



CAC AmeriCorps

Position Description

Community School Outdoors & Health Project Coordinator



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

Partner: Great Schools Partnership

Location of Service: Dogwood and South Knoxville Elementary Schools

Supervisor: Kara Strouse

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 two South Knoxville Community Schools in outdoor and health related projects and programs. Areas of focus involve leading volunteer workdays, trail maintenance, overseeing walking and health initiatives. They will also work with Site Resource Coordinators for nature based grant writing efforts to enhance the outdoor school campuses with the aim of getting more kids outside doing healthy, safe, and educational activities.

This opportunity will provide the member with an opportunity to become very familiar with overseeing a community shared natural learning environment, leveraging community partnerships to maintain and enhance outdoor learning areas including but not limited to arboretums, placemaking, gardens, and nature trails. Participation data will be collected and shared with community partners.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education

- Background in fields relating to placemaking, gardens, Arboretums, trail work etc.

Position Requirements:

- Ability to manage multiple tasks

-Personable disposition with ability to communicate effective with diverse groups

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.

