



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS Position Description – 2017



Position:	Conservation Corps Crew Member
Location:	Office in Steamboat Springs, CO. Crews will serve all throughout northwest Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah.
Crews:	Trail Crew 18-25 years (Nationwide residents) Chainsaw Crew 18-25 years (Nationwide residents)
Tentative Session Dates:	Summer Session: June 2 - August 12 Fall Session: August 18 – mid October
Stipend:	Weekly living stipend of \$372 minus a \$28 food deduction (\$344 per week)
AmeriCorps Benefits:	Members may be eligible to receive an AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of the season. Award amounts range from \$1212-\$2182 depending on term of service.
Plus:	Food, lodging (camping!), transportation, recreational and educational opportunities

Overview:

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps engages youth in the outdoors, inspiring them to use their strengths and potential to lead healthy, productive lives. We offer positions to youth and young adults (ages 16-25) to spend a summer serving on meaningful conservation projects throughout northwest Colorado. Projects may include trail building and maintenance, primitive road construction (for Off Highway Vehicles, etc.), building and maintaining irrigation ditches, fence work, noxious weed eradication, fire fuels reduction with chainsaws, and habitat restoration. Crews of 9-10 people, led by a Crew Leader and Assistant Leader will stay together for the duration of the session. Crews will serve in a variety of changing weather conditions. All corps members will participate in 40 hour service weeks, daily camp chores, educational activities throughout the week, and weekend recreation. Spending a summer with RMYC can be a life changing and rewarding experience. Successful candidates will demonstrate a strong personal work ethic, a commitment to service, diversity, self-development, and team work.

Essential Position Functions:

- Ability to live and serve closely with a diverse group of people for 10 weeks in a 24/7 setting
- Physical ability to serve outside for 8-10 hours a day swinging a hand tool or using a chainsaw (No prior experience is required- members will be trained)
- The position requires extensive bending, lifting, pushing, stooping, carrying and other heavy physical labor for extended periods of time
- To maximize the “wilderness experience,” the use of technology is regulated during the work week
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps’ programs are drug, alcohol and tobacco free
- Corps members may be required to carry a backpack with personal and/or group equipment and tools for extended periods of time or long distances
- The nature of the work environment requires that corps members utilize appropriate safety equipment such as leather gloves, hardhat, long pants, and protective glasses
- Must adhere to the rules and regulations of RMYC and AmeriCorps
- Member must not engage in any prohibited activities as listed in the AmeriCorps Member Service Agreement

Qualifications:

- Motivation, a positive attitude, and a general interest in conservation work
- Ability to sleep in a tent and serve all summer in a variety of weather conditions (rain, snow, sleet, and hail!)
- Ability to commit to a full summer (10 weeks) with RMYC
- Frequently required to walk, hike, sit and talk or listen
- Must be physically fit, able to lift 50 lbs., and able to hike between 7-10 miles
- Pre-service background screening required including FBI background check
- Must be able to provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States
- Must be between the ages of 18-25

The Crew Member position is classified as Temporary Regular Exempt and is a seasonal position. Crew Members will not have recurring access to vulnerable populations as described by CNCS.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is committed to the inclusion of members with all levels of ability. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. This program is available to all, without regard to race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or religion.