

Position Description

1700 Hour AmeriCorps Member

Rosebud Battlefield/Tongue River Reservoir



Term of service: January 18, 2022 – November 18, 2022

Service schedule: Member will serve a minimum of 1,715 hours over a 44-week term, averaging 41 hours per week with 80 hours of “Time Not Scheduled to Serve” to be used as sick, vacation, or other personal leave.

Tongue River and Rosebud Battlefield State Parks offer Member a chance at rural living, enjoying wide open spaces to live and work in. Housing, in a shared capacity, is provided at Tongue River State Park. Tongue River State Park is a 642-acre state park located on the shores of Tongue River Reservoir. Tongue River State Park offers wildlife watching, camping, fishing, and boating activities. Rosebud Battlefield State Park is a 3,052-acre state park located 12 miles north of Tongue River State Park. Rosebud Battlefield offers wildlife watching, hiking, and the telling of the June 17th, 1876 battle between the U.S. Army under Gen. George Crook and the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapahoe. The AmeriCorps Member will be given the chance to serve in many capacities at both State Parks from Noxious weed management, working with local Native American tribes to helping with kids fishing days.

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
 - Noxious weed mitigation and weed mapping at Rosebud Battlefield State Park (RBBF). Using chemical and biological controls to control and eliminate noxious weed species. Maintain weed maps of RBBF using GPS and arc-gis.



- Create walking paths and Trails as well as maintain existing paths at Rosebud Battlefield and Tongue River State Parks
- GPS fenced Rosebud Battlefield Park boundaries to help assess the needs of the boundary
- Expand educational and interpretive programs
 - Create and lead interpretive programs at Tongue River and Rosebud Battlefield State Parks for park patrons. Programs should be designed for a diverse population.
 - Rehabilitate Tongue River State Park interpretive area to fit the needs of the AmeriCorps Member.
 - Collaborate with Northern Cheyenne and associated tribes to create Rosebud Battlefield commemoration on the anniversary of the battle.
- Increase volunteer capacity
 - Create and manage volunteer-based maintenance days at Rosebud Battlefield and Tongue River State Parks.
 - Work with local fishing clubs to further enhance kids fishing days
- Enhance outreach and awareness of state parks
 - Collaborate with Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribes in activities surrounding Rosebud Battlefield State Park i.e. creating a meaningful day of commemoration for the 1876 battle.
 - Collaborate with Northern Cheyenne and Crow Tribes to create signage to reflect Native American events of the battle.

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 \$16,000 over 44-week term of service

- An AmeriCorps Education Award of \$6,345 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 childcare 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.

Application Deadline:

Applications are due by December 10, 2021.

* 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.