



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS Position Description – 2012



**POSITION:** Crew Member

**CREW:** Garfield County Trail/Saw Crew

**SESSION DATES:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>-September 20<sup>th</sup> (Dates are still tentative)

**COMPENSATION:** \$310 per week, minus \$25 weekly meal deduction

**PLUS:** Food, lodging, transportation, recreational and educational opportunities

The potential to earn an *AmeriCorps Education Award*, upon successful completion of term of service.\*

\$1,415 AmeriCorps Award for 450 service hours (standard summer session)

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be between ages 18-22 and reside in Garfield County.

The Crew Member will be part of a team of six 18-22 year olds from Garfield County working under the direction of the Crew Leader. Crews will meet on Mondays at the White River National Forest Rifle Ranger District office and will then drive in an RMYC van to the designated project site for the week. The crew will normally follow a work schedule of four 10 hour days in a row. The crew will normally camp together at or near the project site from Monday-Wednesday night and after work on Thursday will return to the Rifle Ranger District office. The project schedule and camping schedule are subject to change. Weekend work may be required 1 or two weekends of the season. After all work and clean up has been finished, the crew will typically be off-session and will leave to return home on Thursdays after work. The crew members will be essentially off most Fridays through Sundays.

Crew work will be a mix of chainsaw projects and trail projects. Training will include: First Aid/CPR certification, S-212 chainsaw course, trail maintenance and proper hand tool use. No previous experience necessary.

### **Nature of Program:**

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps engages youth in the outdoors, inspiring them to use their strengths and potential to lead healthy, productive lives. We hire youth and young adults (ages 16-25) to spend a summer working on meaningful conservation projects throughout northwest Colorado. Projects may include trail building and maintenance, primitive road construction (for Off Highway Vehicles, etc.), building and maintaining irrigation ditches, fence work, noxious weed eradication, fire fuels reduction (chainsaw work) and habitat restoration. Crews of 7-8 people, led by a Crew Leader and Assistant Leader will stay together for the duration of the session. Crews will camp and work in a variety of changing weather conditions. All corps members will participate in 40 hour work weeks.

### **Essential Job Functions:**

- Ability to live and work closely with a diverse group of people for at least 9 weeks.
- Physical ability to work outside for 8-10 hours a day swinging a hand tool or using a chainsaw. (No prior experience is required- members will be trained.)
- The position requires extensive bending, lifting, pushing, stooping, carrying and other heavy physical labor for extended periods of time.
- To maximize the “wilderness experience,” the use of technology is regulated during the work week.
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps’ programs are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.
- Corps members may be required to carry a backpack with personal and/or group equipment and tools for extended periods of time or long distances.

- The nature of the work environment requires that corps members utilize appropriate safety equipment such as leather gloves, hardhat, long pants, and protective glasses.

**Qualifications:**

- Motivation, a positive attitude, and a general interest in conservation work
- Ability to sleep in a tent and work all summer in a variety of weather conditions
- Ability to commit to a full summer of work with RMYC

**\*AmeriCorps Eligibility Requirements**

Upon successfully completing their term of service, conservation corps members may be eligible to receive an Education Award from AmeriCorps. Education Awards can be used to pay back qualified student loans, pay for the cost of attending a qualified institution of higher education, pay for approved individual courses, or cover expenses incurred by participating in an approved school-to-work program (not all schools are eligible).

Minimum requirements are as follows:

- 17-25 years old.
- United States Citizen, United States National or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States.
- High School Diploma/GED or agreement to work towards a diploma or GED while in the program.

Intent to serve for the duration of the program\*

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