



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2023 Rifle Recreation Crew Member

Partner Agency: US Forest Service White River National Forest- Rifle Ranger District

**Positions Available:** 3

**Location:** Meeker, CO

**Tentative Dates:** May 22nd - August 26th, 2023 (or upon completion of 14 weeks).

**Stipend:** \$625/week living allowance. Total amount will be \$8,750.

AmeriCorps: 450-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$1,824.07) upon successful completion

**Plus:** Boot/gear reimbursement up to \$400

**Shared housing is provided.** Rifle Bunkhouse houses up to 10 individuals and is located in Rifle, next to the office. Alcohol and non-prescribed and illegal drugs are not permitted in Forest Service housing. You may have to share a room with another individual and will share common spaces such as the living room,

kitchen, and restrooms with all residents.

## **Program Overview:**

Serves as a member of the Rifle Ranger District recreation team in support of developed/dispersed recreation and trails programs.

Duties for these positions consist of a variety of patrols and projects including dispersed and developed areas adjacent to mountain communities in Eagle County:

- Public education and information of Forest rules and regulations to Forest visitors.
- Patrol front country trails, dispersed areas, and developed sites adjacent to mountain communities to educate on Leave No Trace practices and Forest regulations.
- Patrol roaded areas via trucks and/or UTV's providing motorized recreation information to forest users.
- Install and maintain trailhead, road signs, access gates, and information kiosks.
- Implement and support the motorized and non-motorized travel management plan (where
  motorized and mountain bikes are authorized to go) via signage, gates, barriers, and visitor
  education.
- Perform maintenance and clean developed sites such as picnic areas, trailhead facilities including bathrooms.
- Assist with volunteer projects with local partner clubs as scheduled.
- Collect and maintain field data and trail surveys using tablets.

• Serve independently on backcountry trail projects and provide support/assistance for youth crew trail projects.

The Rifle Ranger District has over 300 miles of motorized and hiking/horseback trails and numerous dispersed camping sites. This position requires individuals to be prepared for extensive hiking and overnight camping in remote locations for up to 5 days on occasion.

# **General Qualifications:**

Experience with the following is preferred but not required for the position, however there is an expectation that individuals will gain that experience throughout the service term, if needed. Successful applicants must have a strong work ethic and the ability to serve independently in remote locations in a variety of weather conditions.

- Positive attitude and desire to learn new skills.
- Skilled in the use of hand and power tools, using construction tools (i.e. hammers, chainsaws, axes, drills, pumps, etc.), and have the ability to instruct crews, if necessary, in their proper use in repairing and building trails.
- Ability and comfort serving outdoors for long periods of time in inclement weather.
- Knowledge and ability to safely operate and maintain OHV equipment (i.e. UTV or ATV) and Forest Service vehicles on district roads and trails in order to safely travel to assigned areas.
- Experience or desire to learn about serving with horses/mules and pack strings is helpful.
- Practice effective communication and good people skills while serving with members of your team and the public.

#### **Service Statement:**

As an AmeriCorps service program, RMYC holds all of its staff to the highest standards of service focused on environmental stewardship, education, and healthy futures. AmeriCorps is a federal program that is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connect over 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs. Their mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct and team-based national and community service. We provide resources and people power to organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. We enrich the lives of those we serve and those who serve. Participants grow personally and professionally gaining new skill sets through providing hands-on work experience, valuable networking opportunities, and professional skills training. Why do you want to serve with AmeriCorps? Spending a season serving with AmeriCorps through RMYC can be a life-changing and rewarding experience. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to service, diversity, self-development, and the team environment.

### **Qualifications:**

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 18 Years of age or older with a valid driver license and clean driving record.
- Eligibility to work in the US
- This position is supported by the Public Lands Hiring Authority which requires candidates to be

between the ages of 16 to 30.

- Pre-service background screening required, including FBI background check
- Must be able to provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States

CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT: AmeriCorps members will be subject to all state and federal laws, and the rules and regulations of OSHA and RMYC. The member is expected to fully understand and adhere to the rules, regulations and code of conduct as described in the AmeriCorps member manual. 10/19 Policy violations will result in disciplinary action according to program guidelines, including written warnings, fines, suspension without stipend, and/or termination. The AmeriCorps member is accountable for meeting or exceeding the responsibilities of this position as described above, and will be evaluated at mid-term and end-term by Corps Program Staff, with input from project hosts. Successful completion is contingent on both AmeriCorps education award hours and service through the agreed upon term end date.

This position is classified as Temporary Exempt and is a seasonal position with no benefits.

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Member Name	Signature	Date