

Join the Urban Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Volunteer Program Program Start Date: March 20, 2010

- **Help Plant Trees!**
- **Work with Inner City and Local Youth!**
- **Assist with Trail Maintenance**
- **Help in Forest Restoration and Grow Plants in the Greenhouse**
- **Earn a Living Allowance up to \$680 per month**
- **Earn an Education Award up to \$1,800 upon completing 675 hours**
- **Must have a high school diploma or GED**
- **Must clear a Criminal Background Check**
- **Must be 17 or older**
- **Must be available to serve Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays March through May and Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays June through September**



Applications can be picked up at the Big Bear Discovery Center in Fawnskin or downloaded at www.sbnfa.org

Applications are now being accepted at the Big Bear Discovery Center at:

Big Bear Discovery Center

Attn: Marco Guzman

P.O. Box 66

Fawnskin, CA 92333

(909) 382-2778

OR can be emailed to marco.guzman1@gmail.com

San Bernardino National Forest Association Volunteer AmeriCorps Member Position Announcement



What is the San Bernardino National Forest Association Volunteer AmeriCorps?

This is a service program of the San Bernardino National Forest Association Urban Conservation Corps (this is not a job), this is a program that begins and ends within a 6-month period. We consider this a domestic Peace Corps, since AmeriCorps members are working in the United States helping in areas that need volunteers to serve. Our AmeriCorps program was formed to help restore the San Bernardino National Forest from years of wildfire traumas, especially from the 2003-2007 wildfires that burnt over 60,000 acres of land. This program is design to enlist the support of people who are concern with the environment, as well as has it in their hearts to work with youth.

Americorps members will be expected to serve at the Children's Forest Visitor Center in Running Springs, CA located in the San Bernardino Mountains. The Children's Forest is a 3,400 acre area managed by youth from all over the mountain communities and the San Bernardino Valley. Facilities include a public visitor's center, a greenhouse, an exploration trail and activities include a variety of environmental education programs.

If selected to serve, what would be expected of you?

This AmeriCorps program is primarily serving on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays March through May and Thursday through Saturday June through August. So, if you have any other obligations during this time, you may want to reconsidered applying. As an AmeriCorps member you will be expected to report to the Children's Forest Visitor Center, in Running Springs, CA on scheduled work day for an 8 hour work day, schedule to be arranged with supervisor. If you are 17 years old and in school, you would only have to serve one Friday out of the month, but you will be expected to participate in other after school activities with the Children's Forest.

Everyone selected must have reliable transportation. If you do not have reliable transportation, you should reconsider applying. Attendance and getting to the Children's Forest on time is critical.

You will be expected to work hard! The service you will be working on is on the San Bernardino National Forest and restoration work is HARD work!! We cannot over emphasize the HARD work!! So, if you are lazy and complain a lot of working, you should reconsider not applying.

If you think this is a job and you are applying because you need a job, you will be disappointed and you will lose interest fast. There is no big money here, you will receive a living allowance but it's not a paycheck! Again, this is for young people interested in field restoration work, as well as working with kids. This program will give you great experience!

You will be serving with others up to 18 or less so you will be in the mix with people from all walks of life, ethnic backgrounds, genders, etc. The service you will be providing will include planting trees, supervising other volunteers planting trees, planting trees with kids, maintaining mountain trails, clearing brush, removing noxious weeds, cutting down trees or working in the nursery. The days will be long but you will love it, with your new friends.

What are the benefits of Serving?

The most important benefit is the experience you will gain and the contributions you will be making on the San Bernardino National Forest and surrounding urban wildland interface. The next benefit is that once you complete the service (675 hours) you will be eligible for an Education Award up to \$1,800. Like a scholarship! And, finally every two weeks you will get a living allowance check of about \$340, which adds up to about \$680 a month. Again, this is not a job! The living allowance is to HELP you with your living expenses, not to be the only income you have or you will be disappointed.

What are the Qualifications to serve on the UCC AmeriCorps?

- Capable of handling physical nature of project (lifting up to 50lbs or more, working on your feet outdoors in a variety of weather conditions and terrain)
- Able to hike up to 5 miles per day
- Able or willing to learn to use hand and power tools such as chainsaws
- Able to work safely and wear proper protective gear at all times
- Must be able to get to the Children's Forest Visitor Center on time by 8:30am (or if assigned to another site, must be able to get to that site on time)
- Desire to serve with people to promote environmental stewardship, education and an ethic of service
- Communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as project partners, the Forest Service, volunteers, students, kids, etc
- 17 or older (if 17 must get permission from parents)
- U.S. Citizen, national or lawful permanent resident
- Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent or committed to earning one prior to receiving and the Education Award
- Ability to commit to the full term of service
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal background check through the National Sex Offender Registry and not been convicted of first degree murder
- Regular and reliable attendance
- Have not previously served two terms in an AmeriCorp State or National Program

Characteristics

- Great attitude and willing to serve long days without having a bad attitude or getting lazy
- Highly motivated
- Desire to work in the outdoors and get dirty including working in rain or snow
- Ability to maintain professionalism
- Desire to achieve in life and motivated to pursue education
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Service Commitment

- This is a six-month service commitment starting on March 20 for Orientation and ending at the end of September or at the start of October.

How to Apply:

To apply, please send applications by March 12th to via email, fax or drop off to:

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P.O. Box 66

Fawnskin, CA 92333

Friday from 8am to 2pm

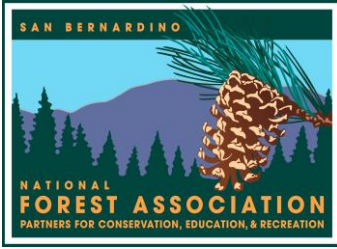
(909) 382-2778

Marco.guzman1@gmail.com

You can fax the application in at (909) 866-1781

Once you have completed the application, please turn it into the office either walk it in or fax it in and include at least 1 letter of recommendation.

Successful applicants will be contacted the third week of March. Final selection for the program is contingent upon attendance at a March 20th Orientation meeting at the Urban Conservation Corps office in San Bernardino. Applications that do not meet our requirements, will not receive a phone call back from us.



San Bernardino National Forest Association
Forest Aid Corps/ AmeriCorps
Member Application



MEMBER INFORMATION

1. NAME: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

2. Are you a United States citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien? Yes No

If you are a lawful permanent resident alien and you received your card after January 1987, what is registration number and card expiration date? _____

3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
CITY/STATE/COUNTRY

6. GENDER: Male Female

7. CURRENT ADDRESS: All information will be sent to this address unless you notify us of a change.

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Phone (_____) _____ Alternate Phone (_____) _____
AREA CODE AREA CODE

E-Mail _____

8. Are you moving within the next six months? Yes No

If yes, when*? _____

9. PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different than above)—Please give the name and address of a person through whom you can always be reached:

Name: _____
FIRST LAST

Relationship: _____

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Phone (_____) _____ Alternate Phone (_____) _____
AREA CODE AREA CODE

E-Mail _____

EDUCATION

10. Check the highest level of education that you will have completed by the time you are planning to serve in AmeriCorps. (Check only one.)

- Some high school
- Associate's degree
- Graduate degree
- High school diploma or GED
- Some college
- Other (please specify): _____
- Technical school/Apprenticeship
- Bachelor's degree

11. List all schools after high school that you have attended, including trade or technical schools, military training, and employment training programs.

NAME OF SCHOOL (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)	LOCATION OF SCHOOL (CITY & STATE)	DATES ATTENDED		MAJOR AREA OF STUDY	TYPE OF DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE	DATE RECEIVED OR EXPECTED
		FROM – TO	(MO/YR)			

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In the space below, describe how you have reached out to help others and/or how you have been involved in your own community. Elaborate on why you decided to help out or get involved, and what you received in return—that is, what you learned or how it made you feel. Think in broad terms. Your involvement could include serving in neighborhood, school, youth, religious, social, professional, or volunteer groups; helping out with community service projects; or participating in less formal activities, such as assisting an elderly neighbor.

12. How have you been involved in your community? No Yes

If you served in an organization, include the organization name, location, dates, and phone number. List your most recent activity first.

Most Recent Volunteer Service to the Community

Organization Name: _____

Location: _____

Dates of Involvement: From: _____ To: _____

Description of Community Service Work: _____

How many hours per week did you volunteer for this organization: _____

B. Organization Name: _____

Your Title: _____

Duties: _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Supervisor: _____ Phone Number of Supervisor: _____

Area Code/ Number

Reasons for leaving: _____

15. Explain any period of time greater than six months not accounted for by work, school, or military service. __

MOTIVATIONAL STATEMENT

16. Why do you want to join AmeriCorps? What could you contribute to AmeriCorps? What do you hope to gain from serving as an AmeriCorps member? If you need additional room, attach a separate piece of paper and limit your response to 500 words.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

17. Listed below are skill areas that the San Bernardino National Forest Association AmeriCorps Forest Aid corps finds useful and may seek in applicants for AmeriCorps. Check the skill area that you have some experience in and please indicate where did you learn it?

- Fuels reduction
- Trails maintenance
- Tree cutting
- Mountain Tree planting
- Burnt area recovery
- Seed collection/ nursery maintenance
- Erosion Control
- Habitat restoration

- Chainsaw
- Loppers
- McLeods
- Pick Ax
- Rakes
- Pulaski
- Rock bars
- Other _____

LEGAL

Answer the following questions fully. Existence of criminal conviction/adjudication may or may not, depending on the circumstances, disqualify you from consideration. However, any intentional misrepresentation or omission will disqualify you. Do not include minor traffic violations.

19. Have you ever been:

Convicted of any criminal offense by a civilian court or by military authorities? Yes No

Adjudicated or held responsible as a juvenile offender of any criminal offense by a civilian court or by authorities? Yes No

Are you under charges for any offenses or are any civil suits or judgments pending against you? Yes No

Are you on probation? Yes No Are you on parole? Yes No

If no, skip to "Certification" below. If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please provide the following information:

a. Have you been in prison? Yes No

If yes, where? (Please list the most current prison) _____

What were your charges? _____

How long were you in prison? _____

What county? _____

b. Have you been in Jail? Yes No

If yes, were? _____

What were your charges? _____

How long were you in jail? _____

What county? _____

c. Do you have a felony conviction? Yes No

If yes, for what? _____

d. Do you have a probation or parole officer? Yes No If yes, please give us the following information:

First name

Last Name

Phone Number of Probation/Parole Officer listed above: _____

Area Code/ Number

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the statements made in my AmeriCorps application are true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith. I understand that misinformation or omission of information could result in disqualification and/or termination as an AmeriCorps member.

I authorize the San Bernardino National Forest Association Urban Conservation Corps / AmeriCorps to investigate any information provided in my application, to check the references I have provided and to check with any other person who may have information relevant to my qualifications for a position in this program. I realize that this information may be shared with potential partners.

I further authorize my current and past employers or anyone with information concerning my work history, education or qualifications to provide such information to the San Bernardino National Forest Association Urban Conservation Corps /AmeriCorps in response to inquiries. I agree to hold harmless from any claim of liability on my behalf anyone supplying such information to the San Bernardino National Forest Association Urban Conservation Corps/ AmeriCorps.

Furthermore, I understand that if I am offered a position, such offer will be conditional upon receipt of a satisfactory report from the National Sex Offender Registry and the California Department of Justice. I agree to allow an appropriate agency to obtain a set of my fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check to assess if I have been convicted of 1st degree murder or sex offenses. I understand that if my criminal background check proves that I have been convicted of a 1st degree murder or of a sex crime, I will not be eligible to serve in this program.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C & 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you: The authority for collecting information from you in this application is contained in 42 U.S.C 12592 and 12615 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 as amended, and 42 U.S.C 4953 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 as amended. You are advised that submission of the information is entirely voluntary, but the requested information is required in order for you to participate in AmeriCorps programs

Please Print Name: _____
First Name Last Name

Please Sign In Ink: _____