

Position Description

1215 Hour AmeriCorps Member

Region 2 Rivers (Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Clark Fork)

Location: Missoula



Term of service: April 11, 2022 – November 18, 2022

Service schedule: Member will serve a minimum of 1,215 hours over a 32-week term, averaging 40 hours per week with 56 hours of “Time Not Scheduled to Serve” to be used as sick, vacation, or other personal leave.

Position Summary:

River recreation is one of the most time honored and yet fastest growing recreational pursuits in western Montana. In the past decade, Montana FWP has been working diligently to increase public awareness of best practices for river recreation; increase professional data collection as to types, seasons, amount and quality of use; and to work collaboratively with other agency and NGO partners to improve the quality of the recreation experience while protecting and enhancing natural resources at access points and along the rivers. We seek an energetic, organized, and communicative candidate to coordinate and manage outreach efforts and assist managers with data collection.

This river steward will be responsible for educating the public on river health, access, and etiquette. This will be done through social media and on-site contacts. The person in this position will also help with the river monitoring plan on each river. Stewards will be stationed at Fishing Access Sites (FAS) and parks in the Missoula area where they will collect information. There will also be 15-25 hours per week in the office working on social media and entering monitoring data.

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
- Other
- Participate in service activities including National Days of Service**
- Respond to disasters, when called upon to do so by the program



Specific Position Responsibilities:

- Educate and inform the recreating public who are using rivers in Region 2.
 - Social media coordinator
 - On-site education
 - Community outreach and business outreach
- Steward river and park resources by participating in monitoring protocols.
 - Monitor visitor use
 - Track patterns of use

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 \$11,294 over 32-week term of service
- An AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,441.50 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
- Experience and training working in the fields of natural resources, 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 Fish, Wildlife and Parks 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 1215-hour positions, placement preference will be assessed during the interview process.

Application Deadline:

Applications are due by March 16, 2022.

* Volunteer activity facilitated by AmeriCorps members supports the management and operation of Montana Fish, Wildlife and 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.

Montana 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.