



CAC AmeriCorps

Position Description

Watershed Infrastructure Member



Dates of Service: August 5th 2019 – June 26th 2020

Partner: Tennessee Valley Authority

Location of Service: 260 Interchange Park Dr.
Lenoir City, TN 37772

Supervisor: Chris Cooper, Manager East Operations

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 Tennessee Valley Authority will be involved in working with a diverse array of individuals, groups, and agencies to support solutions to water quality and land use issues on public lands. This may include shoreline improvement projects, resource management, and recreational projects. The member will make visits to an assigned reservoir on a weekly basis to document use and then schedule and make physical improvements to the area. In addition, the member will have the opportunity to learn about and support permitting processes and environmental reviews under the supervision of TVA staff.

This opportunity will provide the member with an opportunity to become very familiar with a broad range of watershed operations and resource stewardship processes as well as the history and culture of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education

- Bachelors Degree in an Environmental Field Preferred with basic understanding of ecological and water quality concepts and theories.

Position Requirements:

- Ability to navigate uneven terrain and work in challenging weather conditions at times. Ability to lift 50lbs-75lbs.

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 upon the start of service.
- 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.

