



CAC AmeriCorps

Position Description



Forestry-Vegetation Management-Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Dates of Service: August 5th, 2019 – June 28th, 2020

Partner: National Park Service

Location of Service: Great Smoky Mountains National Park
107 Park Headquarters Rd, Gatlinburg TN 37738

Supervisor: Supervisory Forester

About CAC AmeriCorps:

Established in 1994, CAC AmeriCorps is a national service program that combines elements of traditional conservation practice with community action that informs our work and places it in the broader context of the region. CAC AmeriCorps members serve to improve public lands, streams and greenways, educate the public, meet immediate human needs, eliminate barriers to employment, contribute to healthier lifestyles, and build volunteer capacity to enhance the ability of our partners to get things done. We are committed to human and environmental justice in our communities through enduring acts of service.

Position Summary:

The CAC AmeriCorps member serving with the National Park Service in this position will be involved in vital forest health management activities including treating hemlocks for hemlock woolly adelgid, treating ash trees for emerald ash borer, monitoring and detection surveys, exotic plant removal and restoration activities at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Team members will apply pesticide treatments, collect data using GPS and tablets, and occasionally help supervise volunteer groups removing exotic plants. Restoration of native meadows in former agricultural leases and high elevation grassy balds is also included in summer activities.

This opportunity will provide the member with an opportunity to become very familiar with National Park Service work environment, visitor interactions, and with technical skills in forestry and ecological restoration. Training offered includes search and rescue, wildland fire, state pesticide applicator, operational leadership, mower, string trimmer and chainsaw operation and forest crown rating protocols. The data collected by the AmeriCorps team and the work accomplished will provide valuable information for forest health practices in the National Park as well as preserving and protecting park ecosystems for future generations.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education

- Associates Degree in Forestry, Biology, Botany, Environmental Science or Related Field.

Position Requirements:

- Ability to navigate uneven terrain, work in challenging weather conditions, apply pesticides safely and work with a diverse crew.

Member Benefits Include:

- A modest living allowance of \$14,000, or, \$595.74 bi-weekly (pre-tax), paid over 47 weeks.
- Education Award of \$6,095 that can be applied to student loans and/or future education expenses.
- Health insurance is available for members who are not already covered independently or by a parent.
- Worker's Compensation
- Child Care Reimbursement
- May be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In-house SNAP benefits specialist available to provide assistance in determining eligibility.
- May be eligible for utility bill assistance. In house specialists available to provide assistance with determining eligibility.
- Staff assistance with identifying housing. Housing, inclusive of utilities, is generally between \$300-\$450 in a share house/apartment scenario.
- Professional development and networking opportunities.

Equity and Inclusion:

The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will take action to ensure that employees are treated equally without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, cultural or religious convictions. CAC AmeriCorps provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation at any point in the employment process.



