



Northwest Youth Corps – AmeriCorps 675 hour Trail Crew Steward
National Park Service
North Cascades National Park
Marblemount, WA 98267



Position Summary:

The North Cascades National Park is recruiting two Trail Crew Stewards to provide recreation and natural resource management assistance from July – November 2020. North Cascades is the largest of the three National Park Service units which comprise the North Cascades National Park Service Complex. Several national wilderness areas and British Columbia parkland adjoin North Cascades. The selected members will work shoulder to shoulder with the Parks professional trails staff to complete annual trail maintenance and construction on portions of a 360 mile trail system, which includes the maintenance of 100 backcountry camps. Members will have an opportunity to meet and learn from a variety of park employees representing almost all park programs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Trail Crew Stewards will be exposed to a summer full of hard work, challenging physical labor, and the endless beauty of North Cascades National Park. This is a backcountry position requiring the member to hike and camp for up to seven nights at a time for the majority of the term of service (60 – 70 nights total). You will be part of a dedicated trail crew brushing and maintaining backcountry trails, constructing bridges and other trail structures, and assisting the packer with animal caretaking and/or packing duties such as pasture and barn maintenance. Additional opportunities include historical preservation projects, assisting with boat or helicopter operations, and providing Sherpa support for park crews.

Major duties are related to learning and working alongside personnel in recreation and natural resource management at North Cascade National Park. 70% of the work will consist of routine annual trail maintenance, opening, tread/drainage, and brushing; 15% of the work will be "project work" (i.e. small bridge replacement and short relocations); and 15% of the work will consist of duties such as pasture and corral maintenance, tool maintenance, and assisting other park divisions. The members may have opportunities to work on historic preservation projects as well.

Required Qualifications:

- Ability to work and live outdoors in remote settings and inclement weather
- Ability to hike on steep, rugged terrain both on and off trail
- Willingness to learn and work as part of a team in an outdoor setting
- Strong work ethic and positive attitude
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 lbs.
- Willingness to submit to a government background survey
- Current driver's license and clean driving record
- Ability to safely use hand tools

Desired Qualifications:

- Interest in trail work and natural resources.
- Knowledge of parks and recreation management.
- Excited and committed to mentally and physically challenging days in an outdoor setting with others.

Duty location:

Member will report daily to the North Cascades National Park Service Complex, 7280 Ranger Station Rd. Marblemount, WA 98267. Intern must arrange their own transportation to and from the office. Housing is provided.

Terms of Employment:

Two AmeriCorps members will complete a term of service (length dependent on commitment of hours), starting July 2020. Time commitment is a minimum of 675 hours by November 2020.

Program Benefits:

\$8,500 total living allowance pro-rated monthly, and a \$2,321 education award upon completion of the 675 hours of service and/or position requirements per intern. The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing food; housing will be provided. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check.

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/NYCInternApplication>. Please select “NYC – North Cascades Trail Crew Steward” when applying.

If you have questions about the position, please contact Bill Zimmer at 360-854-7280 or william_zimmer@nps.gov. If you have AmeriCorps-related questions, contact Jay Runte at 541-357-8210 or jayr@nwyouthcorps.org

The member will not engage in any prohibited activities as stated in the Member Service Agreement.

