

Position Description

675 Hour AmeriCorps Member

Travelers' Rest State Park: Lolo, MT



Term of service: April 10, 2017 – August 11, 2017

Service schedule: Member will serve a minimum of 685 hours over an 18 week term, averaging 41 hours per week with 40 hours of “Time not served” to be used as holiday, vacation or sick time in addition to regularly scheduled weekends.

Position Summary:

Travelers' Rest State Park (TRSP) contains the only scientifically verified Lewis and Clark campsite in the nation. Located in the ancestral homeland of the Bitterroot Salish, this National Historic Landmark has been a crossroads of culture since time immemorial. Bisected by Lolo Creek, TRSP provides a unique place for experiential learning year-round, with a focus on Lewis and Clark and Native American history, and how those people were sustained by the landscape around them.

Working with a diverse group of partners, Travelers' Rest State Park hosts a variety of events each year and also participates in outreach at many festivals and markets around the Missoula area each year. These events help to introduce new audiences to the opportunities at Travelers' Rest and other State Parks. AmeriCorps members in this position will have the opportunity to collaborate with an array of partners to provide unique and inspiring events at Travelers' Rest State Park.

Housing for AmeriCorps members is available at Travelers' Rest Park. Nominal rental fees will be charged per Department Policy.

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members perform capacity building activities. Their service revolves around the program goals listed below in order to ensure that they do not displace workers or take part in any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations. Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members *will* likely participate in activities that involve recurring contact with vulnerable populations.

Member will contribute to the following program goals:

- Improve park land
- Expand educational and interpretive programs
- Increase volunteer capacity*
- Enhance outreach and awareness of state parks
- Participate in service activities including National Days of Service**
- Respond to disasters, when called upon to do so by the program



Specific Position Responsibilities:

- Improve park land
 - National Trails Day, National Public Lands Day – TRSP is using these days of service to promote native plant restoration efforts at the park.
- Expand educational and interpretive programs
 - Coordinate with community partners to host a series of educational events:
 - Corps of Discovery Campout – an event designed to introduce families to the rewards of camping.
 - Bitterroot Culture Camp –this multiple day camp brings together middle school students from the Flathead Indian Reservation with their peers from the Bitterroot Valley (the ancestral homeland of the Bitterroot Salish).
 - Expedition Days – commemorating the 1806 stop by Lewis and Clark, this event includes demonstrations, tours, and interpretive programs and kids activities during the day. Evening events include the Lolo Brew Fest and a movie under the stars.
 - Become the lead teacher for at least 1 field trip offering at Travelers’ Rest State Park and develop a teaching guide for that curriculum.
 - As part of the Travelers’ Rest team, become knowledgeable of the history and natural history at TRSP and share that knowledge with park visitors in formal and informal settings (visitor center, roving interpretation, formal interpretive programs, etc.)
- Increase volunteer capacity
 - Recruit and collaborate with park staff to manage volunteers’ activities and efforts for all TRSP Events.
- Enhance outreach and awareness of state parks
 - Coordinate with community partners to host park outreach events:
 - Montana Bike Celebration – This event celebrates bicycling in Western Montana and the Bitterroot Trail which connects Missoula and the communities in the Bitterroot Valley via a 50 mile paved trail.
 - Coordinate with Region 2 Parks staff and other AmeriCorps members to provide outreach at selected community events and festivals.
 - Conduct outreach and awareness efforts for all TRSP Events and programming
- Perform other AmeriCorps-related duties, as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

- Over 18 with a high school diploma or GED; college degree or equivalent work experience preferred
- A United States citizen, United States National, or legal permanent resident alien
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Ability to take initiative, handle multiple projects, track details essential to project completion, analyze information, and meet deadlines
- Strong ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with diverse groups of people
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Basic computer proficiency

- Passion for the outdoors and enthusiasm for enhancing Montana's state parks
- A driver's license and personal means of transportation within the state of Montana
- Must pass the requirements of the National Service Criminal History Check

Benefits:

- Living allowance of \$4,050 over 18 week term of service
- An AmeriCorps Education Award of \$2,200 upon successful completion of service. This award can be used to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training and resources, or to repay qualified student loans. Members aged 55 and over may transfer the education award to a child, grandchild or foster child.
- Eligible for deferment on qualified student loans
- Guaranteed health benefits and child care assistance if qualified
- Experience and training working in the fields of outdoor recreation, parks management, interpretive services, education, community outreach, and volunteer management
- Opportunity to live, work and be part of the team amid the natural wonders and cultural heritage of Montana State Parks

To Apply:

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps only accepts applications through the my.americorps.gov portal. To apply, you can follow the link [HERE](#) to our application within my.americorps.gov. Please note, there is only one application for all of our 1700 hour positions, placement preference will be assessed during the interview process.

* Volunteer activity facilitated by AmeriCorps members supports the management and operation of State Parks. These activities do not include any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations.

**Service activities will center around the preceding program goals as well as provide unique opportunities for members to engage in service to non-profit community organizations that provide support to those in need, including victims of national disasters, individuals and families in poverty, veterans, homeless animals, and other groups. Service projects will take place on and around designated National Days of Service as well as other AmeriCorps organized events, such as member trainings. Service activities will not include any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations.

The Montana State Parks AmeriCorps Program, as administered by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, shall provide equal access to opportunities provided by the Program and shall not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in an undue hardship. The accommodation must be essential for the Member to perform his/her service successfully. Funds for reasonable accommodations are available for use by members with disabilities who have been offered a position with an AmeriCorps Program and require an accommodation to fulfill the essential functions of their service.