Corps are locally-based organizations that engage young adults (generally ages 16 – 25) and veterans (up to age 35) in service projects that address recreation, conservation, disaster response, and community needs. Through service to our country, Corps participants – or “Corpsmembers” – gain work experience and develop in-demand skills. Corpsmembers are compensated with a stipend or living allowance and often receive an education award or scholarship upon completing their term of service. Additionally, Corps provide educational programming, mentoring, and access to career and personal counseling.

By annually engaging thousands of young adults and veterans in education and service, Corps...

- increase access to public lands and waters
- build and enhance multi-use trails
- support productive fish and wildlife habitats
- increase recycling and revitalize neighborhoods
- restore communities and resources following disasters
- prevent and fight wildfires
- create/maintain urban parks and recreational spaces
- remove invasive species
- address the maintenance backlog on public lands
- weatherize homes for money-saving resource efficiency

What is a Corps?

What is The Corps Network?

Established in 1985, The Corps Network is the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. Our 130 Corps provide young adults and veterans the opportunity to serve our country through projects on public lands and in rural and urban communities. The Corps Network supports Corps by advocating on their behalf, providing access to funding and projects, and offering expertise in Corps operations and programming.

Corps in Numbers - FY18

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<td>Pounds of waste collected/recycled</td>
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24,093 Corpsmembers
56% male  | 43% female

Corpsmember Race and Ethnicity

- White
- Other
- Black, African-American
- American Indian, Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander
- Asian
- 15% identified as Hispanic or Latino

Photo above: Southeast Conservation Corps, Conservation Legacy
Corps Strengthen Rural and Urban Economies by Leveraging the Talents of Young Adults and Veterans

Through service, Corps members gain work experience and develop in-demand skills in leadership, problem solving, and entrepreneurship. By offering certifications and partnering with local businesses, schools, and training organizations, Corps create a pathway to employment.

Corps offer a hand-up, not a hand-out; alumni understand the value of a hard day’s work. There are currently 4.6 million youth out of work and school. These young people are referred to as “opportunity youth,” reflecting their enormous potential if given the support to get back on track. Returning veterans also may struggle to leverage their talents. Corps participants train for careers while also experiencing the sense of community and mission that comes with service.

Corps Conserve Resources, Improve Infrastructure, and Increase Access to the Outdoors

Resource management and municipal agencies face billions of dollars in backlogged projects. Corps partner with agencies to address public lands needs, and work with all levels of government on community development and infrastructure projects in water and energy efficiency. Projects Corps complete, such as those that improve habitats and public lands access, support the $734 billion outdoor economy.

Public-private partnerships:
Local, state and federal government agencies partner with Corps to streamline project delivery and leverage limited funding. A study by the National Park Service demonstrated Corps can reduce project expenses by 50% or more. Plus, studies show 99.6% of land management employees would work with Corps again.

Corps Respond to Disasters and Build Resilience

Corps members not only respond to disasters, but complete community and resource resiliency projects. When fires, storms and floods occur, Corps help communities recover by managing volunteers, removing debris, mucking and gutting buildings, and conducting site remediation.

Corps have been on the front lines of recent disasters, including Hurricanes Michael, Harvey, Maria and Irma, and wildfires throughout the West.

Corps Provide Opportunities to Serve our Country

AmeriCorps and other national service programs offer opportunities for people of different faiths, socioeconomic, geographic, ethnic, racial, and political backgrounds to come together for the common goal of bettering our nation.

Corps leverage AmeriCorps funding and raise private dollars for the completion of important infrastructure, public lands, and disaster response projects. AmeriCorps and our Corps have bipartisan and local support. Corps address challenges identified as important by their community and state and local elected officials.

For every $1 invested in national service...
$3.95 is returned in higher earnings, increased output and community-wide benefits.

Corps provide certifications, training & education.
infrastructure and trails construction; chainsaws; wildland firefighting; carpentry; masonry; HAZMAT remediation; heavy equipment operation; home energy/water efficiency; GED, high school diploma, and/or postsecondary cert.

The history of Corps dates back to the 1930s.
AmeriCorps now provides the infrastructure to support local Corps in every state.

Corps have bipartisan support.
“We recognize Conservation Corps as essential partners in meeting ongoing demands for natural resource management needs, and as effective workforce and career development programs.”

- Western Governors’ Association