**WHAT IS A CORPS?**

Corps are locally-based programs that give young adults the opportunity to learn and gain hands-on work experience through service to our country.

Corps are organizations that engage young adults and recent veterans in a defined term of service (usually a few months to a year). Corps participants - known as “Corpsmembers” - work on important projects that address conservation, disaster response and community needs. Through their service, Corpsmembers gain work experience, earn certifications, and develop skills in leadership and communication.

**Pronunciation lesson**

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The P and the S in “corps” are silent! Think “core” like an apple core, not corpse! The plural of “corps” is “corps,” but you do pronounce the S (think “cores”). With its origins in Latin, the definition of “corps” is “a group of persons associated or acting together.”

**WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS WOULD I WORK ON?**

It depends on where the Corps is located. There are Corps in cities as well as in small towns. Some Corps complete projects in national parks and remote wilderness areas, while other Corps serve in places like New York City and Los Angeles. Here are examples of projects Corps work on:

- Operating recycling facilities
- Building and maintaining urban farms and gardens
- Reclaiming abandoned lots
- Irrigation
- Building parks
- Planting trees
- Cleaning streams
- Preserving historic buildings
- Weatherizing homes
- Installing solar panels
- Removing invasive species
- Community education
- Fighting wildfires
- Removing graffiti
- Prescribed burns
- Building walls/fences
- Constructing park infrastructure
- Species monitoring
- Landscaping
- Restoring habitats
- Stabilizing stream banks
- Monitoring water quality
- Maintaining and building trails and bridges

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN A CORPS?**

Just about anybody between the ages of 16 - 25 (or returning veterans up to age 35). All sorts of young people serve in Corps, representing different abilities, life circumstances, and different ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. For most Corps, you don’t need to have specific skills or experience to join.

**24,000+ Corpsmembers served in 2018**

- 56% MALE
- 43% FEMALE
- 46%+ IDENTIFIED AS PERSONS OF COLOR

**WHAT DO I GAIN FROM JOINING A CORPS?**

Corpsmembers receive a stipend and, upon completing their service, often receive an education award (scholarship). Through their service, Corpsmembers also earn professional certifications and valuable skills. Some Corps also offer traditional school programs, allowing young people to earn their high school diploma or GED while enrolled in the Corps.

**HOW LONG WOULD I SERVE?**

Corpsmembers serve for a designated amount of time. Some Corps offer programs that allow Corpsmembers to serve just for the summer, while other programs engage Corpsmembers for a full year of service.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Corpsmembers generally serve in crews (under the supervision of a Crew Leader) with up to a dozen other Corpsmembers. Corpsmembers receive training and certifications relevant to the kinds of service projects they complete. By participating in service projects alongside their Crewmates and Crew Leader, a young person has the opportunity to make a difference in the community, gain hands-on experience in a work-like atmosphere, and develop skills in leadership, teamwork and communication. Corpsmembers also learn about potential career options. Corps partner with local, state and federal organizations and agencies to complete service projects that really have an impact.

**I’M READY TO SERVE!**

Find a Corps near you: corpsnetwork.org/members-by-state/

Call for Info: 202.737.6272

Find open Corpsmember positions: corpsnetwork.org/resources/jobs-at-corps/

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National & Regional Organizations:

American Conservation Experience
AmeriCorps NCCC
Conservation Legacy
Greening Youth Foundation
Groundwork USA
Hispanic Access Foundation
Public Allies
SCA
YouthBuild USA

ALASKA
Anchorage Park Foundation/YEP
Student Conservation Association (Anchorage Office)

ARIZONA
American Conservation Experience
AmeriCorps NCCC  (Flagstaff)
Chihuahua Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Conservation Corps of Northern Arizona
Korean War Veterans Greening Program
Navajo Tribal Youth Corps
Student Conservation Association (Phoenix)

ARKANSAS
Conservation Corps of Arkansas

CALIFORNIA
AmeriCorps NCCC (Central Valley Region)
California Urban Conservation Corps
Conservation Corps of the Central Coast
Conservation Corps of the North Coast
Conservation Corps of the San Francisco Peninsula
Conservation Corps of the Sierra Nevada
Conservation Corps of the Santa Maria Valley
Conservation Corps of the South Coast
Conservation Corps of the Westside (Los Angeles)
Conservation Corps of the Westside (San Diego)
Conservation Corps of the Westside (San Francisco)
Conservation Corps of the Westside (San Jose)
Conservation Corps of the Westside (Santa Barbara)
Conservation Corps of the Westside (San Mateo County)
Conservation Corps of the Westside (Monterey County)

COLORADO
AmeriCorps NCCC (Great Plains Region)
Boulder County Conservation Corps
Conservation Corps of Boulder County
Conservation Corps of Colorado Springs
Conservation Corps of the Eastern Slope
Conservation Corps of the Front Range
Conservation Corps of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Conservation Corps of the Western Slope
Conservation Corps of the Western Slope

CONNECTICUT
Connecticut Conservation Corps

DELAWARE
Delaware State Parks (Greening Youth Corps)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
AmeriCorps NCCC (Washington, D.C.)
Conservation Corps of the District of Columbia

FLORIDA
Community Training Works, Inc. (formerly known as Florida Conservation Corps)
Conservation Corps of the Forgotten Coast
Greater Miami Service Corps

GEORGIA
Greening Youth Foundation

HAWAI'I
KUPU/Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps

IDAHO
Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Idaho Conservation Corps (Northwest Youth Corps)

ILLINOIS
Greenfronts Chicago
Holekondo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Peoria County Conservation Corps
Student Conservation Association (Chicago)

IOWA
AmeriCorps NCCC (North Central Region)
Conservation Corps of Minnesota & Iowa (Ames)
Polk County Conservation Corps

KENTUCKY
Frenchburg Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Great Onyx Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Pine Knot Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

LOUISIANA
Limitless Vistas, Inc.

MAINE
Maine Conservation Corps

MARYLAND
Civilics
Maryland Conservation Corps

MASSACHUSETTS
Appalachian Mountain Club
Massachusetts Corps (SCA)

MICHIGAN
Detroit Conservation Corps

MISSISSIPPI
AmeriCorps NCCC (Mississippi)

MINNESOTA
Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa
Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps

MISSOURI
Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Watershed Conservation Corps

MONTANA
Anacoda Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Montana Conservation Corps

NEBRASKA
Pine Ridge Job Corps Civilian Conservation Corps

NEVADA
Nevada Conservation Corps (Great Basin Institute)
Walker Basin Conservancy

NEW JERSEY
New Jersey Youth Corps of Atlantic City
New Jersey Youth Corps of Camden
New Jersey Youth Corps of Cumberland County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Gloucester County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Mercer County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Middlesex County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Monmouth County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Morris County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Ocean County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Passaic County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Salem County
New Jersey Youth Corps of Warren County

NEW MEXICO
Conservation Corps New Mexico

NEW YORK
AmeriCorps NCCC (Northern Region)
New York Conservation Corps (North Country)
New York Conservation Corps (Western Region)

OHIO
WOSOS Community Action

OREGON
Angell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Heart of Oregon Youth Corps

PENNSYLVANIA
PowerCorps/PHL

SOUTH CAROLINA
Palmetto Conservation Corps

SOUTH DAKOTA
AmeriCorps NCCC (Pine Ridge)

TENNESSEE
CIC AmeriCorps

TEXAS
American YouthWorks, incl. Texas Conservation Corps

UTAH
American Conservation Experience

WASHINGTON
Appalachian Trail Conservancy Leadership Corps
Flatwoods Job Corps Civilian Conservation Corps
Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps
Green Mountain Club
Hungry Mother Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Nisqually Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center
Wetland Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

WEST VIRGINIA
Bluestone Job Corps Civilian Conservation Corps

WISCONSIN
Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

WYOMING
Wyoming Conservation Corps