



Four Corners School of Outdoor Education

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@Canyon Country Discovery Center

Dear Canyon Country Youth Corps Director Applicant:

December 1, 2016

Thank you for your interest in the Canyon Country Youth Corps Director for the non-profit Four Corners School of Outdoor Education (FCS). Enclosed please find a job description and other information about.

Founded in 1984, Four Corners School's **mission** is to create lifelong learning experiences about the natural and cultural treasures of the Colorado Plateau for people of all ages and backgrounds through **conservation, adventure, service, and education programs**. Our **vision** is to build a diverse community of people who are committed to conserving the natural and cultural resources of the Colorado Plateau, through hands-on engagement in place-based programs.

Four Corners School recently opened a state-of-the-art campus to serve and inspire diverse local, regional, national and international visitors, students, educators, and researchers. Located at 7,000 feet in the heart of the Colorado Plateau, the **Canyon Country Discovery Center**, our new 48-acre campus, integrates existing and new field and campus-based programs in a unique learning center.

The **Discovery Center** is a hybrid science and nature facility, with 45 indoor and outdoor learning stations. Developed for culturally diverse audiences; children and adults explore and discover the natural history and landscapes, people and places, land use and energy, astronomy, and water and climate of the **Colorado Plateau**. The site is a place-based facility with an informal science center, riparian area, visual art installations, nature play-scape, classroom, night sky observatory, research lab, conference area, cultural pavilions, and staff offices. Our campus promotes economic development in San Juan County by using local business services and attractions for its conferences and programs whenever possible, and above all else we encourage visitors to get outdoors and experience the wonder of the Colorado Plateau.

The Canyon Country Youth Corps is a central program of the organization, helping us reach local and regional youth and providing them job skills and employment. Our youth corps and adventure education outfitter have a new basecamp facility on our campus, out of which the youth corps will be run.

All FCS programming is focused on:

1-Teacher Continuing Education: Teachers of all grades levels can participate in interactive, science-based professional development at our *Discovery Center campus* and K-8th grade teachers across the Colorado Plateau can join our *Place-Based Learning and Teaching Enhances Academic Understanding (PLATEAU Project)*, a professional development outreach program.

2-Student Learning: Kindergarten through college students can engage in interactive, inquiry-based, onsite and outreach, informal science-based *Discovery Center campus* programs, in addition to home school and family programs.

3-Young Adult Development: Young adults can participate in service-learning projects, and diverse youth ages 15-25 can join the *Canyon Country Youth Corps*, a workforce development program that complete conservation projects on public lands.

4-Lifelong Learning: Visitors of all ages can join campus activities, citizen science, research and certification, astronomy programs, and *Southwest Ed-Ventures*, adventure education trips throughout the Colorado Plateau for all ages.

After reading the Canyon Country Youth Corps Director job description and cover letter at <http://www.fourcornersschool.org/about-fcs/employment>, send a cover letter describing your ability to accomplish each specific responsibility and function described as well as your ability to fulfill the skills and qualifications section, along with a resume of your past work experience. Please be specific regarding your skills and abilities. The cover letter must be tailored to this position or your application will not be considered.

Please email your resume and detailed cover letter to cgiangreco@fourcornersschool.org. Applications close when the position is filled. We hope to fill the position by January 15, 2016.

Sincerely,

Chris Giangreco, Interim Executive Director