

National Park Service AmeriCorps Opportunity

Location: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN, Resource Management and Science Division, Vegetation Management Branch

Job Description: AmeriCorps members are needed beginning August 5, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for assistance with all aspects of vegetation management. Duties may include but are not limited to exotic plant management, forest insect and disease control and monitoring, and native plant habitat restoration. Willingness to safely use pesticides in accordance with federal laws is required. AmeriCorps members must be able to hike in mountainous terrain in hot humid or inclement weather conditions carrying a daypack or backpack and other field equipment. Overnight backcountry outings may occur several times during the season. Camping gear for work related activities is provided. Stinging insects, poison ivy, slippery footing, and wild animals are known field hazards. Training is provided for safe use and handling of pesticides and field equipment, and safe field work procedures. Monthly or more frequent safety meetings are provided and ability to work safely required.

Valid state vehicle operator's license desired.

Work schedule is nine hour days 7:30 AM to 5 PM with one eight hour Friday and the alternate Friday off within a two week period.

Incumbent must be willing to wear a volunteer in parks (VIP) hat and or shirt to be identifiable to the visiting public and act as a representative of the National Park Service while serving as an AmeriCorps member.

Shared government housing is available. To apply, submit an application to CAC AmeriCorps via the americorps.gov portal (<https://my.americorps.gov/grantee/listing/viewListing.do?id=53063>).

Benefits: AmeriCorps members selected for the program will participate in orientation and safety training and will receive shared housing. Travel to and from the park is at the member's personal expense. Park vehicles are available for official business only. A personal vehicle is desirable since public transportation is limited.

Desired Qualifications:

Education or experience in forestry, field biology, botany, horticulture, resource management or related field;

Ability to safely work as a crew member in a field work setting to accomplish a variety of vegetation management activities;

Applicants should be self motivated and flexible.

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