (18-25) with a deep interest in advancing their environmental career.

Start Dates:
August 3, August 10, August 17, August 31, September 14

Estimated End Dates, respectively:
October 27, November 3, November 10, November 24, December 8 (12 week commitment)
February 16, February 23, March 2, March 16, March 30 (24 week commitment)*

*All ACE branches have a 4-week furlough from mid-December to mid-January. This winter break is unpaid, and housing is not provided during this time.

Location: Asheville, North Carolina

Projects take place throughout the East. Frequently, teams are working in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Pisgah

Job Information

Location:
Asheville, North Carolina, United States

Job ID:
36089988

Posted:
July 13, 2017

Position Title:
Restoration & Trail Maintenance: Conservation Corps Member

Company Name:
American Conservation Experience

Specialty:
Restoration Ecology

Occupation:
Other

Job Type:
Temporary

Job Duration:
3-6 Months

Min Experience:
None
National Forest, Blue Ridge Parkway, Congaree National Forest, and Daniel Boone National Forest, among others.

**Position Description:**

*Corps Members serve in professionally supervised teams* as they explore future outdoor careers, learn practical field skills, and develop confidence as emerging leaders in the field of conservation. Members are afforded opportunities to learn and train under the guidance of professional mentors within ACE, while gaining invaluable career perspectives working alongside staff from the National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and many other stewards of our nation's public lands.

*Field work and other duties might include but are not limited to:*

- Habitat restoration
- Trail construction and maintenance
- Dry and wet stone masonry
- Reforestation
- Forest thinning
- Plant identification
- Seed collection
- Fencing
- Invasive species removal
- Swamping

*Corps Members get experience working with or in conjunction with the following tools and equipment, depending on their level of training:*

- Trail Maintenance: Pick mattocks, Pulaskis, shovels, single/double jacks, McLeods, single bit axes, rock bars, chisels, crosscut saws, and grishoists
- Restoration Equipment: Herbicide backpack sprayers, spray bottles, GPS units, and measuring tools
- Power Tools and Gas Powered Equipment: Chainsaws, brushcutters, drills, saws, and compressors

**Schedule:** Project schedules vary greatly, but typically Corps Members work 4 days on/ 3 days off. For remote projects, Corps Members spend off-days nearer to their project location, away from

**Required Travel:**

75-100%
Asheville. Remote projects typically last about three weeks, with the 4
days on/3 days off schedule.

**Benefits:** Members will receive a Living Allowance Stipend of
$110/week, paid bi-weekly.

Corps Members obtain an Education Award for the amount of
$1,527.45 (450 hours/ about 12 weeks) $2,887.50 (900 hours/ about
24 weeks) upon successful completion of service.

**Food:** ACE provides Corps Members with food during all project
days; Corps Members are responsible for providing their own food on
off-days.

**Housing:** ACE provides Corps Members housing during their term of
service. When working in or near North Carolina, Corps Members
spend off days in our hostel-style housing in Asheville. When working
remotely, Corps Members will be provided housing in those remote
locations. The member will provide his or her own blankets/pillow
/sleeping bag/towels.

**Gear:** ACE provides each member their own tent. The member will
provide his or her own sleeping bag, sleeping pad, rain gear, hiking
boots. Upon acceptance to the program, Corps Members will receive
a more extensive packing list. Weather during this time of year can
be highly variable so plan on bringing layers of warm clothing and
adequate rain gear.

**Travel:** ACE provides transportation to and from worksites; personal
vehicles are not necessary throughout the member's term of service.
ACE does not provide relocation assistance.

**To Apply:** Please submit a thoughtful resume and cover letter along
with 3 professional references using the APPLY NOW section located
on the upper right hand corner of the position listing on our
website here: [https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com
/jobs/167563-3873.html](https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/167563-3873.html)

Applications without a cover letter will not be considered. In your
cover letter, specify which Start Date you prefer or if you have flexible
availability.
NOTE: Early consideration will be given as applications are received. This position may close at any time. If you have any questions regarding this position, you may contact the North Carolina Outreach Coordinator, Bethany Coury at bcoury@usaconservation.org.

Requirements

Qualifications: Applicants must be capable of performing physically demanding labor on environmental and conservation projects for 10 hours a day. Applicants should expect to hike extended distances on rough terrain carrying 40 lbs, and be prepared to spend 8 consecutive days in the field, on one project. Corps Members will work in a variety of weather conditions such as temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, high winds, intense sunshine, rain, and snow.

Required:

• U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
• Must be between the ages of 18 and 35
• Able and willing to work in a group
• Able and willing to work outdoors in varying weather conditions and capable of hiking moderate distances in somewhat rough terrain during inclement weather conditions
• Ability and willingness to undergo a Federal criminal background check

Preferred:

• Experience in hiking and navigation in steep terrain
• Strong desire to enter the conservation field as a natural resource professional
• Experience or interest in volunteering in local communities

The member must be willing to represent ACE and AmeriCorps in a professional, positive, and enthusiastic manner. ACE has a zero tolerance policy for illegal drugs (including recreational pot-smoking) and underage drinking. ACE reserves the right to require drug testing.