



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2024 Recreation Crew Intern

- Partner Agency:** US Forest Service White River National Forest- Aspen-Sopris Ranger District
- Positions Available:** 4
- Location:** Aspen, CO
- Tentative Dates:** May 20th - October 26th, 2023 (or upon completion of 13 weeks).
- Stipend:** \$625/week living allowance. Total amount will be \$8,125.
- AmeriCorps:** 450-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$1,824.07) upon successful completion
- Plus:** Boot/gear reimbursement up to \$400
- Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion of 640 hours on public lands.
- Shared housing is provided. Rooms are double occupancy with a shared kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Alcohol and non-prescribed and illegal drugs under federal law are not permitted in Forest Service housing.

Program Overview:

Duties for this position consist of a variety of patrols, shifts, and projects in support of the developed recreation program and Maroon Bells Scenic Area including:

- Operate the Welcome Station at the Maroon Bells to collect fees for day use as well as camping. Manage bike, foot, and vehicular traffic. Record Welcome Station data concerning sales and Special Use Permit holders.
- Monitor trails and developed recreation sites to provide visitors with information about recreation opportunities and regulations, as well as direct/assist visitors based on their needs.
- Patrol trails and developed recreation sites to protect wilderness resources, monitor for wildlife presence, and ensure proper visitor use and safety.
- Inform visitors of trail conditions and provide directions to trails within the area. Direct and educate visitors on trail etiquette and Leave No Trace practices.
- Inform visitors of wildlife, current activity, how best to view wildlife in a safe way, and what to do if a visitor encounters wildlife.
- Report human-wildlife encounters to the district Wildlife Biologist.
- Provide information to the public at the Maroon Bells Information Center on ecology, geology, wildlife, and history of the Maroon Bells Scenic Area.
- Clean and maintain developed recreation sites including campgrounds, trailheads and toilets.
- Construct, repair, and rehabilitate developed recreation sites, facilities, and trails.

- Implement and maintain travel management devices such as signs, gates, and other closure methods.
- Assist with emergency situations and communicate with Aspen Ambulance, Aspen Police, Pitkin County Sheriffs and Aspen Mountain Rescue regarding emergency information.

There are opportunities for collateral duties to help you dive into your interest area:

- Survey123: This is a survey app that allows us to design a survey to gather data from our phones in the field. This would be most helpful for moose/bear incidents, but open to other kinds of data collection that the crew is enthusiastic about.
- Weddings/Reservations: This person will be the point of contact for weddings and reservations of the Amphitheater and East Maroon Portal Picnic Area. This person will have a Mon-Fri schedule to be available for questions. They will initiate email contact with all reservation-holders, share pertinent information, and answer questions.
- Vehicle Preventative Maintenance: Everyone should know how to perform a Preventative Maintenance check on the vehicles - and do their part to keep vehicles clean! If anyone has particular interest in performing monthly checks on most crew vehicles, replenishing liquids, making appointments at the auto shop... this tends to be a task that creeps up on our busy crew and having one person in charge can be a strength!
- Maroon Bells Environmental Education Program: Crew members serving in this role will help to plan and facilitate educational activities around the Bells. Some examples include weekly Story-Time with a Ranger, Wildflower Week in June, Tree Week in early October, and Interpretive Science Stations.
- Relevant Partners Outreach: It's been our goal to maintain relations and grow our network of contacts in the hotel industry and bike industry. This is a collateral duty that will involve a team of people to get out and have face-to-face conversations with bellhops, rental shops, mom and pop businesses and everything in between to make sure that they have the right information and can pass that info to their guests and customers!
- Trail Maintenance Catalog: There is quite a bit of trail maintenance needed throughout the Bells. Someone will be needed to catalog where and the extent of the damage.
- Facilities Lead: All of the Bell facilities are off the grid, which creates some challenges and requires regular checks. The Facilities Manager would conduct water testing weekly, check in on the solar grid, and take (at least) monthly trips through each of the buildings and campgrounds to monitor for maintenance needs.
- Finance Lead: If data and finances don't scare you off, then this might be the collateral duty for you! You would check in with the rest of the Bells Crew to be sure that they understand and are following our fee collection standard practices. You would also help count money, double-check it against our sales reports, enter it into the Forest Service system, and take it to the bank to deposit.
- Sign Planner: Evaluate the current sign situation. What additional signs would be useful? Can we improve signage with what we currently have (relocating, displaying in a different way, etc.)

General Qualifications:

- Strong positive attitude and good communication skills.
- Good team member and interpersonal skills to solve day to day problems as a cohesive team.
- Ability and comfort serving outdoors for long periods of time in inclement weather.
- Good customer service skills.
- Be a self-directed and motivated employee.
- Skills with hand and motorized tools (drills, hammers, generators, pumps, weed whackers, hand saws, pole saws etc.)

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.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 18 Years of age or older with a valid driver license and clean driving record.
- 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 eligible for enrollment in AmeriCorps as a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident. Documentation will be required on the first day.

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